

# HARD WORK

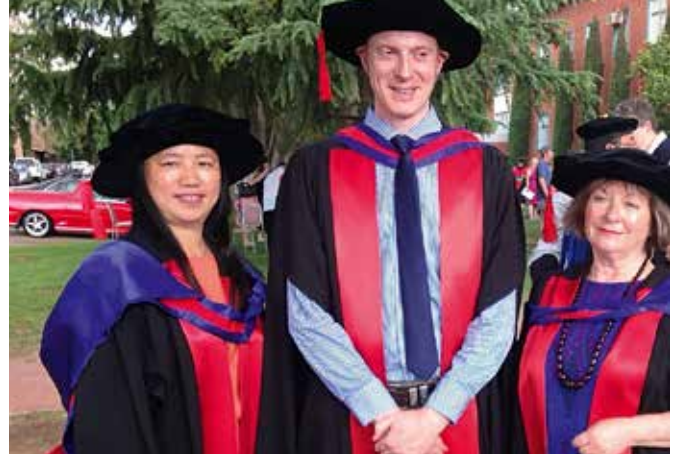
## CSU's newest doctorates

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the highest possible academic qualification in any field. It requires recipients to demonstrate the application of a substantial body of knowledge to research they undertake and write up. In the process of the research they must have developed new knowledge.

The word philosophy in this usage comes from the Greek 'love of wisdom'. Each PhD is different, and while working under the guidance of supervisors, each doctoral candidate achieves their degree through their own creativity, intellectual commitment, hard work, and under their own management.

In December 2014, The School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University was proud to celebrate the graduation of three of our newest Doctors of Philosophy in the library and information field in Australia. Their research topics, demonstrate the variety of research and work in our field, as do their range of information backgrounds.

Dr Julia Bale is a teacher librarian and ALIA Associate Member. Her research, supervised by Dr Kirsty Williamson and



Dr Lily Gao, Dr Jake Wallis and Dr Julia Bale: CSU's newest library and information services PhD recipients.

Dr Joy McGregor focused on an investigation of the information-seeking preferences of secondary school teachers.

Dr Lily Gao, also an ALIA Associate member, currently works in a special library. Her study of information-seeking and use by Chinese offshore students studying in Australian university programs was supervised by Acting Professor Philip Hider, Dr Lisa Soon and myself.

Dr Jake Wallis, an information studies academic, examined digital activism, looking at networks, new media and political action. His work was supervised by Professor Lisa Given and myself.

The School of Information Studies heartily congratulates these students on their achievement.

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# NT AWARD WINNERS!

## Recognised

Two ALIA awards were included in those awarded to library and information studies students at the Charles Darwin University (CDU) School of Service Industries prize giving evening late last year.

Jayshree Mamtora, ALIA NT Manager, presented the ALIA Achievement Award to Siak Lee for the Diploma in Library and Information Services and the ALIA NT Achievement Award to Ruth Rawnsley for the Certificate III in Library and Information Services.

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ALIA NT Manager Jayshree Mamtora (left in both pictures) with NT ALIA Award winners Siak Lee (above) and Ruth Rawnsley (below).