



ALIA NEWS

NEWS FROM ALIA HOUSE

We are delighted to announce Diana Richards has accepted the role of ALIA NSW State Manager, in addition to her ACT position. Diana has approached the ACT role with gusto and will be a terrific successor to Julia Garnett in the role. We farewell Julia to a new life in Canada (and we're glad to hear her Jane Austen hat is travelling safely in its own box).

We are also pleased to announce a change of title for Christina Granata who has now become our Assistant Director Conferences and Events. This new title recognises the level of responsibility Christina carries in her role managing our flagship events.

We have also bid a fond farewell to Erin York, who has also returned to Canada. Erin has built our social media presence and managed our communications with enthusiasm and skill. She has now handed the Communications Manager role to Heather Wellard.

We welcome Heather to ALIA, and to Canberra, as she has recently relocated from Sydney where she held the role of Director, Public Relations for the Australian Bankers' Association. Heather brings valuable experience as a television journalist and public relations consultant to her new role with ALIA.

MEETING ACROSS THE MILES: ALIA RETIREES

The ALIA Retirees Group was established to maintain or renew contact with friends and former colleagues in the profession.

Since its foundation in 2007, our Group has reflected the enormous range of experience and expertise in the ALIA retired membership at large. Our main goals are to support the value of libraries and promote reading and research in all its diversity.

We also endeavour to be strong advocates in promoting ALIA's standards for quality in the delivery of a wide range of library services at all levels – national, state, local and regional – and for excellent customer service. Particular initiatives include lobbying to halt the decline in staffing and services in school libraries and advocacy for government and TAFE libraries in the wake of recent financial cuts.

The benefits of joining ALIA Retirees include substantial reductions in membership rates, concessions for conferences and events and opportunities to share information for part time employment, volunteering or mentoring. The Group is represented by a national committee who you can meet via the link on our website at www.alia.org.au/groups/retirees.

Why not participate in the exchange of information and ideas by joining the AliaRETIREES elist (www.alia.org.au/elists/aliaretirees)?

The ALIA Retirees Committee aims to have representatives from all states and territories but at the moment we have several vacancies. Why not support ALIA's Together We are Stronger call for 2014 and come join us?

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