

Happy first birthday to ALIA's new journal




The *Journal of the Australian Library and Information Association* is almost 12 months old and we are pleased to announce and celebrate its very good health. As a merger of *The Australian Library Journal* and *Australian Academic & Research Libraries*, the Association's new publication aimed to fill the boots of its predecessors by publishing research and professional papers of interest to the full range of information workers. It was also intended that JALIA would have the flexibility to attract other kinds of submissions, as well as to applaud and commemorate members of the Association.

It has succeeded on all these counts. JALIA has published traditional research papers, research located in practice, and in papers that describe aspects of practice. We were pleased to publish several papers that began their life as conference presentations at the ALIA

National Conference and to see presenters meet the challenge of developing their work for wider distribution. A new publication type was introduced during the year to encourage Australian research students to write summaries of their projects. Seven of these summaries were published during the year, along with an opinion piece and two short articles celebrating the achievements of information professionals in Australia. The journal has also remembered the remarkable careers and contributions of five of our number in obituaries.

As JALIA's co-editors, we would like to thank the authors and reviewers who made the first year of the journal such a success, and we welcome submissions and ideas for 2018. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of two new associate editors, Bhuva Narayan from UTS in Sydney and Fiona Russell from Deakin University in Victoria.

We hope that you will consider sharing your research and practice through your Association's journal. You'll find instructions for authors at bit.ly/2wewxHz and papers should be submitted through the Editorial Manager system at (bit.ly/2xyNFux). 

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