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ADDING & FINDING treasure in Trove

Ingrid Tonnison and Kate Jonson explain how the 2015 HLA/Medical Director Health Informatics Innovation Award helped broaden the scope of the quest to create – and now share – a digital repository of historical material and research output of the Central Coast Local Health District.

Inspired by the Ballarat Health Services Repository, our library embarked on a quest in early 2015 to create a digital repository of historical material and the research output of Central Coast Local Health District (CCLHD). We called it CARE (CCLHD Archive and Resource E-Library) and began to upload journal articles and historical material. CARE ties in with our organisation's strategy 'Caring for the Coast – every patient, every time'. Prosentient

Systems hosts DSpace open source digital repositories large and small and Prosentient customised the open source product with our organisation's branding and to our specifications.

Thanks to our super sleuth volunteer, Rianna Bryant, and long serving CCLHD staff, we were able to identify many former staff and old buildings from 'discovered' collections of material surfacing because of a major redevelopment at Gosford Hospital. Processes

were developed, record standards and templates were refined and we were happy with the resulting repository. To date over 800 records have been entered (<http://elibrary.cclhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>). Application for the 2015 HLA Innovation Award resulted in a win for the team. What to do with the award money intended to be used for continuing professional development (CPD)?

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Historical Archive
A collection illustrating the history of public health services on the Central Coast, NSW, Australia.

Research Hub
A collection of published research by current and former CCLHD staff.

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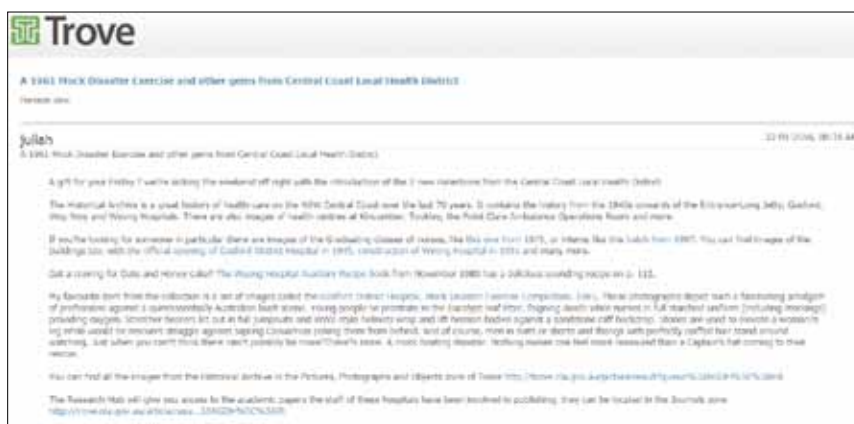
While creating CARE we discovered that DSpace records are 'Trove ready'. Trove is an Australian focused digital archive drawing from Australian library collections (trove.nla.gov.au). It includes Australian newspapers and is hosted by the National Library of Australia (NLA). A few negotiations later and all our repository holdings were live on Trove. Back to how to use the prize money on CPD? A road trip to Trove and the NLA was perfect, we could learn more about historical archives and how best to promote and use Trove in the health setting.

Turns out, Trove already has an abundance of material on our hospitals from the very early days in newspaper articles and we now plan to link all local newspapers. It also turns out that anyone in Australia can join the National Library of Australia and have access to many databases, so we are planning links to these to complement our clinical databases.

