

ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference 2007

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The Organising Committee also expresses its gratitude for the generous and continued support of the State Library of Victoria, and in particular to Anne-Marie Schwirtlich, State Librarian and CEO, who, along with the Executive team, has committed staff expertise, resources and use of their magnificently redeveloped building for satellite events and other conference-related purposes.

Make certain you explore the trade exhibition: see the exhibitors' range of products and services and hear about exciting developments and new initiatives.

Early bird registrations

Early bird registration for the ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference 2007 is now open; with considerable savings should you register by the early bird closing date, Friday 27 July 2007. To register, simply complete the online registration form on the conference website <http://www.alia07.com>. Our website is updated on a regular basis and includes information on keynote speakers, program, registration, satellite events, social events, accommodation, things to do and see during your stay in Melbourne—and lots more!

Conference program

The Organising Committee thanks everyone who submitted abstracts for our ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference 2007. The response rate was overwhelming and

exceeded our expectations! Topics cover diverse issues and themes, and will encourage delegates from all information sectors to think about the challenges we face in today's rapidly evolving digital world.

Our conference will blend motivational and insightful speakers, interactive workshops and a topic-driven panel to provide attendees with the tools and techniques they need to compete in a changing world. We're committed to finding innovative ways to engage with our delegates in order to capture their interest. Join us, along with invited guests Geraldine Barkworth, Anne Beaumont, Suzette Boyd, Mary Carroll, Damian Lodge, Dr Bob Pymm, Dr Gillian Hallam, Kevin Hennah, Dr Anne Lloyd and a host of other interesting presenters from the library fraternity, for an inspirational and thought-provoking conference.

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Volunteers in the Spotlight



Kathryn Harding, Treasurer, ALIA Quorum, Queensland

You've been an office bearer for ALIA since you were a library student? Why did you decide to get involved with ALIA?

To fast track—I came into librarianship as a second career and wanted to make contacts quickly while I was still studying. It worked.

What are a couple of things people may not know about you?

I've completed my Open Water Diving certificate and started my Advanced Certificate this year. One of my favourite things to do is eat ice cream in Paris. My first degree was in Zoology at UQ, I wanted to work in Antarctica! Still might ...

How do you ensure balance between your work, volunteering and home commitments?

Have a big group of people who can help, an understanding partner and coffee!

If you could have your ideal role in the world, what would it be?

Food and film critic.

Which kinds of libraries have you worked in?

Academic and public.

What are you currently reading?

A book about how Longshanks conquered the Welsh—timely considering they are out here playing rugby at the moment; various books on diving and maybe a graphic novel or two.

What do you feel are your greatest achievements and successes?

Getting over being on the surface after a night dive—it's when you start to hear the theme from *Jaws* in your head. Career change. Being happily not married.

What do you currently do for a crust?

My title is Collections and Quality Assurance Officer at Brisbane City Council Library Services. I'm involved with managing the collection from a city-wide perspective and am responsible for the quality of the items provided by our suppliers

**Interviewed by
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