

NATIONAL LIBRARY TECHNICIANS' DAY AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Victoria University's IAN ROGERS describes the awards event held for LIS students in May.



Eileen Loudon (right) presents Maxim Haslett (left) with the ALIA Student Award.

Each year during Library and Information Week, Victoria University (VU) celebrates ALIA National Library and Information Technicians' Day with a reward ceremony for our high-achieving students. This year at VU's celebrations, Eileen Loudon the ALIA Victorian State Manager presented the VU ALIA Student of the Year Award to Maxim Haslett. Maxim was delighted to receive the award and thanked ALIA and all the staff at VU for their support. In her presentation, Eileen noted ALIA's role in promoting and supporting students with lifelong learning with the PD Scheme throughout their careers in the GLAMR (galleries, libraries, archives, museums and records) industry and she entreated students to join ALIA and be a part of something bigger.

We also had a raft of alumni talk to our current students at the event about the realities of working in the library and information sector today. Genevieve Pergl told those in attendance that a lot of work was involved in getting copyright permission, and this determines how an item is displayed. And Paul Clerici said his dominant role was working with ejournals and ebooks while liaising with other stakeholders to make sure that there was not duplication in collecting. While Melanie Ngo, told students how public speaking was an important skill for students to develop. ✳

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READING AND RIDING THROUGH REGIONAL LIBRARIES

HELENA ZOBEC reports on how a group of librarians, who also happen to ride motorcycles, have made an annual trip around regional libraries across NSW to advocate for library services.

The first Biblio Turismo was the 2006 Springwood to Cootamundra road trip, where librarians on motorcycles visited the local library. It was organised by Gosford City Council staff to help raise community awareness about country libraries and encourage younger people to join the profession. The council's then Library Services Manager, Alan Flores, said that the three-day event was a great way to break down the stereotype of librarians.



Since then, the Biblio Turismo team has visited many libraries, in groups of between two and 20 motorcycles, covering thousands of kilometres along the way. As well as having a lot of fun with their local communities, many of these libraries have benefitted from the publicity of having the event covered by the local media to help raise their profile in their local communities.

If you would like to know more about Biblio Turismo and join the annual ride for 2018 along the fantastic roads of the Southern Alps, please email Alan Flores (alan.flores@bigpond.com) or Ian McCallum (ian@librariesalive.com.au). You can also read the Biblio Turismo blog (biblio-turismo.blogspot.com.au). ✳

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