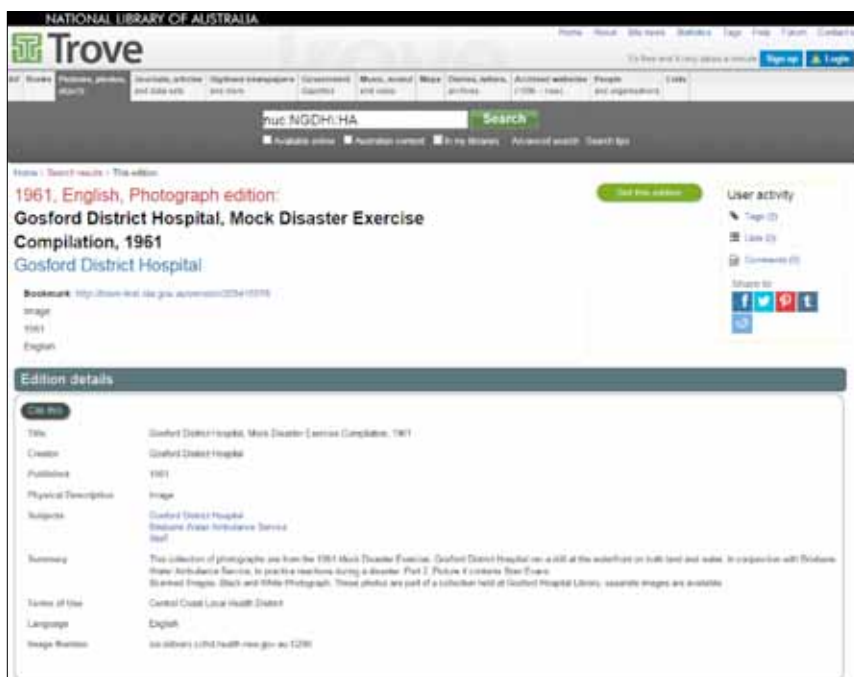
We had a truly 'troveific' day at the National Library. We were given a great overview of both Trove and the National Library collections and services, including a tour behind the scenes. We did a Trove-ia session learning how to get the best search results. The Trove team put their expertise to work in getting the CARE records live and it was great to further develop the relationships in meeting face to face. We also found that Trove is keen for a wide audience and demonstrated their obvious value beyond public libraries.

The award team was Ingrid Tonnison, Kate Jonson and Rianna Bryant. Rianna has now left CCLHD and Sally Turbitt has joined the team: Ingrid, Kate and Sally travelled to Canberra for the visit to Trove and NLA.

Thanks to Medical Director and the HLA Executive, we were able to discover the value of Trove for the staff at our organisation and add features to the CARE Repository.



ABOVE – Trove blog post, 22 January 2016;



ABOVE – Trove record screen shot. BELOW – Images from 1961 Mock Disaster Exercise.



CONVENOR'S FOCUS

Preview of professional development events for 2016 • HLA signs MoU with Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA) • HLA publications survey invitation



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Communities page
... gives you access
to the ears and
minds of our trusted
HLA community
– you can post
questions and
comments about
health specific
topics and know
that your colleagues
will respond
generously
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Welcome to 2016! We've launched the year with a burst of announcements and activities on the professional development front – I hope this will help you to plan your calendars, travel schedule and budgets.

The Health Librarianship Essentials online course is being run for the second year by QUT, supported by our health librarian expert reference group who are taking on roles in course delivery, facilitation and mentoring. Once again we have a full cohort of participants, including our HLA scholarship winner, Steven Chang who is an early career health librarian from Western Hospital, Victoria. The course runs from February to May, with weekly 2-hour online sessions featuring guest speakers, panel discussions, chat questions and commentaries, and other participative activities. The modules are mapped to the basic HLA competencies for professional practice, and complement other courses on offer, for example the Australian Evidence Based Librarianship Institute, (to be run in Adelaide in November, hosted by Flinders University Library).

Our annual PD Day will be in Sydney at the Royal North Shore Hospital Library on Monday 18th July, focusing on the theme of 'Innovation for Enhancing Library Value'. The call for abstracts has netted a healthy catch, and we'll be designing the program around these papers. We already have a Gold Sponsor (Wolters Kluwer) and a Silver Sponsor (JR Medical Books), exhibitor spaces are limited so interested vendors need to get in touch quickly to request the sponsorship invitation.

Also in Sydney we are partnering with Ovid/Wolters Kluwer to deliver a 'structured searching and search filters' workshop in conjunction with a NSW health library managers think tank event on 13th April.

We are working again with Carol Lefebvre (Independent Information Consultant and Co-convenor Cochrane Information Retrieval Methods Group), this time to present 'advanced searching skills' workshops in various locations around the country in late November/early December. Carol will teach separate workshops for health librarians and researchers, with limited numbers in each workshop to enable optimal customization for the two audiences.

Watch out for the announcement about Carol's tour – 'advanced notice' will be made through our HLA Communities page to give our members the opportunity to register first. If you haven't signed up yet, you can do this at <http://membership.alia.org.au/community/group/alia-health-libraries-australia>. The forum also gives you access to the ears and minds of our trusted HLA community – you can post questions and comments about health specific topics and know that your colleagues will respond generously.

In February we met with the CEO and Board Chair of the Health Information Management Association of Australia (HIMAA) and signed an MoU, intended to promote cooperation, collaboration and communication between our associations. We also discussed issues of mutual interest such as health workforce, education, standards, and advocacy. We will be working on joint advocacy initiatives in a loose coalition with other peak bodies representing the health information professions, especially with regard to national workforce planning.

