

Speaker Profile

Name: Rachel Green

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Rachel Green is one of Australia's most dynamic, down-to-earth and engaging keynote speakers and in 2010 was awarded the highest level of accreditation in the professional speaking profession, Certified Speaking Professional (CSP). She is also an award-winning communication and networking specialist and an emotional intelligence coach with over 25 years experience and qualifications in psychology, speech pathology, adult education and the Feldenkrais Method.

Rachel has published 20 CDs including *How to Deal With Difficult People Without Getting Upset* and *Happy not Hassled: Easy Meditations for Peace and Calm*, along with the printed book *Midlife and Happiness*; DVD *Business Networking: The skills you Need* and six electronic books. Her most popular E-book, *Being a Brilliant Master of Ceremonies* has sold in over 40 countries worldwide from Bermuda to Vietnam. She's now writing a book on business networking skills.

She currently heads up a speaking/training/coaching company: RachelGreen.Com Pty Ltd. Rachel is also the Founding Director of Confident Woman Australia, Australia's only national organisation devoted exclusively to self-confidence, self-esteem and managing anxiety for Australian women across the life span.

Prior to this Rachel worked for the ABC training TV and radio presenters and before that was an academic at Curtin University. She's also been a voluntary counsellor on a 24 hour crisis line, run an executive committee for a not-for-profit organisation, and been meditating since 1987.

When not working Rachel likes to garden, watch comedy videos, develop a nature retreat with her husband, and spend time with her Gen Y godsons ... and laugh a lot.

Once described by a journalist as a "pint-sized dynamo" she is known for her high energy and sense of humour and promises not to be boring!

Rachel's presentations will empower delegates to network and talk to people with ease, and instill confidence in dealing with difficult clients. Delegates attending Rachel's *Mindfulness* workshop will be introduced to meditation techniques to cope with the stressful world we live and work in.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities

A wide range of fantastic packages have been developed to promote

your organisation at the Conference. ALIA are offering special rates for organisations wishing to sponsor more than one ALIA Conference. Both sponsorship and exhibition options are currently selling - don't delay and miss out!

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ALIA Biennial Sydney 2012

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Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 July 2012
Hilton, Sydney Australia

We are pleased to announce that the ALIA Biennial Conference 2012 will be held from Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 July 2012 at the Hilton Sydney.

The Hilton Sydney is superbly located in the city centre, accessible from George Street and overlooks the beautiful Queen Victoria Building. Sydney's entertainment, shopping and business precincts, plus major city attractions are all within easy walk from the hotel.

The conference theme 'Discovery' has been chosen to reflect the opportunity for delegates to undertake their own discovery and exploration of the library profession.

Save the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you in Sydney in 2012!

MAYDAY IS COMING

May is still a little way off as I write this but the floods and bushfires that have marked the start of 2011 are a stark reminder of what the May Day project is all about. MayDay brings together libraries, archives and other cultural and historical institutions to focus on disaster proofing for our collections.

ALIA is a supporter of MayDay, along with our partners in Blue Shield Australia. We will be promoting the events and programs scheduled for this May as details come to hand, but meanwhile here are a few thoughts for your collections and their protection:

- Do you have a counter-disaster plan? Is it current? Maybe it's time for a refresher for your staff. (If you haven't got one, you will find excellent guidelines put together by Collections Australia Network at www.collectionsaustralia.net/sector_info_item/2
- Do you know what the three biggest risks to your collection or heritage site are?
- Can you name and prioritise your most important items?
- Do you have a partner organisation to assist in case of an emergency?
- Are your staff aware of your emergency response guidelines? Do they need to do some training?
- What about your business continuity planning

Blue Shield Australia will be issuing material in April about MayDay 2011 and you can check their website for useful links and advice on emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery any time at www.blueshieldaustralia.org.au

Some of our colleagues no longer need to imagine the worst for their collections – they are living through it as they dry off and clean up right now. They have our support and we know everyone will help any way they can. I'm guessing if you ask anyone with a flooded or fire-damaged library, they will tell you being prepared is the most important thing you can do. Let's take that advice to heart in 2011.

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