

Directline

This themed edition comes during a year when Parallel Importation and other copyright / censorship matters and issues continue to be debated. In terms of Freedom of Information it is also a year of debate, and we are still awaiting the Government's DBCDE report on proposed ISP filtering in the coming weeks. As I follow some of the discussion on other channels, including twitter at [#nocleanfeed](#), and [#gov2.0](#), I see that the Australian public have again made their opinions on free speech and freedom of information clearly known. You will also recall the thousands of messages to Senator Conroy during his first blogging experience in March this year.

The core values and principles of ALIA <http://www.alia.org.au/policies/> (and as demonstrated by our members) remain fundamental to our professional standards and beliefs. The Australian library community should be proud of the important contribution that these values make to a thriving democratic society.

We know that copyright is not everyone's area of the expertise, and that is why ALIA continues to offer a copyright service to our members. You may not have used this service lately, but we hope that you agree that on the day you need it, it will be worth your membership (considering that a retail copyright advisor probably charges more than \$200 an hour) and, in the meantime, brush up on the subject by browsing the members-only copyright information pages. Our thanks also to the volunteer expert members of the ALIA Copyright and Intellectual Property Advisory Committee who give their time to furthering ALIA's work in this area.

NAC 2009

This year's National Advisory Congress theme was "Lobbying and Advocacy: working together to make a difference". NAC regional reports are up on the website <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/nac/2009/> and the national report will be available during November. Thank you to all who attended and expressed your views, thoughts, and ideas to us. We have started reviewing our lobbying and advocacy area in light of these meetings and hope to begin implementing some of the great ideas in the near future.

Conferences update

We are pleased to announce that the name of the 2010 conference will be ALIA Access 2010. The name was decided by a webpoll conducted during October. Acceptances of EOI's for program streams have been finalised and the committee, lead by Graham Black as Conference Chair, is progressing on the next stage of planning. Watch for more details in later editions of *inCite*. Please put the dates into your diary - 2nd and 3rd September 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Talking about conferences, recently some of our staff attended (and tweeted) the CAVAL *People in Information Management* conference <http://www.caval.edu.au/hrconference.html>. This conference broadly addressed the theme of reinvigorating the profession and included areas on statistics, metrics, and software, recruitment and retention, and workforce planning. ALIA was pleased to have sponsored a presentation by immediate past President Derek Whitehead on ALIA's

Education Summit and future directions. Papers and presentations will gradually be added to the website <http://www.caval.edu.au/humanresources.html#Presentations>

ALIA was also pleased to support the Public Libraries Australia conference in Townsville in October. Delegates were able to meet and discuss issues with ALIA President, Jan Richards and to hear her address on ALIA advocacy. Sue McKerracher (ALIA Disaster Recovery Project Officer) and Tahnee Pearce (ALIA Living Libraries Project Officer) were also at the ALIA stand to discuss these important projects that are contributing to this sector and the community with public library delegates. There was also a meeting held with PLA, ALIA, and the state public library associations to again further collaborative efforts and to discuss the project plan for the development of National Public Library Standards to be completed in 2010.

The theme of the recent ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference was *Technology – Technique – Unique* and it was a truly unique conference experience for the hundreds of delegates. They enjoyed not only the lovely city of Adelaide but also the lively program and went home with renewed enthusiasm and lots of ideas. I enjoyed the Dunn & Wilson Oration (now known as the Library Technician Research Award) and all delegates were spellbound at seeing themselves 30 years ago in Rebecca Evans' fabulous collection of historic photos. Thanks to the tireless convenor Terri Pamment and her *Team Adelaide* organising committee who all worked extremely hard and were very welcoming. If you weren't there, you can experience this wonderful conference through the papers, now available at <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2009/programs.php>.

Farewell at National Office

We will shortly see the departure of Jane Hardy in mid-December, who was firstly Events Manager from 2006 and then took on the role of Assistant Director, Strategy and Advocacy. Jane has been an integral part of the ALIA National Office these past years. Many of you will know Jane from attending ALIA conferences and meetings, her overall management of the publishing area, and especially her extensive work with the ALIA Public Libraries Advisory committee and other committees. Her assistance with the governance aspects and the Board of Directors has also been significant. We thank Jane for all her hard work and dedication to the Association and also wish her all the best in future endeavours.

Not for Profit Sector report

The recently-released draft report of the Contribution of the not for profit sector enquiry highlights the value of volunteers and the value of professional associations like ALIA to the economy. <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/not-for-profit/draft>. Final comments are due by 24 November 2009. With ongoing discussions occurring with Senator Ursula Stephens' office following on from the ALIA Public Libraries Summit, we will also be highlighting the role that libraries play in the not for profit sector.

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