

OF THE MEMBERS, FOR THE MEMBERS ALIA GROUPS IN ACTION

ALIA Groups are formed by members, for members. Each Group has a focus on a particular aspect of the library and information profession - they can be based on a particular issue, interest or even geographic location and can be either short-term (e.g. to coordinate a specific activity or focus on an important issue) or ongoing. Group membership can also be local or nationwide thanks to the benefits of e-mail, chat and teleconferencing. These Groups are the active voice and the 'doers' of our profession. In a very real sense, they are the lifeblood of the Association, bringing to life and advocating for the professional standards of all.

ALIA's Groups achieve great things, and they have a lot of fun doing it. Our Groups are a great place to develop your personal professional network. In just the first five months of 2011, ALIA's Groups have organised a wide range of events for members, including *Library Folk in the Pub*, *Tex (Techs) And The City / Techs On Tour*, *Everything you wanted to know about working as a library technician*,

Positives, perils and pitfalls of eBooks and eReaders, How to become Library Senior Management in 12 Easy Steps, Secure that job - tips for job seekers, 20x20: Working Together - Putting the spotlight on collaborative projects, Library Ninja Chats, Resume Reviews, and a Library and Information Week Quiz Night.

A Group is a 'unit' of the Association so there is some fine print. As an ALIA Group member, you are representing ALIA and the wider profession; in turn, the Association is financially and legally supporting your activities. Groups are endorsed by the ALIA Executive Director and generally need the support of a minimum of 25 members to get off the ground. Each Group has their own Group pages to keep their members and other interested members up-to-date with activities and events (www.alia.org.au/groups.html) and there's a full list of current ALIA Groups at www.alia.org.au/groups/index.html. If you have a question or need some advice about Groups, email us at groups@alia.org.au.

ALIA Groups Handbook coming soon

ALIA is preparing to launch a new resource for our volunteers and Group members - the Groups Handbook. This document represents a collaboration between ALIA staff and many of our volunteers and Group committees. A draft version has been shared with our Office Bearers for comment and feedback - the updated and final version will be released to members in the next month.

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL?



ALIA's Group Coordinator is David McInnes. David has come to ALIA from a background mixing the corporate and holistic, including previous employment in retail/marketing in the public sector and his ongoing work as a yoga instructor. A highlight of David's life so far has been a scholarship that allowed him to study Eastern Philosophy and Buddhist Hermeneutics in India, during which time he was able to participate in the Kalachakra Tantra Ceremony conducted by HH the Dalai Lama in Bodhi Gaya in 2003. Appropriately enough, David also happily confesses to being an obsessive bookworm, and will devour any and all literature he comes across. In addition to work and study, David is quite a keen musician, and can often be found soundtracking many a workday with glam-rock and art-rock classics at his desk. Other passions include film, theatre, offensively coloured high-top sneakers, pots of herbal tea, and the size of the smiles he can bring his colleagues with a round of frozen Tim-Tams on Friday afternoons.



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