

## THE LATEST FROM YOUR STATE AND TERRITORY MANAGERS



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The ACTive ALIA Group held its inaugural meeting of the

ACTive ALIA Journal Club in June while the Asia Pacific Special Interest Group and the Asian Library Resources of Australia Group held a lunchtime session discussing the latest feedback on the Asian Studies conference. The ALIA University and Research Libraries Group held a tour of the brand-new John Howard Library at the Australian Museum of Democracy. July also saw a lunchtime presentation by Dr Michael Stephens, who was in Australia as one of the keynote speakers for ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018. The ALIA Groups ACT mid-winter dinner had a sixties theme, celebrating the 50 years since the opening of the current building of the National Library of Australia and the Chifley Library at the Australian National University.



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Congratulations to all the NSW members who have completed

their professional development triennium for 2015–2018. This is a fantastic achievement. If you are thinking about joining the ALIA PD scheme to track your activity, you can record your professional development activities using your own system or with the ALIA PD Tracking Tool and after one year's compliance, you are eligible to upgrade to ALIA Certified Professional membership. Visit ([bit.ly/2O7VX2M](https://bit.ly/2O7VX2M)) to join. Speaking of professional development, if you are looking for an Australian and New Zealand centred library discussion I strongly encourage you to look at the #auslibchat hashtag on Twitter. Managed by ALIA's New Generation Advisory Committee, the discussions are always engaging with plenty of articles, ideas, and encouragements shared. So, take a look and get involved. Remember, one hour of PD equals one point.



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In July, the South Australian Leadership and Innovation

Forum reflected on the 2018 ALIA presidential theme of 'Indigenous matters'. Discussion between panellists included building relationships with Indigenous communities based on mutual commitment and collective trust, and reasoned that libraries have a role in serving marginalised communities and as proactive catalysts of social change. South Australian library professionals have also been examining new ideas for supporting STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in libraries. We have had visits from Keliann LaConte of the Space Science Institute in Colorado and have seen libraries partner with the Children's Discovery Museum and Inspiring South Australia. Public Libraries of SA have curated a 'maker' collection of ebooks for all SA library members to access.



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ALIA Tas has provided a varied 2018 program of events with healthy attendance numbers.

LINC Executive Director Liz Jack outlined exciting future plans for the soon to be renamed Libraries Tasmania at an event on 17 July. The ALIA Tas Committee continues to hold post conference events so that conference attendees share the benefits and learning associated with interstate conference attendance. Helen Ebsworth reported back on ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018 in August and a similar post conference report on the Arts Librarian ARLIS/ANZ conference will be presented by Lucy Hawthorne from MONA Library later in the year. In October, Tasmania's ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forum will also be held. There will even be a special Christmas treat with a guided tour of the Tasmanian Parliamentary Museum and the Parliamentary Library hosted by Marijana Bacic, the Parliamentary Librarian, on Wednesday 12 December.



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In September staff of the Alice Springs Public Library, the winners of the 2018 ALIA NT Recognition

Award, will be holding a talk about some of the fantastic work that they are doing including new programs for children, through to seniors – such as STEAM into Alice, Connect to Tech, and the YesterMorph Project. We are also looking forward to the upcoming ALIA Top End Symposium to be held 13–14 October, which has some great keynote speakers lined up including Dev Verhoeven, Jane Cowell and Roxanne Missingham. And it continues to be a busy year with planning for the last big event for the NT in 2018, the Leadership and Innovation Forum, in full swing with the aim to explore ways for library and information professionals to better engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



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The rush of ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information

Conference 2018 is now over and ALIAVic has held an APLIC WrapUp in Melbourne. You can watch a recording of the event on the ALIAVic Facebook page with several ALIA awards presented that night, including a student award, two Certified Professional awards, and a Distinguished Certified Professional award. Things aren't slowing down in Victoria though. On 19 September we are holding a special event for long term ALIA Members, with an ALIA pin presentation night at Prahran Mechanics Institute. And on 30 October, the ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forum is coming to Melbourne with panellists from across the industry speaking on the ALIA presidential theme for 2018–2019 'Indigenous matters'. This will be held at the Library at the Dock, free for ALIA Members, with opportunities for meeting new people and networking over canapés and bubbly.



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July and August saw a range of successful events in Queensland

and on top of ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018 we also had the Librarians and Dragons PD workshop on the Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast and there are more of these workshops happening soon, so don't miss out. We also held a panel discussion looked at writing a conference proposal in the lead up to NLS9 and the speakers gave some great tips and tricks. You can see a video of it on the ALIA QLD Facebook page. Looking forward we have the Shut Up and Write events series happening on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane on the first Tuesday of every month and we have our Leadership and Innovation Forum on 13 September. This is a unique chance to network with industry movers and shakers, so please check the ALIA events page for more information (places are limited).



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July saw ALIAWest explore the topics of diversity and inclusion,

while the ALIA Western Australia Library Technicians (WALT) Group and ALIA Academic and Research Libraries Group both welcomed new committee members. Budding conference presenters were encouraged and motivated by ALIA's 'Preparing a Conference Proposal' workshop, while the second round of the Students and New Graduates Group's GLAMRmatch created connections across the state. WALT will team up with the Western Australian School Library Association to bring a joint conference on 15 September. Don't miss out on this incredible PD opportunity. The Librarians and Dragons workshop is arriving in WA on 22 September and is a fun and fantastic way to identify transferable skills. Keep an eye out on the ALIA website ([bit.ly/2LecFMi](http://bit.ly/2LecFMi)) for more great events, including presentations from those who attended ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018.