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Finally I encourage you to let us know your thoughts about our two publications by responding to a quick survey – honestly it takes only about 5 minutes to complete – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLApublicationsreview>.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you as the year progresses, and extend a special invitation to all our members to join us in Sydney in July for our annual PD Day. Networking with colleagues, learning from others, reflective practice and sharing our knowledge at conferences are all part of being a health professional and contributing to the reinvigoration of our profession.

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ABOVE – Richard Lawrance, Chief Executive Officer HIMAA, seated (L-R) Jenny Gilder, President HIMAA and Ann Ritchie, Convenor HLA (photographer Sue McKerracher).



ANNE HARRISON AWARD **NOW OPEN**

The Anne Harrison Award for 2016 is valued at \$5,000 and is now open (applications close 18 April 2016).

The Award was established as a perpetual tribute to a person whose foresight, skill and courage helped found health librarianship in Australia. With the assistance of the Award, others may be encouraged to make their own contribution. Awards are intended to supplement the activities of the Australian Library and Information Association in supporting specific projects and providing study grants.

Applications for the biennial Award are invited from Australian health library and information professionals.

Funding is available for:

1. Research projects that will:

- increase the understanding of health librarianship in Australia, or
- explore the potential for the further development of health librarianship in Australia

or

2. Projects to enrich the knowledge and skills of Australian health librarians, to help support:

- an approved course of study or study tour, or
- a publication in the field of Australian health librarianship, or
- continuing education courses, including meeting the expenses of overseas speakers

Applicants are not limited to ALIA members or to librarians, provided proposals meet the objectives of the Fund. For further information on the Award, past recipients and application guidelines please visit <http://www.alia.org.au/about-alia/awards-and-grants/352/anne-harrison-award>

Please direct applications and inquiries to the Secretary anneharrisonaward@gmail.com

DRIVING INNOVATION and EXCELLENCE

HLA/Medical Director Health Informatics Innovation Award

MedicalDirector and ALIA Health Libraries Australia offer an annual award for the innovative use of information technology to improve service delivery. The award was initiated in 2009 and in this issue we have gathered a summary of the award winners and their projects, as inspiration for applications for the 2016 award.

2015

Central Coast Local Health District Library Service:
Kate Jonson, Ingrid Tonnison, Rianna Bryant for *Preserving the past, looking into the future: a digital repository for CCLHD*

The funds for the project will contribute towards achievement of a number of the CCLHD Research Plan objectives, and also support community engagement which is one of the main priorities of the CCLHD Strategic Plan.

<http://centralcoast.intersearch.com.au>

2014

Lisa Kruesi and Connie Schardt, for *Australian Evidence Based Practice Librarians' Institute, 2011– 2014*

Award funding was used as seed funding to develop an Advanced Workshop to follow on from the Introductory Workshop already in place.

The first Advanced Workshop was held in Melbourne in November 2015 and received very positive feedback: all participants agreed the Institute objectives met their expectations, and all participants would recommend the Institute to other colleagues.

"Thank you all so very much for a very educational and exciting three days. This course was better than I could have imagined. You are all very talented information specialists and shared valuable advanced knowledge and skills with us all. I feel so privileged to have been part of this course."

2013

Narelle Hampe and Suzanne Lewis at Central Coast Local Health District who implemented an e-portfolio project

Part of the award money was used to fund Narelle to undertake a Master's degree in Adult Education to further her interest in professional development for librarians.

The reflective practice guide she developed for the original e-portfolio project has been uploaded to the ALIA PD site. Narelle is currently making a series of short videos on reflective practice.

2012

Sarah Hayman at CareSearch who developed a palliative care search filter

Sarah and colleagues used the Award money to develop an online Smart Searching module for health librarians. The module was developed with support from the award and CareSearch and Flinders Filters
www.caresearch.com.au

From May 2014 to January 29, 2016, there have been 10,624 sessions worldwide, from 7,544 unique users in 110 countries. A workshop has now been developed from the online modules and was delivered at the PD Day in Brisbane in 2015. Another workshop also based on the Smart Searching modules is planned to be delivered at the ALIA National Conference in Adelaide in 2016.



MedicalDirector

ABOUT THE AWARD

The HLA/MedicalDirector Health Informatics Innovation Award is maintained by the ALIA Health Libraries Australia group.

Health informatics is the science and practice around information in health that leads to informed and assisted health care.

