

## THE LATEST FROM YOUR STATE AND TERRITORY MANAGERS



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I'm Sally, and during March and April I will continue getting out and about, and trying to meet as

many of you as I can. My diary is filling fast as I am cooking up plans with NSW ALIA Groups for activities and events for 2018. If you have any ideas for ALIA activities in NSW please contact me and we'll see what interesting things we can make happen this year. Let's get people connected to learn from and support each other. I'm all about the 'why not?' And please let me know all the LIW events you have planned for May, it's a great theme this year and I can't wait to see the sorts of things you come up with. I'm pretty sure I'll 'find myself in a library' or two that week!



### QLD

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Hello everybody, I'm James Nicholson. I've just started as the QLD State Manager

and during the next couple of months I plan to visit as many libraries and ALIA members as I can, not only in Brisbane, but also in regional areas too. I am based on the Sunshine Coast, so I'm looking forward to some nice day trips! Please get in contact with me if you'd like me to visit your library, I'm really intrigued to find out what sort of things people are up to and to showcase the great things QLD libraries are doing, to the rest of Australia. I will also be ticking off the days until the Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference on the Gold Coast, have you registered to attend yet? Only three months to go!



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Hi, I'm Emily, I have worked in libraries for a decade and am

currently working for Public Library Services at the State Library of SA, completing my Masters and rocking it as your ALIA SA State Manager. What a jam packed year 2017 was, in SA we had a Library Lovers' Day book-swap, a Leadership & Innovation Forum, an ALIA LARK meeting, welcomed three Student & New Graduate Regional Coordinators, held the Dirty Thirties Quiz night and had a range of library tours. 2018 is shaping up to be another fun filled year. Stay tuned for details of the annual SALIN/ ALIA SA Quiz Night which will take place during Library and Information Week. And of course, news of NLS9 being held here in Adelaide has us jumping with excitement.



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Hello everyone! My name is Eileen Loudon and I'm your

friendly neighbourhood ALIA Victoria State Manager. I've had the privilege of being State Manager since mid-2016 and have loved getting to know our members, our Groups and the wider GLAMR community in Victoria. If you've been to an ALIA event recently, you've probably seen me lurking somewhere nearby, and I plan to continue to lurk in 2018, so please come say hi! Speaking of events, ALIA in Victoria has a huge range of events including tours, casual gatherings, special forums and more. If you are thinking of getting more involved with ALIA, why not join a group? There is a fantastic range of ALIA Groups you can be part of. I look forward to catching up and to meeting more of you in 2018.

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Hi I'm Jess, and as everyone from Perth knows, the city slows to a crawl after Christmas in

order to deal with the intense prolonged heat. During January I made the most of this down-time to reach out to the members that I didn't get to meet at events or those that I didn't have any contact with throughout the year. In February, the Groups will ramp back up and I'm looking forward to supporting them as they start planning and rolling out events and professional development opportunities for WA's 410 members to partake in. In 2017 the WA held 37 events between them, the real highlight was the Library Leadership: A Celebration day, a collaboration between all of WA's LIS associations, where over a hundred WA LIS personnel gathered for a full day to network and share thoughts on the sector.

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My name is Jill and along with the ALIA Tas Committee I would like to thank Helen Ebsworth for her substantial contribution

to the success of ALIA Tas work in 2017 and welcome three new committee members – Petrina Osborne from TasTAFE Library (recently working at LINC), Marijana Basic the newly appointed Manager of the Parliamentary Library and Jen Johnson from Guilford Young College. They join the ongoing committee members for 2018. We have an interesting and I hope informative and stimulating program of events planned for ALIA Tas in 2018. The first event, on 5pm 8 March at the University of Tasmania, will be a report back from the lucky Tasmanian VALA2018 conference attendees. This is always an interesting event. Come along – all welcome (the date and time will be sent to TASLIBLINK and ALIA Island email lists shortly).

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I am Jayshree Mamtara, ALIA NT State Manager. In this role, I

work very closely with two volunteer groups: ALIA Top End based in Darwin, and the ALIA Red Centre Group in Alice Springs. The Red Centre Group is a small informal group of library workers who meet on an ad hoc basis, whilst the Top End Group is a more formal group with a set calendar of events for members. A new committee took over the reins at the beginning of 2018 and is now working full swing on a program of events for the year. Preparations have started in earnest for Library and Information Week, the major highlight of the annual ALIA Top End calendar. I will be pleased to touch base with the Red Centre Group when I visit in April.

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ALIA URLS Group hosted its annual Library Lovers' Day

Breakfast at the bibliophile's delight, Muse Cafe, and the ALIA APSIG Group held another successful lunchtime talk with Friederike Schimmelpfennig, giving attendees the lowdown on the history and current state of German cataloguing and information infrastructure practice. ACT Groups have been working together to plan out further events for the year, keep an eye out on the ALIA events calendar for more great GLAMR opportunities as they are confirmed. Andrew Finegan has taken over the reins from Karna O'Dea with the ALIAActive Group. Don't forget the Share it Resource Sharing Futures conference 10–11 May at NLA. Meet local, national and international resource-sharing experts, and consider the ways libraries share and work together. Register now!