



EDITOR'S NOTE TIME TO TALK

The centenary of the First World War has now been with us for about 12 months, and we have only just begun. We have a long way still to go until we reach the centenary of the armistice on November 11, 2018.

For many Australians though, 2015 is going to be the year that stands out. Next month is the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. That's why *INCITE* decided it was high time to look at how Australia is remembering its wartime history and why our cover story this month features Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial.

When Dr Nelson decided to apply for his position, he says some of his colleagues and acquaintances wondered if this was the right way to put his decades of political and diplomatic experience to work. In our cover story on page 14, he explains why the answer to that question was a resounding yes, and tells us about the extensive WWI centenary program at the Memorial.

We've also heard from members and colleagues involved with widely varying projects undertaken to mark the centenaries of many events of WWI, ranging from a database detailing the names of soldiers commemorated on memorials and in local histories, to substantial digitisation projects, new books and travelling exhibitions.

In a serendipitous piece of timing, *INCITE* has also recently received a number of submissions on the therapeutic value and use of literature and reading. We thought that fitted in well with the many projects libraries are undertaking in an effort to better understand the war experience, so this month we are also featuring these articles, leading with a look at what bibliotherapy was, is and can be from Susan McLaine, who is currently working towards her PhD in this field.

Lee Bess has some advice about taking the big step towards getting involved in committee work, ALIA staff have picked out their favourite snaps and snippets from ALIA Information Online 2015 for you, and staff from the University of Queensland have shared some important lessons learned from the first Australian academic library to trial book dispensing machine technology.

Last, but definitely not least, on page 22 you will find information from the candidates for the 2015 Board election. ALIA is your Association, and this is your time to be part of shaping the future by casting your vote. Voting closes on 10 April.

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