

## AGM

ALIA's AGM was held on Tuesday 13 May and there was an excellent roll-up from ACT members. Thanks also to Averill Edwards (a past ALIA President) for being our Parliamentarian.

### Analysis of Federal budget

ALIA National Office prepared our annual analysis of the Federal Budget and how it affects the library and information sector. We have provided links to budget papers and media releases so that you can read more about the issues that interest you. It's found under the Issues and Advocacy heading on our website.

### ALIA conference manual

The final version of the ALIA Conference Manual was confirmed at the May Board meeting. Thanks to all those committee members who gave their extensive comments to National Office staff and the Board. The manual will be available on the website and distributed to all current and future conference committees.

### Cybersafety

ALIA has been working on the issue of internet safety education with NetAlert over the past few years. NetAlert is now part of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). At a face-to-face meeting at ALIA House late last year, ACMA proposed an internet safety education program aimed at library staff and families. Education about internet safety, and parental responsibility, are areas which accord with ALIA policy on managing issues concerning the internet in public libraries.

ALIA has facilitated the consultation process to develop appropriate and useful resources by establishing a cybersafety e-list which is made up of the members of the ALIA Online Content and Regulation Advisory Committee, and the ALIA Public Libraries Advisory Committee. ACMA has sent drafts of posters, guides and video scripts for feedback from the e-list members.

The two guides which are now finalised include the Cybersmart guide for library staff and the Cybersmart guide for families. ACMA will launch the program during Library and Information Week. All public libraries will receive an information pack from ACMA that will include the Cybersmart guide for library staff, a cyber rules poster and instructions on accessing online information videos.

As part of ALIA's commitment to internet safety, and as a recognition of the value of libraries in spreading the message, ALIA is very pleased to have been invited to be a member of the Cyber-Safety Consultative Working Group set up by the Department of Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy.

### ALIA/RMAA breakfast series

In conjunction with the launch of Information Awareness Month for information professionals and to help support the challenges/opportunities facing our industry, ALIA and the Records Management Association of Australasia (RMAA) are collaborating on a breakfast series in Canberra which comprises a total of 7 breakfasts covering a wide range of topics and interesting speakers.



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