The Award is presented annually. The recipient/s will be presented with a certificate and \$3,000 to either further their (or their team's) professional development in the area of the innovation, or to implement the innovation.

The Award focuses on innovation projects in health care information delivery with practical outcomes.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nominations for the 2016 Award must be received by 1st May 2016.

It is anticipated that the Award will be presented at the HLA Professional Development Day in Sydney on 18 July 2016.

MORE INFORMATION

For information on how to apply for the HLA/MedicalDirector Health Informatics Innovation Award visit the website here.

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2011

Daniel McDonald at Toowoomba Clinical Library Service introduced *clinically-oriented audio presentations to their busy clinicians*

In July 2012, Daniel used the Award funds to attend the 25th anniversary EAHIL conference in Brussels and deliver an oral presentation directly linked to the Innovation project.

"Subsequent to EAHIL the same project was included as one of the highlight features of the Toowoomba Hospital's accreditation achievements. I suspect this was due in some degree to the international profile the project had received. The impetus to attend EAHIL and the confidence to present would not have eventuated without the generous recognition and assistance of the Award"

2010

Terence Harrison who helped establish CEBPA (Centre for Evidence Based Practice Australasia)

CEBPA in its first six months had countless casual visitors to the site and had almost 400 registered members, ranging from clinicians to information experts, health policy experts and health consumers. Award funds assisted Terence in further developing the (virtual) Centre for Evidence Based Practice Australasia (CEBPA).

2009

Trudi Maly, inaugural winner, at the Northern Territory Department of Health and Families: for *Clinical Practice Guidelines Quality Improvement Program*

Trudi Maly used the Innovation Award funding to attend the Australian Guideline Developers Network Inaugural Workshop in Melbourne, run by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

"From the information and knowledge I gathered from that session we then successfully lobbied to have the Clinical Guidelines Program extended so it included all departmental policy procedures and guidelines and not just clinical ones.

The program is now called the Health Policies, Guidelines Program and is extremely successful and the policies, guidelines database (Health Policies Guidelines Centre) is one of the most used resources on the NT Health intranet," said Trudi.

HLA Journal Club

The HLA Journal Club this month works on the article: Friesen C, Lã^a ML, Cooke C, Raynard M. "Analysis of a librarian-mediated literature search service". Med Ref Serv Q. 2015;34(1):29-46. doi: 10.1080/02763869.2015.986782.

[Join the HLA Journal Club here.](#)

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EBLIP9 goes to USA

EBLIP9, the ninth in the successful series of international conferences to promote evidence based approaches to library and information practice, has been awarded to Philadelphia, USA and will take place in 2017. Start saving ...

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... visit the EBLIP8 website to download presentations, workshop powerpoints and link to panel session recordings on YouTube ...

”

John Wiggins, director of library services and quality improvement, and Danuta A. Nitecki, dean of libraries, both from Drexel University Libraries, coordinated the Philadelphia bid.

Criteria for selection included the location, facilities, regional and national support, the strength of the organizing team and unique selling points. Philadelphia was commended for the overall quality of its proposal including a good understanding of the requirements of the conference and excellent support for the EBLIP movement.

“Drexel University is delighted to host the Ninth International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference,” said John Wiggins, co-chair of the Local Organising Committee.

“We look forward to a dynamic and engaging Conference that will stimulate and excite new and existing EBLIP research community members.”

The EBLIP Conference is a biennial event designed to promote the use of the best available evidence to improve library and information practice in all types of libraries. It aims to bring together practitioners, researchers, and students involved in critical and reflective information practice to think through new ways to address contemporary issues of evidence based practice in less isolated, more collaborative, ways.

The first EBL(IP) Conference took place in Sheffield, UK in 2001. Subsequent conferences have been hosted in Edmonton (Canada, 2003), Brisbane (Australia, 2005), Chapel Hill (USA, 2007), Stockholm (Sweden, 2009), Salford (UK, 2011), Saskatoon (Canada, 2013) and Brisbane (Australia, 2015).

Information on last year's conference, which was held at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane Australia can be found at <http://eblip8.info>

Queries about EBLIP9 can be directed to EBLIP9@drexel.edu.

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ABOVE – Steven Chang

CONGRATULATIONS to our HLA Scholarship Winner

HLA is delighted to announce that Steven Chang (from Western Health in Victoria) has been awarded our HLA scholarship for the 2016 HLA/QUT Health Librarianship course. Steven is an early career health librarian, an active HLA member, and keen to consolidate his understanding of the core essential theory and practice of health librarianship and learn from his peers and more experienced mentors. Congratulations Steven, and thanks for contributing to the future of our profession.

