

LT activity in Queensland

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On 25 November, the ALIA Queensland Library Technicians celebrated 2006 with their end of year Christmas party. Held again at the Ship Inn, Southbank Parklands, the food and service was just as great this year. We had a great turn-out and our fun included a raffle with three prizes: a scratchy money tree for first prize, a bottle of wine for the second and a lovely ceramic mug and plate for third. Congratulations to our three winners, Evangeline (1st prize), Deidre (2nd prize), and Sharon (3rd prize).



We were delighted to have Claudia Davies, our Queensland Local Liaison Officer, join us. Part of our celebration was to award one of our previous committee members of long-standing with

her silver pin – congratulations and thank you to Anne Collins, for all of her hard work over the years. Thanks also to Claudia for presenting it during our festivities and for her kind words in her toast.

We were also delighted to have with us several of the Queensland library technician students who graduated on 14 December – congratulations, ladies, and well done.

2006 was a busy year for the Qld LTs, and Christmas is an excellent time to reflect on the events of the year past.

In February we visited the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety – Queensland (CARRS-Q) Resource Centre at the Queensland University of Technology, Carseldine Campus. Many thanks to our host for the day, Anna Johnson, who provided us with a fabulous tour of the campus and her resource centre.

In March Trish D'Arcy, group convenor, and Rowena Brannigan, group secretary, visited the new library technician students at the Southbank Institute of

TAFE, Morningside Campus. The purpose of our visit was twofold, to introduce ourselves and ALIA; and to provide the prospective LTs with an insight into the industry. We were encouraged by the questions and feedback we received at the end of our presentations. Thanks to Carol Church for allowing us to come and present to the classes.

The Library Week celebration in May was a huge event for the LTs. Previously, we held a dinner on Library Technician day but this year we trialled a new and exciting idea. Instead of a separate event we combined forces with ALIA Quorum (Qld) and presented the Queensland Library Technician of the Year (Recent Graduate) award at the Trivia Night. This was an overwhelming success and great fun was had by all. Congratulations to the Queensland Library Technician of the Year (Recent Graduate) for 2006, Kathleen Boyd.

June started with a bang. The Queensland Careers Expo was held over three days at the beginning of the month and the LT group, along with Quorum

and the Archivists, went along. It was exhausting and exhilarating, with some excellent feedback and interest from possible future library workers.

The Annual General Meeting was held in August, and Kevin Dudeney, the ALIA National Library Technician's group convenor was our welcome guest. Kevin provided the group with some great feedback on the National groups work and events and cheerfully presided over the 2007 committee elections. The 2006 committee was thanked heartily and the 2007 enthusiastically took up the mantle for next year.



Great events are planned for 2007. There will be more library tours, another fun trivia night during Library Week – and many other exciting events.

ALIA Library and Information Technicians Conference 2007

– call for papers

Contributions are invited for conference papers, tutorials and interactive workshop presentations appropriate to the daily themes of inform, innovate, initiate and inspire. First time presenters will be offered coaching in presentation skills.

To be eligible to submit an abstract, you must also intend to register for the conference, which will be held in Melbourne, 9-12 October 2007. All abstracts must be submitted online, must be original work and not previously presented in any form at other conferences. Presenters may opt to submit full papers for peer review. Submission deadline is 28 February 2007.

Please visit the conference website for more information: <http://www.alia07.com>.

ALIA Library and Information Technicians Conference 2009

ALIA would like to receive expressions of interest in hosting the ALIA Library and Information Technicians Conference in 2009 from groups in Australia, following the 2007 conference in Melbourne. When writing their bid, interested groups should address the aims of the conference:

- To provide a forum for library and information practitioners from all library sectors to network, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- To address issues, trends and new developments that affect the profession
- To provide workshop and interactive opportunities for professional development and training
- To generate a financial surplus for the Association

Interested members and groups can seek advice from ALIA's Events Manager, Jane Hardy, and from previous conference committees. The organising committee can expect about 400 delegates. Please contact Jane at ALIA National Office, ph 02 6215 8235 or jane.hardy@alia.org.au for further information and the documentation setting out the points to be covered in the submission.

The closing date for expressions of interest is 1 March 2007.