

RESUMES UNDER REVIEW IN QUEENSLAND

Resumes deserve continual attention throughout our careers. The recent Queensland's New Graduates Group Resume Reviews event gave ALIA members guidance on how to achieve great resumes.

Preparing for a new position or promotion? Looking to land your first library job? Or just need some advice on how to sell your skills, experience and knowledge to employers? A well presented, organised and maintained resume will give you that edge and get you to the top of the pile when you make your next career move! Experienced industry professionals gave up a few hours on a sunny Saturday to provide invaluable feedback to keen new library and information professionals and students finishing their library and information studies courses this semester. The State Library's café on the south bank of the Brisbane River was the perfect location. Each attendee received an intensive half hour interview with their well-prepared mentor. Reviewers and some attendees stayed on after the event to catch up and discuss current library events and issues, and enjoy a coffee.

Since then, both reviewers and attendees have provided very positive feedback. The varied experience and practice areas of the industry professionals contributed to the success of the event and the attendees appreciated the time taken to provide constructive and practical advice, which they've eagerly applied.

Resume Reviews brought new and experienced library and information professionals together, realising benefits not just for those new to the profession. The event provided an opportunity for the experienced industry professionals to meet and share in the enthusiasm new professionals are bringing to their careers and to the future of libraries.

Resume Reviews will certainly become a 'staple' event on the calendar for Queensland's New Graduates Group.

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Tips for a successful resume review event

- Be clear about the nature and extent of the advice to be provided
- Get advice from ALIA's Professional Development and Careers Manager
- Ensure a variety of experienced industry professionals can make themselves available
- Choose a safe, public, quiet location, for example, a café
- Advertise the due date for registrations and resume submissions
- Allocate attendees (and resumes) to reviewers and create a schedule of appointments
- Monitor appointments from a discreet distance
- Keep the event friendly, reward your reviewers with a coffee and stay on for a chat

- thanks to Alison Howlett and her team for these great pointers.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

INTERNATIONAL

13–18 Aug The World Library and Information Congress 2011, 77th IFLA General Conference and Assembly Puerto Rico Convention Center, San Juan, Puerto Rico. ifla@ifla.org

22–25 Aug 9th Northumbria International Conference Performance measurement in library and information services.

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NSW

4 Aug 12.30-4.30pm Behind the Scenes at the Powerhouse Museum
\$10.00 ALIA members, \$15.00 non-members [GST incl]. Visit the ALIA Sydney Blog for more information or call Kate Byrne, ph 0414 955 258, aliasydneygroup@gmail.com

NT

9 Aug 5.30pm TopEnd Committee Meeting
Cool Spot Cafe

Contact: Pat Whalan, patricia.whalan@nt.gov.au

TAS

6 Aug Keeping on Track
Flexible Learning Space, UTAS Sandy Bay Campus. Guest speakers and panel discussions on career options for national and international LIS work, ALIA PD scheme and Tasmanian funding options. \$50 ALIA members, \$70 non-members, \$35 student/concession [GST incl]. Contact: Katrina Dewis, ph 03 6226 4812, katrina.dewis@utas.edu.au

VIC

16 Aug Library Folk in the Pub Melbourne
Join us for dinner and drinks. All welcome.
Contact Daniel Giddens, danielg@elitenet.com.au

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