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Which drugs work best for nausea and vomiting in the ED? Ask the library!

Nausea and vomiting are common symptoms in the emergency department, and anti-emetics are among the most commonly prescribed medications. Drugs to treat nausea and vomiting in other settings, such as anaesthesia and chemotherapy, have been well studied. However, there is no consensus on the best approach in the emergency department, possibly because of the wide variety of potential causes. Dr Jeremy Furyk from the TTH Emergency Department was curious to know the best drug to use in the ED setting, and his first step to find out was the library.

Jeremy and colleagues from Melbourne with an interest in ED nausea and vomiting, have just published a Cochrane review entitled "Drugs for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in adults in the emergency department setting". The Cochrane Collaboration is well respected for their meticulous methodology and is internationally recognised as the highest standard in evidence-based health care. Bronia from the TTH library is an expert in systematic-literature searching and she provided invaluable assistance to Jeremy in designing and running searches for the review on various databases.

The review is available here: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD010106.pub2/pdf>



Despite the ubiquity of the condition in emergency departments around the world, only eight trials involving 952 patients in total were found. Surprisingly the review found there was no evidence that commonly used medications such as metoclopramide (Maxalon) or Ondansetron was any better than placebo (dummy medication). So in many cases, patients may not require immediate medications for nausea, and will often get better anyway. It is expected the review will lead to further trials to help determine which drugs (if any) work best.

The emergency department has an active research program and is extremely grateful for the assistance of the whole team in the library. Many clinicians and researchers are not aware how knowledgeable and helpful the staff in the library are. So Jeremy's advice is that if you have a clinical or research question – your first stop should be the library.

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LOST OPPORTUNITY

**“85% of biomedical research is wasted”
... not to mention librarians!**

Rob Penfold discusses the importance of librarians to improving research quality.



ABOVE – Author Rob Penfold is Library Manager at Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service, Nambour General Hospital in Queensland.

First to the 85% figure. This originates from a 2009 Lancet article (tinyurl.com/85wasted) that suggests much research is wasted due to asking the wrong questions, being badly designed, being not published, being poorly reported and more. The paper is cited some 400 times in Google Scholar which suggests it is an area of both interest and concern.

So where do librarians fit in? A recent paper (“Impactful librarians : identifying opportunities to increase your impact”, tinyurl.com/85impact) suggests that librarians can play a very important role in improving research quality in their organisations. At the same time, this will help raise the profile and value of clinical librarians, which is increasingly important in the current economic climate.

Shona Kirtley, from the University of Oxford in the UK, outlines a number of steps that librarians can proactively take to achieve some of these desirable outcomes. Sixteen possible actions are handily summarised in a table in the article and no doubt there are other approaches which could be adopted.

To highlight just one area as an example, one aspect of research inefficiency is in the reporting of research methods and results. Reporting guidelines, which often take the form of checklists or flow diagrams, have been developed to improve reporting in randomised controlled trials (CONSORT), systematic reviews (PRISMA), observational studies (STROBE) and so on. As clinical librarians are often in contact with researchers, they are ideally placed to promote awareness of guidelines such as these. For instance, this could be when a clinician requests a search for research, during training classes, on the library website etc.

In short, this paper is well worth printing off and reading, giving as it does much food for thought and outlining potential opportunities for librarians to have a positive and valued impact on biomedical research. It is also worth having a look at the Equator Network (<http://www.equator-network.org/>) which has a Librarian section and The Reward Alliance (<http://researchwaste.net/>).

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A report from the HLA representative to MLA, Catherine Voutier.



MLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – MAY 13-18 2016

Are you attending the joint meeting of the Medical Library Association (MLA), the Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA/ABSC), and the International Clinical Librarian Conference (ICLC) in Toronto May 2016?

If you are attending the “Chapter Council Presents Chapter Sharing Roundtables” at Mosaic '16, (Sunday, 15 May, noon–1:55 pm) for informal discussions over lunch on a variety of topics, you will receive a ticket with your topic and you will be expected to stay at your designated table. Lunch is provided but please byo ideas to share! If you haven't registered for the meeting yet and would like to attend a roundtable discussion, here are the topics up for discussion:

- A. Altmetrics
- B. Consumer Health
- C. Data Curation
- D. Embedded Librarians
- E. How to Promote You and the Library
- F. Integrating Library Resources into the Electronic Health Record
- G. Integrating You and the Library into the Curriculum
- H. iPads in the Curriculum, Clinics, and the Library
- I. Issues in Hospital Librarianship
- J. Library Redesign
- K. Literature Searches to Support Systematic Reviews
- L. Online Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)
- M. Teaching Evidence-Based Medicine to Students and Faculty

The conference hotels are located within easy walking distance of the Metro Convention Centre (where the bulk of the joint meeting will be held) and various shops, attractions, and restaurants downtown. Do hurry – places filling fast!

