

# EDITOR'S NOTE

Look, I'm just going to come right on out and say it. Merry Christmas.

There. I've done it. Yes, I know you are reading this weeks ahead of the arrival of the guy in the red suit but this issue is our last for 2013. And it's not really that far away, so to help you get in the spirit of things, check out our special offer in conjunction with the nice people at Good Reading Magazine on page 3.

This is our 'all things digital' issue, always one of the most popular feature topics for our profession, from those working in library and information services to the suppliers and vendors who help us deliver our services every day.

In this issue we look forward with the State Library of Victoria's new Director of Digital Strategy, Peter McMahon, exploring the notion of a "location-agnostic" future. And we look back with Ian McCallum, to the very first computer in Australian libraries, when the National Library of Australia was under the direction of our first non-librarian National Librarian, Allan Fleming.

Peter also helped INC ITE pose some questions for internet innovator and founder of Internode Simon Hackett, about the really big future picture. You can see what Simon had to say on page 14. Our thanks to Simon for taking time to talk with INCITE.

Open Universities Australia's Dr Cathy Stone explains their new program connecting with online students via

local libraries while Linda Albertson finds some willing students amongst members of the University of the Third Age. And Professor Jill McKeough shares her library memories in this our Last Word column.

As this crazy busy year draws to a close, we've also got great plans for the INCITE in 2014, kicking off with our feature on the fashionable side of library life in our January/February issue. We are going to take a long hard look at our stereotype and check out the hipster librarian trend. If you would like to contribute to that discussion, the deadline is November 20.

In 2014, we will be continuing our features but we will also be doing our best to make sure each and every issue is about much more than a single theme. We want to make sure your magazine covers the issues you want covered, including what's useful to your sector, region and career point. We will be aiming to regularly look at specialist areas of interest too, including fields such as design, literacy, professional development, collection management and much more.

To do all that, we need to hear from you. For more on features planned for 2014 and all the details you need about deadlines, visit the ALIA website. And anytime you've got a great story to tell, email us at [incite@alia.org.au](mailto:incite@alia.org.au).

Til then - you guessed it – I know I'm joined by all in the ALIA House team in wishing you and yours a safe and happy festive season. Here's to an amazing new year.

*PS: A note of special thanks to all at ALIA House and our team at HWR Media from me, for picking up and running with the October issue when I was taken unexpectedly out of action halfway through. There's only one word for all of you – amazing!*

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