

WITH THE NEXT **GENERATION**

he next generation of librarians are hard at work and MADDY MEDLYCOTT and ANNETTE MESSELL let us know all about the opportunities that arise from being part of the ALIA Students and New Graduates Group.

In July 2018, the ALIA Students and New Graduates Group (SNGG) appointed two new national co-convenors – Maddy Medlycott and Annette Messell - to oversee the direction of ALIA SNGG into 2020. You may remember us from the ALIA Asia-Pacific Library Conference as #CATSofAPLIC. Since then, we've had some busy months learning about the role and meeting with each member of our national team to plan for the future.

For those who don't know much about ALIA SNGG, we're made up of 23 volunteers from around Australia. Generally, we are all new library and information science (LIS) professionals, with many of us studying, working or both. Our team is dedicated to giving back to our community, improving our skill sets, as well as meeting new and engaging people within the GLAMR (gallery, library, archives, museums, and records) sectors. Our aim is to help students and new graduates make connections within industry and develop their GLAMR skills as well as to provide them with job hunting support.

ALIA SNGG is made up of three main teams: Social Media Coordinators, Regional Coordinators, and our Resume Review Service team. Our Social Media Coordinators look after our social media channels which include Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and blog. They do an amazing job – sharing valuable information such as new job listings, professional development opportunities, interesting articles, workshops and webinars, plus sharing their own LIS and study experiences.

Our Resume Review Service team maintains our Job Help Site (bit.ly/2FJI8XE) and manages the Resume Review Service where you can arrange to have your resume reviewed by an experienced professional. This is an invaluable resource for anyone looking at applying for jobs. Many people have said they have received job interviews as a result of this service.

Our Regional Coordinators are on the ground creating, organising and running events around Australia. In 2019, our regional teams aim to host several events to give attendees the opportunity to network and engage in professional development workshops. Follow us on social media to keep up to date with all our fabulous events.

ALIA SNGG is always looking for new ways to engage with new library and information professionals and to build up the skill sets of students and new graduates. You can get involved with our group by following us on social media, attending one (or more) of our regional events, writing a guest blog post, or volunteering your time and become a valued member of a supportive and fun team.

We are looking forward to bringing a 2019 full of great events, exciting opportunities, and as much fun and engagement as we can get! *

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