MLA EXECUTIVE

Congratulations to those newly elected to MLA executive positions – two of whom are members of the Hospital Libraries Section. Barbara A Epstein AHIP has been voted President Elect and Kelly Gonzalez AHIP will sit on the Nominating Committee. Both will take on their new roles at the close of the Toronto meeting.

The MLA Bylaws Committee has suggested amendments to the existing bylaws of the MLA. These fall into transferring procedural detail to the respective manuals, clarification, additions that reflect current practice and removal of duplicate information. The aim of the amendments is to create a more flexible and responsive governance structure to meet the quickly changing needs of MLA. The Executive Summary is online at <http://www.mlanet.org/d/do/4225> (downloadable PDF). If you are a member please log into mlanet to look at the suggested changes and join the Bylaws discussion forum at <http://www.mlanet.org/p/fo/si/topic=625> and have your say. The Executive will be taking comments on board and will have the final amendments ready for voting at the Toronto meeting.

In March 2015, the Executive decided to cease institutional membership with IFLA. This decision was primarily a cost-savings measure but some members were sad that MLA appeared to be reducing its international focus. MLA does engage in international

activities and so it was time to create an international strategy. The goal: Strengthen MLA's international presence and worldwide impact in health information and care, by

- developing and delivering educational programs for audiences in underserved countries and developed economies,
- building on MLA's international network of health information practitioners and their professional organizations,
- understanding – and exploring whether to collaboratively define – the different roles in, and standards for, health information governance and management around the world,
- advocating for the adoption by industry of country models for access to information

The Board will re-examine the goal and actions (yet to be fully detailed) in May.

Keep track of how MLA is doing at their Full Speed Ahead blog: <http://fullspeedahead.mlanet.org/>

Announcing ILME SIG – NEW MLA SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The MLA Section Council has approved the establishment of a new Special Interest Group. The Special Interest Group for Information Literacy in Medical Education is for health science/medical librarians who wish to engage in collective learning and discussion and increase their collaborative teaching and research endeavours in information literacy/mastery/management instruction for learners across the spectrum of medical education (undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education, and continuing medical education). The ILME SIG will welcome any health sciences librarians, informationists, information specialists, library administration, or educators, who teach adult learners across the spectrum of medical education, serve on education or curriculum committees, or support medical curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation.

IPSWICH HOSPITAL LIBRARY REINVIGORATION

Penny Ganzenmuller says the phrase ‘build it and they will come’ proved true for Ipswich Hospital Library, which is now a well-used, welcoming and effective space. Consultation was the key.



ABOVE – A photo taken before the refurbishment.

In June 2015 the Ipswich Hospital Library underwent a refurbishment in response to West Moreton Hospital and Health Service’s aspirations and the changing environment in which we operate. First, let me give you some background. Our library doors were closed, we had some study carrels, uncomfortable chairs, and more shelving than books, with computers for staff to use hidden away in a side room. We wanted to create a more engaging and stimulating space. We wanted the space to be used not only for education and research, but for relaxation as well.

To ensure any changes would be useful we consulted with staff at all levels, visited other recently built or refurbished libraries, and spent many hours liaising with internal and external parties. From this it was decided to provide a variety of different work spaces, increase the number of computers available, purchase comfortable and modern furniture, and we were lucky enough to receive a paint job (even if we couldn’t choose the colours). For anyone who has been involved in a refurbishment you will be able to relate to the amount of time involved with such a project. Having only been at West Moreton Hospital and Health Service a short time, it was a fast way to get to know people from a variety of departments.

The library now has more useable spaces, looks bigger, brighter and is more spacious. The changes have made the Ipswich Hospital Library a more welcoming and effective space. The phrase “Build it and they will come!” is true in our experience. The library is now used (and is even full at times), and people know the library exists!

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NATIONAL ROUNDUP ...

News from our Health Library Community around the country. In this issue we hear what's happening in Western Australia and Queensland.

