

HAPPY 80TH ALIA



Eighty years. Wow, that is so impressive. It's such a milestone and one that should be applauded. What a fabulous thing it is to have a proactive organisation with such long-term experience that works to advocate for you and your industry. Eighty years of success.

What impresses me so much, not only about ALIA but also the industry and the people who work in it, is that as a whole you are all so forward-looking. You're always networking, looking for ways to support each other, and you're always open to change. These approaches have, and still are, contributing to the resilience and continuing success of the industry, even though it's undergoing such enormous change and is facing tough challenges.

In this issue of INCITE we celebrate everything that ALIA has stood for and achieved over the past 80 years. But, more importantly, we also look forward to what is to come, asking how those in the industry view our future, and we also meet the next generation to join the LIS ranks.

I hope that you continue to feel inspired to work in our industry, and that you continue to strive to discover new

ways to provide services and help to keep the library and information sciences sector the exciting place to work that it is today. And I hope you'll join ALIA in celebrating this birthday, which is really a celebration of your own individual achievements as well as a big anniversary for ALIA. We are all in this industry together and the more we continue to work as one, the more effective we will all be.

I feel grateful to be included in your world, albeit from afar. I have learned so much about what you do since starting to help care for INCITE. When I started, I had an outsider's impression. The experience of editing INCITE, however, has created a sincere and growing respect for all of you, for the work ALIA does and your passion and commitment. Other industries can look upon the LIS sector and learn a great deal.

As they say, all for one and one for all. Happy birthday, ALIA, and to you all.

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