

# Directline

## dreaming08

Back from the Biennial, it was great to hear so many positive comments about the dreaming08 conference. Derek has summed it up well in his Frontline. More reports and photos will appear in the next issue of *inCite*. I was pleased to catch up with many members during the conference, but as always there's not always time to see everyone. If there's something you would like to suggest for future conferences, have a good idea or would like to consider getting together a committee to bid for a conference, then please get in contact with us at [events@alia.org.au](mailto:events@alia.org.au) and look at our conference resources at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/conference.resources>. Thanks to the dreaming08 conference committee for their great work and hospitality in Alice -- lots of wonderful memories for everyone.

## Health libraries

I was pleased to launch the 4th *Guidelines for Australian Health Libraries* during dreaming08. The work of Melanie Foti, the committee and the group over the past couple of years to update this document has been significant. If you need recommended guidelines on staffing or space in a special or health library, then this is one of the documents to start with.

Health Libraries Australia Group also hosted a successful satellite event and the health stream of the conference was well attended and contained many excellent papers. It was also an opportunity for personal and professional development, and discussion about the future strategic directions for health librarianship in Australia.

Visit <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/healthnat/> to view the guidelines and papers from the satellite event.

## More and even more conferences ...

With the Biennial over, we have now already started to get excited about the 4th ALIA New Librarians Symposium to be held at CQ Functions in Melbourne on 5th and 6th December. There has already been a great response to the earlybird registrations and the program is finalised. It's going to be an excellent event – as well as being an affordable professional development experience for so many new professionals. Think 2008. Think Melbourne.

It is then on to ALIA Information Online in Sydney in January 2009. The trade exhibition is almost fully booked and earlybird registrations have now opened. We are

pleased to have announced that Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, will be opening the conference on 20th January 2009.

## Member Survey – get ready with your thoughts and suggestions

This year we will be conducting the first comprehensive survey of personal and institutional members in many years. ALIA has commissioned InSync Surveys (formally Rodski) to conduct this survey over the coming months. It will be a time to hear your views and perspectives. The Board of Directors and National Office staff welcome your input, which will provide important strategic perspectives for the next few years. It's also an opportunity to think about what you'd like to see, what's working well, what positive experiences you have had with ALIA staff, groups and committees and the immense volunteer capacity and potential of our organisation. In many Directlines and in many forums I have said "ALIA is its members", so when you complete the survey, consider the capacity and future of all 6000+ ALIA members. Think about the services that you and your staff appreciate the most, the training you need to support your professional development, how ALIA can communicate with you more effectively and the events that you would like ALIA groups and committees to organise. You might also like to suggest ways that ALIA can 'go green' as per the theme of this *inCite*.

## International School Library Month

International School Library Month is celebrated every year in October. This year's theme is *Literacy and learning at your school library*. <http://www.iasl-online.org/events/ism/>



## Farewell and thank you

ALIA thanks our Managing Editor, Fiona Edwards for her work, particularly on *inCite*, over this past year. Fiona has moved on from ALIA, and we look forward to announcing her replacement in the near future.



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