

Colleagues, quizzes, and conferences: All in a year's work for ALIA Queensland

The newly-revived ALIA Queensland Group rounded out its first year in style with a cocktail party at the Pink Piano Bar in Brisbane, an opportunity to look back on a big year that has seen the group present a wide range of professional development, personal learning, and networking opportunities to the library and information sector in South-East Queensland.

The group kicked off the year joint-hosting an ALIA Online Conference feedback session with the Brisbane ALIA New Graduates Group in February. Presenters and attendees summarised the top papers and conference experiences for others who were unable to attend. This popular session was followed by the Personal Postcards evening in April, where presenters shared their experiences of visiting libraries across the globe. The Group also arranged and ran the annual Library & Information Week Trivia Night at the Brisbane Irish Club.

The group's premier event for the year was the ALIA Queensland Group Mini-Conference, held in July. Embracing the theme of 'people power', this half-day event at the University of Queensland showcased a range of both new and experienced presenters sharing papers and presentations on professional development, growth, and experiences. This event proved exceptionally popular with delegates from all areas of the library and information sector.

The group finished off the year with a panel evening on Innovation, where three speakers from different areas of the profession showcased innovative uses of technology in their work. Finally, the group rang in the silly season with drinks and friends from libraries all over South-East Queensland.

If you are in South-East Queensland, and interested in joining the ALIA Queensland Group committee in 2012, contact Vicki McDonald - vicki.mcdonald@qut.edu.au.

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I am the author of my own story

"I started my working career as a teacher, but it never felt like the right job for me. I travelled a lot and found myself outside the Vancouver Public Library, thinking that's what I want to do with my life. I want to work in a place like that! So, I decided to go back to study.

The Master of Information Management provided me with the skills I needed to be both a traditional librarian and a new-generation information professional.

The best part about studying at RMIT is the industry connections. Career days and guest speakers gave me opportunities to meet people, while the work placement really helped to get my foot in the door.

Networking is important for a great career, and RMIT provides you with a perfect place to start.

You might think you can't change your career, but thanks to RMIT... I am."

Romany Manuell, Information Services Librarian, Holmesglen (Waverley Learning Commons)

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