

org.au by 31 January 2009 and if you have any questions about this issue, please don't hesitate to contact us. NGAC will collate and analyse the feedback, debate the models one more time, and then recommend one or two models to the ALIA Board for approval. We hope to have a clear picture of the future of NLS by mid-2009.



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Making the leap

The South Australian Library Technician (SALT) Workshop was held on the weekend of 25-26 October at Bungaree Station, a working sheep station in the Clare Valley.

This workshop had less than 20 delegates and presenters, but what it lacked in numbers it certainly made up for in all other aspects with an inspiring program.



Riina Sciacca viewing the Raeco Stand

The workshop, *Making the leap*, was opened by Graham Mill, Chairman of the Clare Region Historical Group, who acknowledged that we were on Ngadjuri land and gave us a brief background history of the region.

Riina Sciacca provided a most informative introduction to 'The women's springboard', and following a delicious country cooked lunch, four panel members talked about the challenges they have embarked on and the transitions they have made in their lives. I

would like to thank Kathy Sharrad, Sharron Zuodar, Christine Cother and Heather Layton for their inspirational insights.

An afternoon break of homemade scones, with all the trimmings, was followed by a hands-on session with Helen Alm of Helen Elizabeth Seminars & Coaching, who showed us 'How to handle decision making'. We learned how internal and external factors influence our decision making and that by recognising these influences, we are able to make better choices for ourselves.

This topic was complementary to the content of our next speaker, Marion Fielke, who spoke about time management. Marion named her session 'Living the life you want', and it focused on providing tools to give yourself the time to turn your decisions into actions.

That evening, 17 people sat down to dinner in the Old Shearers' Quarters to solve a 'Murder most foul'—everyone had a motive but there was only one killer or was there?!?

The next morning, having solved last night's mystery, we were given an introduction to Enneagrams. Len Sciacca, Chief Operating Officer at DSTO, showed us how an Enneagram

can be a useful tool in both your work life and your personal life. An example would be that if you recognise personality types in yourself and others, you can become a more effective communicator.

Storytelling by Amaranth was the ideal way to bring the workshop to its conclusion. Staying with the theme of *Making the leap*, Heather Brown, Kelvin Brown, Clare Eacott and Rosemary McGrath presented *The pandit's chronicles*, six stories from India and Japan revealing wisdom and humour. A perfect conclusion to the program.

It was an added pleasure during the workshop to present ALIA Silver Pins to Marion Fielke and Amanda Colbert. At the end of the workshop, everyone walked away feeling positive and with a sense of achievement—a most inspiring time was had by all.

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A panel of 4 speakers talking about 'Making the Leap' (left to right) Heather Layton, Christine Cother, Sharron Zuodar, Kathy Sharrad.



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