

National Library Technicians Day round up

Once again ALIA Library Technician Groups across the country celebrated National Library Technicians Day during Library and Information Week.

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Australian Capital Territory – Julie-Ann Wolfe

ACT celebrated National Library Technicians Day at The Soul Bar in Woden with drinks and nibbles. We had many technicians from various libraries around Canberra all having a great night catching up with old friends while making new ones. Roxanne Missingham (past ALIA President) welcomed us with a speech acknowledging the great work Library Technicians do within libraries. ALIA was also represented with the attendance of Dianne Walton-Sonda (ALIA Education Manager) and Anna-Maria Sviatko (ALIA Groups Liaison Officer).

New South Wales – Jennifer Dyer



from left to right: **Kevin Dudeney, Jennifer Dyer, Rose Charbel, Elaine Stekhoven, Matthew Griffiths**

NSW group celebrated the event at VeeVees Restaurant in Burwood. A good evening was experienced catching up with old friends and meeting new acquaintances. The end of the evening saw business cards exchanged which is heartening to see and an opportunity for further networking.

Library Technicians at Coffs Harbour held their ninth Library Week Breakfast at Café Aqua.

Western Australia

National Library Technicians Day this year was celebrated by breakfast at Vulture's Restaurant, Northbridge.

Northern Territory – Pat Whalan

Northern Territory Library workers celebrated with a get together at the Darwin Sailing Club. It was a lovely, balmy evening with a glorious sunset. Although not a big turn out, a great night was had by all.

Another group of Library workers celebrated National LT day with a get together at Humpty Doo. Staff at Taminmin Community Library celebrated with pre dinner drinks - yummy cocktails compliments of



Karen and Ken Conway at the Darwin Sailing Club

teacher/ librarian Liz before meeting at Humpty Doo Golf Club for dinner. They had a hilarious night with fantastic food with library staff relaxed and enjoying the social night.

Queensland – Trish D'Arcy

Once again the Qld Library Technicians Group celebrated with other library colleagues at the ALIA Quorum Trivia Night held at the Qld Irish Club. We presented our annual award for Library Technician of the Year (recent graduate) to Rose Murphy, Southbank Institute of Technology. The excitement built during the evening, as Trish D'Arcy, Convenor



Left to right: **Trish D'Arcy, Convenor Qld LT Group; Rose Murphy, Southbank Institute of Technology, and winner of ALIA Qld Library Technician of the Year [Recent Graduate]; Liz and Tania, reps from Qld Library Supplies, sponsors of this award**

of the Qld LT group, won a major prize in the raffle draw, and the 2nd Yr Library Technician students, Deweys Darlings, won the contest! They came last year and had such a great time, they couldn't wait for this year's event to happen. There was a strong contingent from this

year's 1st Years, so maybe next year they will get to keep the trophy!



Students of Library Studies

Tasmania – Jennifer Johnson

National LT Day was celebrated at a breakfast at Banjo's Bakery in Hobart by TALIATecs. There were about 20 talkative and hungry Library Technicians from a variety of libraries around Hobart. The bakery staff were kept busy and it was hard to hear when orders were ready above the chatter, not a SHHH to be heard! An enjoyable time for all.

Victoria – Kerrie Kelly and Ian Rogers

This year Committee member Gail Schmidt (State Library of Victoria), Rachel Johnson (Vision Australia) and Genevieve Pergl (also at the State Library) spoke to staff and students about their work and the recent rapid changes in libraries. Victorian ALIA Local Liaison Officer, Margie Anderson, outlined the work of ALIA and stressed the importance of continuing professional development, and presented Hellena Lozanovski with the ALIA top student award for academic achievement.

Fourteen library technicians, students and Raeco friends gathered for a celebratory dinner at the Quiet Man Hotel in Flemington. We had a wonderful time and it was great to catch up with other library staff and meet newcomers to the library world.

South Australia



From left to right standing: **Martina Munn, Riina Sciacca, Kathy Sharrad, Marion Fielke, Ros Emms; sitting: Amanda Colbert, Margaret Wallace & Angela Jones.**