

# Directline

## Libraries – helping rebuild communities

As this edition of *inCite* is going to press, we are grateful that the public libraries in the fire ravaged areas of Victoria have not been damaged and will be able to continue to offer support, access to information, and a haven of respite from the enormous challenges now facing these communities as they begin to return to devastated towns. As rebuilding plans become clearer, the Association will be ready to assist the library community in these areas. We also feel that libraries and staff will need time first to regroup and plan – and the Association will be ready to help when they advise us as to what they would like us to do. Thank you to all those ALIA members who have already given generously to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal and for your future fundraising efforts. Our support and encouragement during 2009 will continue.

ALIA has received many enquiries and suggestions for support for Victorian libraries and affected communities. A meeting was organised by ALIA with Victorian library colleagues on 20th February. Further details and updates will be available as they are announced on the ALIA Board Blog <http://www.alia.org.au/blog> (put it on your RSS Feeds). ALIA Local Liaison Officer in Victoria, Margie Anderson will be co-ordinating ALIA support locally. Claudia Davies, Local Liaison Officer in Queensland, is also the contact for flood-affected areas. Please keep in touch with ALIA Staff on developments and your stories.

Our public libraries have internet access to keep people connected, qualified staff to help with information needs, and, just as importantly, can be a place to take a rest from the great challenges facing families rebuilding their lives around the country. In coming editions of *inCite*, we will hear more heartening stories of bushfire and flood recoveries.

ALIA (through its affiliation as the National Association of IFLA) is also one of the pillar bodies of Blue Shield Australia. Pillar bodies support communities affected by natural disasters to recover and preserve cultural heritage and personal items. More information at <http://www.collectionscouncil.com.au/blue+shield+australia.aspx>.

## Library Technician Course Recognition 2009

During the next few months ALIA Course Recognition panels will be visiting TAFE and RTO sites around the country. This is the first time in 10 years that a site visit has been incorporated into the Library Technician/Diploma of Library Information Services Course Recognition. The panel is being led by Dr Gillian Hallam, accompanied by ALIA Education Manager Dianne Walton-Sonda and

locally based library technician practitioner ALIA members. Course recognition process ensures the standards of curriculum, teaching, and resources for current and future students. A collaborative wiki, many teleconferences, and meetings have gone into the planning of these visits. We greatly appreciate the work and effort of the many LT Educators as part of this process and the support we have received from the TAFE Institutes and RTO's. The final report on the site visits will be presented to the Education and PD Standing Committee and the ALIA Board later this year at the conclusion of all the visits.

## Summit

Arrangements are progressing well for the ALIA Public Libraries Summit. Catch up with the news of announcing our facilitator, an update on submissions received, and the Ambassador program on the website and blog. All ALIA members can connect with this important advocacy event. <http://www.alia.org.au/summit09>.



## Election candidate information and voting

The position of Vice-president/President elect for 2009-11 has been confirmed as Graham Black, who was the only candidate. We congratulate Graham and other Board members will be welcoming him as an observer to the March Board planning meeting and Board meeting. The two board positions for Director, elected by the general membership, are still to be decided. Candidates have again been asked to reply to additional questions and link to a blog or a website with more information. Get to know the candidates before receiving your election information via email or, if ALIA does not have a current or valid email address for you, via a postal vote. More details at <http://www.alia.org.au/governance/elections> and on page 12 of this issue of *inCite*.

## Breaking news:

To make your research and accessing the latest professional resources even easier, ALIA and Proquest have joined forces to bring to ALIA members more than 130 online full-text Library and Information Science journals. Journal titles include *Library Journal*, *Computers in Libraries*, and *The Electronic Library* and are all free to ALIA members. More details on this new members-only service will be available in March 2009 via the ALIA website.



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