

ALIA's 80th birthday

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A LIA is celebrating its 80th birthday as the member organisation of choice for the library and information sector. The anniversary marks the inaugural gathering of the Australian Institute of Librarians outside the Albert Hall in Canberra on 21 August 1937.

Events have already been held and there are still more to come across the nation. Already, on 11 May, there was a birthday celebration at the State Library of NSW. And in recognition of loyal Members, former ALIA President Tricia Genat and State Manager Diana Richards presented pins to Members who have stayed with ALIA for 25, 30, 40 and 50 years at this get-together. There was even talk of introducing a 60-year pin at this event!

ALIAWest featured an ALIA birthday dinner at its professional development day, Library Leadership – A Celebration, held on 19 May at the State Library of Western Australia. In Queensland there was an ALIA QLD Trivia night at the Queensland Cricketer's Club on 22 May, and some participants dressed in their best 1930s gear, paying tribute to the librarians who attended the very first meeting.

The ALIA House event will be held on 5 October. Come join us for a drink and a slice of birthday cake to celebrate. It coincides with the ALIA Board Meeting held on the same day, so it will be a chance to catch up with the library leaders who are guiding our Association.

To keep in touch with #ALIA80 events, check the events calendar (bit.ly/2qIWlCu) for new listings. Get involved and network with your friends and peers at upcoming birthday events. 🎉

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