

LEADING AND INNOVATING

in the NT



A very successful ALIA Leadership and Innovation Forum with the theme of Innovation through Collaboration and Partnerships was held in the Northern Territory in December last year as JAYSHREE MAMTORA reports.

Able facilitated by ALIA President Tricia Genat, the panel of six speakers at last December's ALIA Leadership and Innovation Forum represented three interesting, innovative and very different projects:

- The NT Euthanasia Collection – a three-way partnership between Charles Darwin University (CDU) Archive, represented by CDU Archivist Mary Paton; Felicity Gerry, Queen's Counsel and Senior Lecturer, CDU Law School; and the Australia National Data Service (ANDS), which provided the funding. The project focuses specifically on papers that led to legislation, which was overturned by the federal government just a year later. The collection is proving to be of particular interest to students as the law was a world first.
- During Anti-Poverty Week in October, City of Darwin Libraries (CODL) and St Vincent de Paul worked together for the first time to promote a competition to create better awareness in schools and community organisations of poverty issues and to encourage discussion relating to poverty. The CODL Manager, Karen Conway, represented the partnership at the

(Back row, from left to right) Jayshree Mamtora and Patricia Genat (Front row) Neil Spencer, Trudi Maly, Leah Magee, Karen Conway and Mary Paton

Forum and explained how school students in the NT were encouraged to write a story or poem of more than 500 words, an exercise that was the first of its kind in the NT.

- The NT Department of Health Policy Guidelines Project focuses on a repository consisting of high-level policy e-publications that evolved from the Clinical Guidelines database managed by the Department of Health Library. The repository enables clinicians to access relevant policies and guidelines at point of need. Both the manager of the program, Leah Magee, and Trudi Maly, Director of Library Services, explained their respective roles in setting up the project, while Neil Spencer from the Top End Mental Health Service – the partner – initially piloted and uses the collection and helps write the policies.

About 35 members and guests attended the event, which was held at the Charles Darwin University Waterfront Campus in Darwin. The Forum was followed by the ALIA Top End Group end-of-year dinner – a great way to close off the professional year. 🍷

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