QUEENSLAND

Sixteen of the eighteen Queensland Health libraries have implemented Alma and Primo, as a combined single system. This was achieved with the support of the State Library of Queensland. Several librarians have qualified as Exlibris Alma Certified Administrators. A self checkout machine now successfully interfaces with Alma.

Strict budget restrictions are in place in many QH libraries.

The University of Queensland and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital are negotiating a new library services agreement, which includes new KPIs. The service agreement between UQ and the Princess Alexandra Hospital ceased on 1 July 2015. The PAH library has now joined the Queensland Health network.

Penny Ganzenmuller has been permanently appointed to the West Moreton/Ipswich libraries. Imelda Ryan is acting manager of PAH library, with the support of Sonia Johnson as library technician. Michelle Harper is acting in Sonia's position at Forensic and Scientific Services Library. Sarah Keating is library manager at Mt Isa (Yacca Library, MICRRH). Patrick O'Connor is part-time at Toowoomba, in conjunction with his role as medical education officer. Sarah Thorning has been appointed to the Gold Coast Library. Kim Guerrera is now full time at Redland Hospital Library. Audrey Shamier is currently acting library manager at Redcliffe/Caboolture. Jane Orbell-Smith has resigned from Community, Indigenous and Subacute Services; the position is currently vacant and under review.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Well the resources boom is definitely over this side of the rabbit proof fence. Unfortunately, this coincides (perhaps is a driver of) the falling Australian dollar. Publically funded health libraries in WA are therefore experiencing budget tightening to a level not seen for some time, including a staffing freeze that applies to the end of June 2016.

New public hospital builds are completed or still underway in the metropolitan and country regions. These include:

- Fiona Stanley Hospital – now the largest teaching hospital in WA with 783 beds. Beds were reallocated from the Shenton Park campus of Royal Perth Hospital (now closed), from Royal Perth Hospital itself and from Fremantle Hospital.
- The Midland Public Hospital run under a public-private partnership with St John of God. Replaces the former Swan Districts Hospital (now closed). Library services now the responsibility of St John of God.
- The Perth Children's Hospital is still under construction and will open 2016/17. Will replace the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

Along with these changes, WA Health has also embarked on a major program of reform, including a new Health Services Bill 2016 that restructures the area boundaries and installs a series of health service boards. From a library perspective, it has meant that the former

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STARTING SOON..

CURTIN MEDICAL SCHOOL

The first intake of 60 students for the new Curtin Medical School will commence their course in 2017. The course, which is a five year direct-entry medical degree, will be the only undergraduate entry program in the State, and will have a strong emphasis on primary care. This will position graduates well for rural and remote practice, as well as for work in outer suburban locations, where there is an acute shortage of doctors. Consequently in recruitment the School will be selectively targeting students and looking to recruit them from rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas.

The course is open to Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens only and will be based on years 2 to 5 of the Flinders University medical curriculum.

Students will be based on the Bentley campus for the first 2.5 years of study in a new teaching and learning building at the north end of the campus which is nearing completion.

HELPGOODWORK

Health Libraries Australia welcomes bequests for our two Awards, the HLA/HCN Innovation Award and the Anne Harrison Award. For further information contact the Anne Harrison Award's secretary, anneharrisonaward@gmail.com

Fremantle and Royal Perth Hospital libraries that merged this year following the opening of the Fiona Stanley Hospital to form the South Metropolitan Health Service (with bases at Fiona Stanley and Royal Perth Hospitals) must now split to form libraries for the East and South Metropolitan Health Services (EMHS and SMHS). <http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Improving-WA-Health/Health-reform>

EMHS and SMHS will each have the following mix of services – a tertiary hospital, a general hospital, a specialist hospital, responsibility for oversight of private-public contracts and public and mental health services.

Other areas that will be formed include:

- North Metropolitan Health Service (several state-wide services are included in this administrative grouping, including PathWest, Women and Newborn Health Service and Mental Health).
- Child and Adolescent Health Service
- WA Country Health Service.

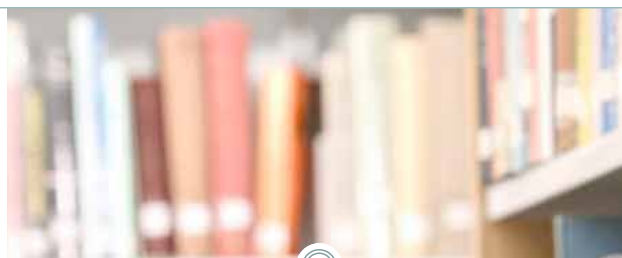
WA Health libraries remain concentrated in the metropolitan area along with all the tertiary level hospital services. The state population reached 2.7 million recently and 2.19 million are in the metropolitan area with the heaviest population concentration in the South West generally (92 per cent). The biggest state in Australia has only 11 per cent of the nation's population. Various issues related to unique WA factors mean that pressures to meet national efficient prices set by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority will lead to even more focus on budgetary contraction.

