

Libraries as Place

All of us have that special feeling when you walk into a library. Pride, calmness, excitement, a place you know but at the same time, what will I find, what will I discover, what new things will I see, what experience will I have? All of these things I still feel when I walk into the many libraries I get to visit around the country. Thanks to all those libraries, architects and consultants who have contributed to this edition of *inCite* — introduced by pre-eminent Australian expert on library building planning, David Jones. There are of course many more amazing libraries throughout Australia not featured here. We hope that you will continue to send your stories and photos of the places and spaces of Australian libraries for inclusion in *inCite*.

ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference

Every two years the ultimate 'multi-skilled' of the Australian library community gather for the ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference — this year held in Melbourne from 9–12 October.



Above: Erin Milne, Rita Metzenrath, Helen Duffy and Beryl Pedvin. Right: Gail Schmidt (Convenor), Judy Clayden (ECU), Kevin Dudeney (National LTs Group)



A new Managing Editor for *inCite*

ALIA again hosted a Library Technicians Educators Forum prior to the conference, with Gill Hallam and Paul Genoni facilitating discussions and preparations for course recognition for TAFE courses through 2007/8.

From all types of libraries, with all manner of qualifications and experiences, students, educators and practitioners discussed the relevant issues and current practices of library technicians and information professionals.

The conference itself was alive with a 'buzz' as many delegates described it to the ALIA staff at the ALIA trade stand. We welcomed 29 new members to the Association who took the opportunity to receive a discount when joining during the conference. The discussions by speakers were thought provoking and inspiring. ALIA News (the daily conference newsletter)

and the highlight of the Convenors Column — 'Gail Mail' from Gail Schmidt, kept us all up with the news of the day.

A full report on the conference will be included in the next edition of *inCite*. In the meantime, our heartfelt congratulations and thanks for all the hard work that 'Team 2007' put into this very successful conference. Papers from the conference will be available from <<http://www.alia07.com>>.

At the conclusion of this year's conference the committee for the 2009 ALIA National Library and Information Technician Conference — to be held in Adelaide in October 2009 — gave us a few laughs with Josh Earl [URL] again performing and then tempted us with the delights of Adelaide.

Review of Advisory Groups and Representatives

The Governance Standing Committee would like to thank all members of ALIA's Advisory Groups — now to be consistently renamed Advisory Committees — for comments on the recommendations of the review. With the responses from the Committees now received, a number of committees will cease. Continuing Advisory Committees will be assisted in the future by Guidelines for Advisory Committees and Representatives, which the Governance Standing Committee will be developing over the next few months. See <<http://www.alia.org.au/governance/committees/>>.

Our interim Managing Editor, Lindy Shultz, who has edited the last five issues, is going back to freelancing and her home office lifestyle. We wish her all the very best and thank her very much for her contribution. Her library technician and librarian background was invaluable in crafting a collection of stories and balancing timelines and space restrictions. ALIA National Office welcomes Virginia Cooke to the position of Managing Editor in a permanent role. Themes for the 2008 *inCite* editions will be finalised shortly, so get ready with your stories and photos for the January/February 2008 edition with items due to <incite@alia.org.au> by 3 December 2007. ✨



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