

CONFERENCE FEVER!

‘One of the best yet,’ is the feedback from delegates at the ALIA National 2014 Conference. Many participants remarked on the positive atmosphere, excellent learnings, well-researched papers and great networking. Here are just a few of the highlights – check the ALIA website and Facebook page for full coverage.



FROCKING UP FOR ROLE PLAY: STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES

Our presenters in the Students and New Graduates Stream took to the stage with some career advice, including using role play to explain to girls you meet in bars that your job is a librarian (thanks to Holger Aman, NSW Courts Library, and Michael Carney from the State Library of NSW).

Michelle Coxsen, TAFE QLD and Lee Bess, TAFE QLD Skills Tech had us rolling in the aisles as they shared their ‘mundane’ but successful learning journey. ‘Lose your sense of entitlement, join ALIA and start networking’ – just some of the gems from their 10 point plan.



SING ALONG WITH ME

Musicians The Pierce Brothers ended the day in the exhibition hall entertaining the crowd. Other delegates decided to take part in some gaming – one way to bring another cohort into the library!



LESSONS FOR COLLABORATION: SUSAN BENTON

Keynote speaker Susan Benton, President and CEO of the Urban Libraries Council, explained how the civil rights and women’s movements taught her some essential lessons in collaboration.

TRENDING ON TWITTER: ROLY KEATING

The British Library’s Roly Keating inspired with his keynote address on the creative potential of the digital age. His speech was the driving force behind our conference hashtag ‘#national14’ top trending on Twitter.



WHAT'S NEW? THE EXHIBITION HALLS

Vendors and suppliers were on hand with the latest innovations to share in the exhibition halls.



FEEL THE CREATIVITY

On day one, everyone was guessing what the LEGO® masterpiece would be. Slowly it took shape and on the final day, Sidney Nolan's iconic masterpiece, *Ned Kelly* (1946), was revealed – a great team effort by ALIA Members.



STRICTLY DANCING

There's always an opportunity to hit the dance floor at an ALIA conference. This time the Melbourne laneways inspired a colourful theme of the evening.



SEE IT, MAKE IT: ANDREW KELLY

Andrew Kelly (Town of Victoria Park Library) took us through his experience of managing a 3D printer program at his library. As he spoke, the 3D printer was running and creating a bracelet made of the same kind of plastic LEGO® uses for its products.



LEADERS JOIN ALIA: MARIANNE BROADBENT

Famous former librarian, Dr Marianne Broadbent, now a managing partner in NGS Global, discussed leadership capabilities and noted that a pivotal part of her career was joining ALIA! She talked about the four 'As' of being a leader: who (being accountable), what (dealing with ambiguity), how (creating ambience) and when (knowing when to take professional and personal action).

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