

YOUR VOICE

Dear Editor

Can I congratulate ALIA on the calibre of training courses that are on offer to the members?

If anyone is asking themselves why bother committing to an ALIA training course, I would like to quote: "ALIA training is an investment in your profession".

Since 2011 I have completed two TAFENSW online courses, both were challenging, interesting and mind-expanding. As a public librarian, interested in the library profession and current issues, I found the topics offered to be relevant and valuable in my day-to-day working life.

Both topics I have undertaken were very library-oriented, as opposed to courses available elsewhere which can be more general. Completion of the course gave me a sense of accomplishment and the Statement of Attainment looks good in my resume folder. If your library qualifications are from a previous era in time, before internet and computers, doing courses such as *Monitor And Enhance Information Access* update your skills and give insights into current and future library principles. The experience of online training is also a valuable one. It is fun to participate in the online forums and other challenges, and it has given me confidence to undertake other online training.

I highly recommend considering doing any future ALIA courses and look forward to chatting to you online one day soon.

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