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# Surfing the New Grad wave...

fter a long gestation, the New Graduates Group (NGG) website is up and running with lots of content and news to keep you up-to-date on NGG happenings across the country. As the countdown to the New Librarians Symposium begins, this is a perfect time to get involved in your local group to make NLS 2.0 even more enjoyable - and we hope that the website will help with that aspect as well.

In the website's developmental stage, we managed to group all of our ideas into a few areas that we thought were of relevance to members of the New Graduates Group and went from there! We also had the challenge of creating the site without replicating all of the content within the current ALIAnet site.

Please note — the New Graduate Group website is available to members only (another reason to join if you have not done so already!).

By surfing along to the NGG website you will find the following:

#### yourALIA - the area just for you!

With a member profile of the month (selected from participants on our e-list — if you do not subscribe you should do so now!) one NGG'er will be our 'ALIA Idol' for the month. No judges and lots of fame to boot! We also include links to this column so that you can read the pearls of wisdom of other New Grads, and success stories from others who were once also New Grads.

#### The social pages - Strike a pose!

If you thought the RSVP pages in Vogue were the place to be seen, start saying 'Cheese!' because the NGG social pages contain articles and pictures from events around the country. Yes — these pages are the place to be seen. Remember this next time you head off to an event. If you have been to a NGG event, please submit your news and images to us for posting.

Your successful career -

## more than just résumé hints...

With links to employment agencies, this section has a focus on you. If you are planning on working overseas, we offer you some advice and also have a focus of the month - with the current focus being on the wonderful world of CPD.

#### Mentoring - the in thing

As mentoring grows and evolves around the country, you can use this area to keep updated with contacts for mentoring co-ordinators and reports from others who have been involved in mentoring programs which will give you an insight into what to expect.

#### About your committee

Here you can find your state co-ordinators and committee, discover where they are and what they are up to.

#### Links – of the http kind

Our ever-growing list of links — and we welcome your additions too!

The pages will evolve into what we hope will become a hub of information for new and not-so-new ALIA members around the country.

So here is a checklist of things to do to ensure that you do not miss out on anything!

- If you have not done so already, join ALIA's New Graduates Group http://alia. org.au/members-only/groups/newgrad/.
- Join the ALIA New Grad e-list http://lists.alia.org.au/mailman/listinfo/ alianewgrad/.
- Bookmark the website and visit often http://alia.org.au/members-only/groups/ newgrad/.

#### Get involved!

If you would like to contribute to the website or have any suggestions to offer, please do not hesitate to contact me - Jenelle Cleary, jenelle.cleary@parliament.vic.gov.au.

## NEW LIBRARIANS' SYMOSIUM 2



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... gives a voice to the new generation of library and information professionals. If you have any suggestions or topics for this column, please contact the column coordinator, Kate Watson, watsonk@cqu.edu.au.

oesn't time fly?

It is already September, and there are only two months until the second ALIA New Librarians' Symposium!

Are you planning to come to Adelaide for two days of personal and professional development? Well, do not miss out — early-bird registrations for the second ALIA New Librarians' Symposium close on 1 October.

Register now to save money and secure your place at the symposium!

For more information about NLS2, including details on the speakers, program, and social activities, as well as all the latest news, check out the NLS2 website: http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2004/.

We look forward to seeing you in Adelaide in December!