

THE LATEST FROM YOUR STATE AND TERRITORY MANAGERS



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ALIA ACT Groups and their Members for the hard work and time in putting together such a varied and informative selection of events throughout the year. Whether you attended the ALIA University and Research Libraries ACT 'Spring at the National Botanical Gardens Library' tour, took part in the ALIA website renovation party, or came to one of the ALIA Canberra and Region Retirees monthly 'Connect and Chat' meet up at the National Library, there really has been something for everyone. In December, Canberra will host an ALIA Health Libraries Australia one day workshop, a great opportunity to build your skills and earn PD points in the ALIA PD Scheme. And now is the time to volunteer if you'd like to be a part of the ACT GLAMR Christmas function.



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I've enjoyed hearing about the creative ways our Members are engaging with their communities. From the first Drag Story Time at Broken Hill Library to the University of Wollongong's MakerSpace in the library, staff are constantly striving to introduce people to library and information services in meaningful ways. I was delighted to attend Newcastle Region Library's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) workshop in October which focused on 'Think Global, Act Local' with attendees workshopping ways to embed the SDGs into library programming and collections. And as *INCITE* goes to print, ALIA Sydney is preparing for its first social justice and critical librarianship unconference. This event is an opportunity for participants to engage in discussions on increasing access to libraries for marginalised communities, explore critical librarianship and what it looks like in everyday GLAM sector work.



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Lauren Gobbett ([@librarylaureng](https://www.facebook.com/librarylaureng)), a familiar face to many of you, will be taking over as ALIA's South Australian State Manager from 2 November. Working for ALIA has been a wonderful experience, and I am leaving an incredible team who share my commitment to promoting and improving library and information services. In my two years as State Manager I have enjoyed showcasing the contribution that South Australia makes to the library sector and am particularly excited about the New Librarians' Symposium (NLS9) Committee's announcement that its four keynote speakers all hail from here. The diverse line-up of keynotes demonstrates that South Australia is packed with unique talent, fresh perspectives, and innovative collaborators. This isn't goodbye, our paths will cross again, and if you want to keep in touch you can still tweet me!



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I enjoyed presenting advice and guidance on keeping up-to-date in our profession at the Guilford Young College, Hobart campus in September. In October, at the Devonport Library, Kerrie Blyth and Anne-Marie Loader reported on the highlights of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy conference held in Melbourne, and prior to this event Anne Guest conducted a tour of the new Devonport Library building. The popular Leadership & Innovation Forum on 'Meaningful and respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, culture and heritage – what more do we need to do?' will be held at the TasTAFE Library on 13 November and will provide a fascinating insight into how our Tasmanian institutions are tackling the challenges involved. Please contact me if you would like to be on the ALIA Tas Committee for 2019.



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Acquiring new knowledge and skills is an important aspect of being a professional. We do

this through professional learning and ongoing learning activities. In the Northern Territory, PD opportunities are made available to Members both online and face-to-face. One of the highlights of the PD calendar is the biennial ALIA Top End Symposium, recently held at the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin. A big thank you to the event sponsors, the delegates, and the volunteers who worked so hard work in making it happen. It was also a pleasure to meet with Members and friends of the ALIA Red Centre group at the PD event at the Alice Springs Public Library and to learn of some of the interesting and varied projects that are taking place in the community.



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From Librarians and Dragons, to the Leadership & Innovation

Forum, the Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference, to ALIA Queensland's trivia night, I just want to say thank you to all our Queensland Members for their support. Over the last few months Queensland has had New Farm public library and Garden City public library completely renovated in the Brisbane area, a brand new public library at Springfield and a renovation at Redbank Plains public library in Ipswich, as well as the University of Southern Queensland Springfield campus academic library being completely remade. It is fantastic to see such innovation in space and access to collections. I can't wait for 2019 and the opportunities the new year will bring, and don't forget, you can always get in touch with me on social media or email.



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We have just wrapped up ALIA's Victorian [Leadership &](#)

[Innovation Forum](#), which was held at the Library at the Dock in Melbourne on 30 October with the focus of 'Indigenous matters and what more do we need to do?' You can see all the action from the forum and also the interstate forums on social media with the (#libraryleaders) hashtag. 2018 has been a great year for ALIA events through our hardworking Groups, including writing conference paper workshops, creating diverse collections, challenging webinars, trivia nights, and celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime with both children and adults. Although the year is coming to an end, there are still events that you can take part in, including ALIA Victoria's 'Most GLAMRous Picnic' on 9 December at the Royal Botanic Gardens. Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



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I'm so excited to be organising the Leadership & Innovation

Forum for our WA members on 28 November. I hope to see you all there. We've also been celebrating professional development in WA recently, and I've had the honour of presenting two of most our passionate and dedicated ALIA PD Scheme participants with ALIA Certified Professional Certificates. In September, the air hummed with positive energy at WALT Group's 'Insights, Updates and Other Matters Mark IV: Networking with Style' one-day conference, where we were updated on topics such as Little Libraries, copyright and the Literacy Matters initiative; while ALIA Students and New Graduates Group brought the Librarians and Dragons workshop to Perth. Those who missed out on attending ALIA's Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018 had the opportunity to attend the Kay Poustie Scholarship Report Back event in October, co-hosted by ALIAWest.