AT A GLANCE...

MOOCs and Online Training

- **23 Research Things** is an 8-month collaborative learning program about data management and research data / Australian National Data Service. An introductory webinar was held on Tuesday 1 March.
- **The library and information professional as practitioner-researcher?** A panel discussion March 10 / Library and Information Science Research Australia (LISRA) project.
- **NTC Webinar: "Teaching Topics"** on March 31, 2016 \ National Library of Medicine.
- **Health Informatics MOOCs** by Columbia University, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Oregon Health and Science University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- **VALA 2016 Presentations** All presentations from the recent VALA 2016 are available to view from the [VALA 2016 Webcast Catalog](#).

Keep Informed...



HLA have three direct communication channels and two publications for you informed of our news and up-coming events:

- **HLA Communities** – hear about things first—this is where we make our announcements.
- **ALIAHealth Elist** – this is open to anyone with an interest in health librarianship and is an immediate way to communicate with the wider health library network in Australia and NZ.
- **HLA LinkedIn** – this is a networking resource – great if you are job hunting and/or want to build you professional profile.

HLA also produce two publications: our quarterly journal **HLA News** and our monthly email **HLA Alerts** and we also provide the bi-monthly **HLA Journal Club**.

Information on all these resources and HLA membership is on our website:

<https://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA>

FUNDING GRANTS FOR WOMEN IN HEALTH

In 2016 Women & Leadership Australia is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across the health sector.

From February 10th 2016 the initiative will provide women in the health sector with grants for leadership development. More specifically, grant applications are open to women employed in the health sector at two levels. The deadline for expressing your interest for this funding in your sector ends on March 31st.

Senior Management and Executive level Women Leaders can apply for \$12,000 Individual Grants to undertake the Advanced Leadership Program. Women Managers can apply for \$5,000 Individual Grants to undertake the Accelerated Leadership Performance Program.

For more detail contact Ian Johnson at the office of the National Industry Scholarship Program, Australian School of Applied Management on 03 9270 9016 or via ijohnson@wla.edu.au

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Julia Gillard at the 2015 National Award for Excellence in Women's Leadership



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IT'S A DATE! ALIA HLA PD DAY

Theme: Innovation for enhancing value

The Health Libraries Australia (HLA) Professional Development Day for 2016 will be held at the Kolling Institute, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, NSW on Monday 18 July 2016, from 9am to 5pm.

A promotional banner for Library & Information Week 2016. The background is a collage of icons related to information and technology, including a magnifying glass over an 'i' icon, a lightbulb, a laptop, a game controller, and a graduation cap. The ALIA logo is in the top left corner. A large green circle on the right contains the text 'DISCOVER MORE' in red, followed by 'through your library and information service' in white. At the bottom, a pink banner reads 'LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK' in white, and an orange circle on the right says '23-29 MAY 2016'. The hashtag #LIW2016 is in the top right corner.

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EVENTS TO SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

| YEAR | EVENT | LOCATION | DATE |
|---|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2016 | Health Librarians Essentials (HLA/QUT Course) | online | Now to April |
| | Library Association of Ireland/CILIP Joint Annual Conference (including Health Libraries SIG) | Kerry, Ireland | 13-15 April |
| | Joint Medical Library Association/ Canadian Health Libraries Association/ International Clinical Librarian Conference. Theme: "Mosaic: Be Part of the Big Picture" | Toronto, Canada | 13-18 May |
| | EAHIL 2016 / European Association for Health Information and Libraries Theme: "Knowledge, Research, Innovation ... eHealth" | Seville, Spain | 6-11 June |
| | CILIP: including Health Libraries SIG | Brighton (UK) | 12-13 July |
|  | HLA Professional Development Day | Sydney | 18 July |
| | IFLA World Conference | Ohio, USA | 13-19 August |
| | ALIA National Conference Sponsorship and Exhibition Prospectus now available | Adelaide | 29 August to 2 Sept |
| | Sixth Australian Evidence Based Practice Librarians' Institute | Adelaide | TBA – December |

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