

"Be the change you want to see in the world" – Mahatma Gandhi

What will the future hold? "Nobody knows," could be one answer. And is it fate, luck or planning that gets us there?

While some would say that fate will take its course in our futures, others believe in good planning – like the British Army for example, with their famous '7 P's' ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7_Ps_\(military_adage\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/7_Ps_(military_adage))). Whatever your perspective on how the future happens, it is important that we all undertake planning, for our libraries, our own career, for our personal and professional development. I believe circumstances play their part but that we can create our own futures. And I hope that ALIA can be of assistance to all of our members so that you can be the change you want to see for your own future and for the future of Australian libraries. As you ponder that all-important future, you might like to take a look at the Association's Strategic Plan, now available at www.alia.org.au/governance.

This issue also features a comprehensive list of library and information education courses currently accredited by ALIA. Educators in, and for, the profession are integral to a successful formula for the future and with that in mind, we're keen to recognise their efforts and proud to be launching our accredited educator logo in this issue – see page 12 for more information.

As it is ALIA membership renewal time, it is a good time to plan for your next year of membership: will this be the year you register for ALIA PD or join a Group? We have two great conferences in Perth in September – the Library and Information Technicians 2011 conference and New Librarians Symposium 5. There's no doubt the future – as best we can imagine it – will be up for discussion. Will you be in the room? I hope the articles your colleagues have submitted to this issue will get you thinking.

LIW, NSS – and The Wiggles

It was a very eventful 2011 Library and Information Week, and we have to thank our sponsors at the Australian Communications and Media Authority once again for their valuable support. ALIA is working closely with the ACMA and in this issue we highlight some of the important work that is being done in the area of cybersafety, and how libraries can continue to be a part of this.

Our thanks must also go to The Wiggles for joining with us to encourage Australia to become a reading nation. Take a look at the community service announcements and how to use them at your library, or just share them with family and friends. National Simultaneous Storytime is always a highlight - this year celebrated everywhere from the Parliamentary Childcare Centre to the UK via Mt Gambier Library's webstreaming. Seems the Minister might become a regular at the Parliamentary Childcare Centre if the requests for more on the day are any indication.

Advocacy during LIW included the tabling in federal parliament of the final report of the Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians and the launch of the ALIA/ASLA School Libraries wiki, as well as ALIA's attendance at the public hearing for the Inquiry into the Role and Potential of the National Broadband Network.

LGMA and ALGA

We were recently represented at the Local Government Managers Association and Australian Local Government Association's conferences in Cairns and Canberra. This was an opportunity to showcase libraries and the National Year of Reading 2012 to key decision makers and politicians. We will be reporting in more detail on this in a future issue of inCite.

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School Libraries Inquiry: Final Report tabled

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment Inquiry into School Libraries has tabled their final report and the Australian School Library Association (ASLA) and ALIA say there's serious effort ahead for both governments and the profession. ALIA and ASLA have launched a Facebook campaign and wiki resource. More at www.alia.org.au and schoolibraries2011.wikispaces.com/

Conference countdown

Have you organised your registration and planned your visit to Perth for the Library Technicians Back to Basics and New Librarians Symposium 5 conferences? Two conferences, one beautiful city - and too many colleagues and friends to count. Check our conference page in this issue for more details and be there.

Christine Mackenzie elected to IFLA Board

We congratulate Christine Mackenzie, CEO of Yarra Plenty Regional Library, on her election to the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Governing Board. While Christine is our only Aussie representative for the 2011-13 period. She follows a proud Australian tradition of contribution to IFLA, where a significant number of our professional colleagues have shared their expertise and talent through the Board, IFLA staff and IFLA committees and initiatives and, in turn, brought back to the Australian library and information community a world perspective.