

HAPPY FEET

I am surprised that in this issue of *INCITE* there has not been mention of shoes - seeing it is the *Stepping Up and Stepping Out* edition and so many ALIA members love their footwear! With so many women in our profession (and speaking of statistics, we of course had the Census 2011 this month) I thought someone in their article would make the analogy or connection.

Stepping up, to contribute to leadership of our profession, is something I am pleased to do each day, whether it's a 4.30am interview with ABC Talkback Radio, attendance and networking with the IT crowd and MPs at Parliament House at the National Digital Inclusion Summit or helping finalise one of our most important reports (the *2011 Internet Access in Public Libraries Survey Report* is on my desk as I write) or assisting our conference committees to complete their work for our important ALIA Conferences, coming up in just a few weeks.

Whatever it takes, I hope that all of our ALIA members do something each day to step up to the plate. The number of contributions received for this issue seems to indicate that's the case and in this issue you will read about library professionals stepping up in exciting new ways in every type of library and at every level of the profession. In fact, we ran out of room to include them all, so you will see even more evidence of innovative and proactive approaches in coming issues of *INCITE*.

I've noticed too that many library types are also taking healthy steps, participating in events such as fun runs (check out www.gettheworldmoving.com/ to see what I mean). You never know who you are going to meet when you are out and about, or when there will be a change to talk about libraries to people who can help spread the message. Queensland members will know our State Manager for Queensland, Claudia Davies recently took the opportunity of sharing a lift with our Prime Minister to share with her some key library facts. It's 'advocacy on the run', and you never know what doors it may open, so give it a try.

As I write this, it's time to get packing for Perth for our

back-to-back ALIA Conferences starting in a week or two. Which means it is also time to say thanks to the wonderful conference committees who have put two years of heart and soul into these two conferences - ALIA Library and Information Technicians Conference and the ALIA New Librarians Symposium 5. It's going to be like an ALIA Festival in the West this September.

Whatever you are doing, whether it feels like 'just work' or something startling and new, we all have opportunities to step up. And everyone in the profession, and all the communities we serve, will share in the benefits.

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Sue Hutley stepping out at the City2Surf meeting
Dr Chris Brown (Bondi Vet) at the finish line.

APOLOGIES

The geographic gremlins have been busy. Our sincere apologies to Charles Darwin University, which we managed to relocate temporarily to Western Australia in our ALIA accredited educators feature in the July issue of *INCITE*. CDU is, of course, in the Northern Territory and not planning to move to Perth anytime soon.

Apologies too, to Leith Robinson and her PhD supervisors, who are at Curtin University, not Edith Cowan University and again our thanks to Leith for permission to use that material in our August issue. And Alyson Dalby has departed the ALIA State Manager's role for New South Wales, while Claudia Davies is very much still the State Manager for Queensland (and now quite famous for bearding our Prime Minister in a lift to successfully deliver her two minute ALIA presentation!).

And finally, in the August issue we featured a photo of the soaring architecture of the La Trobe Reading Room at the State Library of Victoria but did not include that great institution's name in the caption. What can we say? We were distracted by its beauty. Sorry. Now, everyone in Melbourne, go visit the beautiful State Library of Victoria, ok?

YOUR ALIA SNAPSHOT

Standing Committees consolidated

ALIA's Standing Committees are to be consolidated into three clearly focused Sub-Committees to better support the objectives of the ALIA Strategic Plan. The three sub-committees of the Board will be the Finance, Audit, Risk Management Sub-committee (now also responsible for Governance matters) – to be chaired by Vanessa Little, Professional Development, Education, Research and Publishing Sub-Committee – to be chaired by Graham Black and the Membership and Awards Sub-committee – to be chaired by John Bayliss.

IBSA review drawing to a close - but work is not over yet

The Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) review of the National Training Package is drawing to its final stages. ALIA would like to thank all who participated in the process and provided feedback – the new qualifications are a direct result of those contributions. Of course, the work is not nearly over. As soon as official endorsement comes

through and the Training Package is available on training.gov.au, Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) will have a 12 month transition phase to develop course offerings based on the new package. It's an exciting time in Library Technician education - but not without its challenges. You can get a full update when ALIA's Director: Professional Services, Janetta Mascilongo, delivers her paper at the ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference, Back to Basics, this month.

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