

## ALIA Sustainable libraries group

The ALIA Sustainable Libraries Group is a network of library staff who are interested in promoting the principles and practice of sustainability in all Australian libraries.

To be sustainable is to meet the needs of today's society in a way that doesn't harm the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The consumption of finite resources, sustainable development, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions are key concerns of society, and therefore of libraries. The ALIA Sustainable Libraries Group focuses on the key areas of sustainability as applicable to the operation of libraries.

The aims of the Sustainable Libraries Group are to:

- Develop and advocate best practice
- Support and contribute to research
- Provide and publicise professional development
- Increase the awareness of environmental concerns among library staff
- Enhance and promote documentary resources and library services connected to sustainability (development of collections on environmental themes, exhibitions, outreach, etc.)
- Consider the effects of climate change on libraries (modification of the conditions of storage and preservation, building insulation, impacts on library finances, and management)
- Share information and ideas about the application of environment-friendly practices in libraries, or transferable to libraries (recovery of rain water, power supply from renewable energies, control of printings, etc).

- Consider how we recycle items including serials, newspaper, and books
- The proposal of environmental recommendations (including retrofitting) to be used in standard practice for the profession
- Foster co-operation, collaboration, and the sharing of knowledge and ideas relating to sustainable practices among library staff from libraries across the country.

The ALIA Sustainable Libraries Group will be launched at the ALIA Access conference in Brisbane thanks to the assistance of Craig Milne, Sonja Barfoed, and Heather Coutts. Members of the ALIA Sustainable Libraries Group conference committee will be at the ALIA Access 2010 conference in Brisbane. The 2010 Sustainable Libraries Group Committee office bearers are Katie Hannan, Convenor, Anne Melles, Secretary, Tric Bowman, Treasurer.

If you are interested in joining the ALIA Sustainable Libraries Group, please contact the author.

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