



CELEBRATE ALIA 80 YEARS

In this special anniversary issue of INCITE, which celebrates ALIA's 80th birthday, we wanted to look back at what has made our Association great and look forward to the exciting future ahead.

We recently recreated the historic photo of the inaugural gathering of librarians that took place on 21 August 1937 outside the Albert Hall in Canberra. This first meeting of the Australian Institute of Librarians was the start of today's member association for the Australian library and information sector. Librarians braved the winter cold and fog on 23 June 2017 to stand in the footsteps of the librarians who came before.

Now, as then, many of these librarians travelled from interstate. They were attending the New Librarians' Symposium 8 at the National Library of Australia. We also

The next generation of librarians at NLS8.

invited ACT's ALIA Members to join in on that cold and foggy morning.

Our cover image is of the 'faces of the future', the young librarians who will forge careers and perhaps one day take up leadership positions.

They, as well as others, are working hard in the sector as libraries transform and evolve with each passing year. It's a great time to be a young librarian – pictured are (top row, L to R) Eileen Loudon, Jade Koekoe, Andrew Finegan, Annette Messell, (middle row, L to R) Elizabeth Smith, Steven Chang, Leia Supe, James Rose, (front row, L to R) Sally Turbitt, Amy Walduck, Ashleigh McKergow and Shannon Parsons.

We hope you are having a great time as you celebrate ALIA's 80th birthday; check the event calendar for all the activities happening around the nation. We asked for your ideas for the time capsule to be buried at ALIA House. There's also a story in this issue about our Tribute blog and inspiration from ALIA's Advisory Committees and Groups about their hopes for the future.

We've come a long way since that first meeting of librarians in Canberra but the message is still the same – together we are stronger. 🌟