

# THE LATEST FROM YOUR STATE AND TERRITORY MANAGERS



## ACT and NT

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The ALIA Canberra and Region  
Retirees have started up the

monthly social gathering 'Connect and Chat' at the Bookplate café at the National Library of Australia. It is an opportunity for anyone who worked in a library within the ACT and surrounding regions to keep in touch post-retirement. Retired library people (and those who aspire to retire soon) are most welcome to come along. Coming up in May we have the ACT Leadership & Innovation Forum, a wonderful free event for ALIA Members, along with the ALIA Annual General Meeting, and Member pin presentations. Keep your eyes on your inbox for your invitation shortly.

There have been some changes for ALIA in the Northern Territory (NT). ALIA has received a donation to make a \$1,500 grant available for an ALIA Member from the NT to attend the New Librarians' Symposium (NLS9) 2019 in Adelaide. Applicants need to be an ALIA Member (personal or institutional) and be based in the NT. A condition of the grant is that the successful candidate will make a presentation to ALIA Members in the NT after the event. To apply, email (events@alia.org.au) telling us how attending NLS9 will enhance your career development, along with a letter from your employer supporting your application for the grant. Applications close 30 April 2019. Sue McKerracher will be visiting Darwin from 2–4 April and would welcome the opportunity to visit libraries in and around the city. Please get in touch with us at (nt@alia.org.au) for any ALIA questions or suggestions. We can't wait to hear from you.



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Get ready Australia. 2019's  
new South Australian libraries

are legendary (and I don't use that word lightly). Prospect's Community Hub, Library & Innovation Centre is set to open later this year and is touted as a 'once in a generation opportunity for our community to collaborate in developing a bespoke innovative community hub'. Salisbury's Community Hub includes an indoor and outdoor library and is designed for its community to come together to 'exchange ideas, learn, participate and celebrate'. Mitcham's Memorial Library opened in February, and the architectural design with huge windows and welcoming decking has the 'wow-factor' and is already a new and refreshed space for the community. That's just the tip of the library-iceberg as new and renovated libraries are popping up everywhere – South Australians obviously agree that libraries are worth investing in. Please contact me to let me know what you and your library/museum/archives are up to and I'll shout it from the rooftops.



## QLD

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My first anniversary of working  
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State Manager was at the beginning of this year. It's crazy to think of all the members I've met, events I've been a part of, and the advocacy ALIA has done during that year. I highly recommend you get involved with one of the ALIA Groups in Queensland, there is a Group for every librarian, just get in touch and I can point you in the right direction. As for my 2019, it's already off to a flying start with the Information Online Wrap Up event that was held at the end of February. Thank you to all the speakers and those who attended. I can't wait for the Library Design Award Conference on 14 March, which will be held in Brisbane at the State Library of Queensland.



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Do you have a burning idea that you want to share with

your Australian library and information peers? The NLS9 COLLABORATE, DEViATE, iNNOVATE theme has been taken very seriously by the committee which has included lightning talks and debates in the program. Submissions close on 10 March, so you've still got time to submit. I'd also encourage all ALIA Members to visit the ALIA FAIR website and download the Truth, Integrity Knowledge (TIK) poster for your workplace. The TIK campaign reminds us all that, in a society driven by fake news and the 24-hour media cycle, they can rely on libraries for quality information. It's an excellent conversation starter for your staff and library users and special guest writers will be blogging about the ten TIK themes throughout 2019.



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ALIA Tasmania now has a Facebook page ([bit.ly/2TabbXe](https://bit.ly/2TabbXe)) which

hosts photographs taken at our last December event at Parliament House. These were taken in the House of Assembly (Lower House) and the Long Room. There are also photos from the Mary Lijnzaad event 'The Mona Library: a public view into a private collection' in April 2018 and photos from the November ALIA Leadership & Innovation Forum. The page will include publicity for ALIA Tasmania events and photographs taken at future events. Please email me if you would like anything added to the page. Anne Guest, an enthusiastic and dedicated ALIA Tasmanian Committee member from 2016 to 2019 recently retired from Libraries Tasmania and the ALIA Tasmania Committee and relocated to rural Victoria. Best of luck to Anne and thank you for your substantial contribution to our industry.



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Off the back of an incredible Library Lovers' Day, I'm getting

excited about Library and Information Week in May. This year the theme is Truth, Integrity, Knowledge and gives the opportunity for us to emphasise the importance of the work library and information professionals do to our users. And of course, National Simultaneous Storytime falls on the Wednesday, I hope you'll be joining us in reading *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. I've got my maracas ready, have you bought yours? Of course, following on from ALIA Information Online 2019, held in Sydney in February, Melbourne will be playing host to the National Library and Information Technicians Symposium 2019 in November. I hope you can come along and see all the wonderful work that has gone into making the symposium.



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Did you all find love in your library for Library Lovers' Day

on 14 February? I found it was a great opportunity to think about what libraries really mean to me, and to show love to my favourite libraries by making sure to use their services. Something I really appreciate about this sector is the way library and information professionals work to promote Truth, Integrity and Knowledge, which is the focus of our current TIK campaign. If you haven't been keeping up with the discussions around this campaign then check out the #ALIATIK hashtag on Twitter and the blog on the FAIR website, or feel free to get in touch with me if you have any thoughts to share. The 2019 Library Design Awards are about to kick off and I wish the best of luck to all the nominees. For those of you who haven't seen Karratha Public Library's wonderful entry yet, you can view it on ALIA's website ([bit.ly/2P2hHN5](https://bit.ly/2P2hHN5)).