

# THE LATEST FROM YOUR STATE AND TERRITORY MANAGERS



## ACT and NT

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Here we are, halfway through the year already. May was

a wonderful month for all things library, with so many exciting events held throughout Library and Information Week, complete with visiting alpacas at many locations including here at ALIA House. Our ACT leg of the Leadership & Innovation Forums was a thought-provoking successful event and was followed by our ALIA Annual General Meeting held at AITSIS. We also took the opportunity to present two of our ALIA Members with their long-term membership pins. Thank you to all of you who attended. Coming up in July is a not to be missed special libraries event; a tour of the CSIRO library and library story and workshop. Places are limited so be sure to register online ([bit.ly/2HAHTOD](http://bit.ly/2HAHTOD)).

Much fun was the 'groovy' ALIA Library Week Dinner and ALIA NT Recognition Awards night, it was so great to see library people network and enjoy themselves. A big congratulations to the Youth Team, Alice Spring Public Library and the Northern Territory Library for jointly winning the 2019 Award. Huge congratulations to all nominees and our thanks to Jayshree for organising another successful ALIA NT awards evening. Kate and Sue from ALIA House will be in Darwin in the first week in September. So, if you would to catchup do please contact us at ([NT@alia.org.au](mailto:NT@alia.org.au)) and we shall book you in. More on our plans later but if you do have a particular need or focus, please do contact us.



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I have attended the ALIA Sydney drinks event at the

fantastic Editions Bookbar in Pyrmont. On 9 May I was present at the official opening of the refurbished Penrith City Library and RFID Project. That afternoon at the State Library of NSW at Reference at the Metcalfe Auditorium I gave a talk about our ALIA FAIR Truth, Integrity, Knowledge (TIK) campaign. I attended the ALIA NSW Library Technicians Group's National Library Technicians Day Dinner at the Bristol Arms on 21 May. Library and Information Week was full of interesting and exciting events right across the state with many libraries hosting National Simultaneous Storytime. There are a number of events coming up in the next few months which will give members opportunities for professional development so keep an eye out for those and get involved. I look forward to meeting and catching up with ALIA Members and checking out some more wonderful libraries across NSW.



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The theme for this issue of *INCITE* is 'what binds us

together'. This is a pertinent topic when I think about its application in Queensland. We have great libraries across the state, and as is often the case with public libraries, this sometimes means geographically they are somewhat isolated. So, I want to make sure all our members in Queensland, regardless of location, remember that they are not as siloed as it may seem. After attending a rural libraries workshop at State Library of Queensland back in May and visiting several rural libraries over the last month I can see that the values of librarians are what binds us together. Priorities such as integrity, access to information, equality, literacy support, human connection and many more, are communicated to me from all corners of the state. ALIA and I are here to help you reach out to this wider library community, so come to an event or conference and see for yourself how our experiences are similar.



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We all know how important and fabulous libraries, galleries,

archives, and museums are so let's stop keeping it a secret. Less shushing. More shouting. Our South Australian Members are strong and resilient and now is the time to not only prove you and your organisation's value, but to share the good news and be loud about it. ALIA has resources for advocacy available online and also provide training and events for advocacy as well as community engagement and future-proofing. ALIA is here to support and promote our members, and you will find our fellow ALIA Members are there for you too: together we really are stronger. Budgets, politics, the bottom-line bureaucracy and efficiency dividends – this is the stuff of nightmares for our members. By the time budget cuts and library closures hit it is often too late for shouting and advocating. The time is now. Toot your own horn!



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I want to acknowledge the valuable work of the ALIA TAS Group Committee who work

behind the scenes to plan and support ALIA TAS Group events and activities. The committee comprises Trine Hooper, Jen Johnson, Petrina Osborne and Marijana Bacic. I'm pleased to announce that we also have two new appointments to the committee – Greg Parsons from the Drysdale TasTAFE Library and Crystal Adam from Ulverstone Library. The ALIA TAS Facebook page ([bit.ly/2TabbXe](https://bit.ly/2TabbXe)) has been set up and is generously managed and curated by James McGoran. Our events in 2019 have included two presentations from Master student/newly qualified professionals namely Lucy Hawthorne and Phoebe Nimanis. Both were funded by the State Library and Archives Trust. Their intelligent insights, dedication and enthusiasm are a good sign for the future of the profession In Tasmania.



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As the year continues to be busy for all of us with work, study

and family, don't forget to take time out and celebrate Australian Reading Hour on Thursday 19 September by picking up a book and reading for an hour that day. Keep an eye out for events from our ALIA groups that will add to the celebrations. Check out ([readinghour.org.au](http://readinghour.org.au)) for more information and events. If you couldn't make it to New Librarians' Symposium (NSL9) in Adelaide this year, ALIA Victoria is holding a wrap up in Melbourne that you can also attend online, featuring NLS9 Committee members and speakers. And excitement builds for the ALIA National Library and Information Technician's Symposium in Melbourne on the 13–15 November. Keynotes have been announced and the program has been finalised with an exciting line-up for lib techs and everyone from across the Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums and Records sectors. Follow the symposium on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up with the action.



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The future is bright this winter as we celebrate new beginnings

here in Western Australia. Our very own Viv Barton is settling quite nicely into her new role as Vice-President of ALIA, and our F A Sharr award winner Kristen Stephenson, has been doing a great job of representing the future of the library sector. I'll be heading to Adelaide in July for the New Librarian's Symposium 9, along with a large Western Australia contingent. We have a number of first-time presenters and delegates attending so we'll be sure to report back on our experiences. If you're lucky enough to be heading off to Greece for the World Library and Information Congress held by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) in August, let me know. I'd love to hear from anyone who's going. And if you're missing out on these two events, don't forget that ALIA's National Library and Information Technicians' Symposium 2019 is on in Melbourne from the 13–15 November this year. It's not too late to register so get in now.