

# THEY COME FROM EVERYWHERE (AND THEY LOVE CHOCOLATE)



**O**ur group, the Canberra Library Tribe (CLT), was established in 2013 as an informal friendly group for people working in galleries, libraries, archives and museums (the GLAM sector) in Canberra and surrounds. We were inspired to start the group by ALIASydney's enthusiastic and dynamic events.

One of the strengths of our group is that we represent a broad range of information management sectors, no one sector being greater than the others. We have found that this richness strengthens our networks, our understanding of the challenges facing all areas of our profession, and has allowed students to see the range of career possibilities in GLAM. All of the founding members of the CLT have personal affiliations with other groups within the profession, and this has allowed us to draw on networks of interested professionals. As ALIA's National 2014 Conference theme proclaimed, together we really are stronger.

We started with a PreConference Meetup in February 2013, for people to meet before the cluster of ALIA conferences that year (Information Online and New Librarians Symposium 6). Our most successful event in linking different library, writing and museum groups was our Library Career Soiree in August 2013. We had a great variety of speakers including an indexer, heritage librarian, university library manager, criminology librarian, web archivist, ephemera manager, parliamentary library officer and data custodian. There was something for everyone and it was exciting to hear about everyone's experiences and divergent career paths. Our first event of 2014 was a teddy bears' picnic, with lots of librarians, bears and honey

sandwiches. You may have also been to our August GLAM Gathering at one of Australia's top bookshops, BeyondQ.

We also need more chocolate in our personal and library lives, so we organise an annual chocolate social event – last year's was a chocolate making course with local chocolatiers Lindsay and Edmunds. Plans for this year are still forming, but we are excited that there are lots of new chocolate places around town! In addition to chocolate, we aim to run other events focusing on networking/careers and family friendly activities.

Anyone with an interest in the GLAM sector can come to our events or help facilitate an interesting event. We also like to hear from people considering careers in information management, and we aim for our low cost events to be approachable for library students, new grads and established GLAM friends. We think it would be fun to do things like a craft meetup, a talk on tax for library workers, an environmental workshop making seedbombs, mentoring, training sessions, personal information/archive management, playground outings, and facilitating a market day for local GLAM groups. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to assist with a particular event or about your ideas!

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