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Membership is rewarding for me because it's

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Imogen Garner

MEMORIES & MESSAGES

Membership of LAA was essential in 1960. You sat its Registration exams. All the senior people took LAA meetings seriously – inspiring beginners like me.
John Brudenall

Becoming involved with ALIA as a student has been extremely rewarding professionally and convening ALIA NLS4 was a great experience. Congratulations to ALIA on reaching your 75th Anniversary!
Tania Barry

The journey from 1937 to 2012 has seen an incredible transition in the way learning and practice in our profession is recognised and acknowledged, but one thing is constant – the dedication to ongoing learning within the LIS profession.

Judy Brooker

I was very pleased to be the first person to sign the new Constitution – it represented a great improvement to the governance of the Association.
Craig Anderson

The Australian School Library Association is delighted to celebrate its partnership with ALIA, especially the achievements of our joint working efforts for policy development for schools libraries, advocacy campaigns promoting school libraries make a difference, and the significant contribution to the Federal Government Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians in Australian Schools.

Karen Bonanno

Information Online has evolved over the last twenty five years to be one of ALIA's cornerstone events. It has brought together speakers from around the globe to inspire and educate ALIA members and it has also been a place where members can re-connect with each other. The highlight of every conference is the dinner, and watching 800 librarians dance the night away.

Kay Harris

In the more than 30 years I have been associated with ALIA's accreditation visits, it has always been treated as one of its highest priorities. Over the years the rigor of investigation, documentation, and investigative tools have changed to keep pace with the needs of industry as reflected by the Association's professional standards.

Ian Rogers

Happy birthday, ALIA. 75 years young! A great organisation that has achieved a lot for a great profession. The best is yet to come.

Graham Black

The first ALIA Public Library Summit in 2009 and all the positives which have come out of that (especially the National Year of Reading 2012)!
Jan Richards

Many congratulations ALIA on your 75th anniversary; it's a time to celebrate memories, as well as look forward to future achievements. CSIRO thanks you for the many opportunities ALIA provides for professional development, and for networking with colleagues.
Tom Girke

Congratulations ALIA on your 75th anniversary! Libraries play a vital role in access to information and knowledge – a passion we share. We look forward to continuing our work together.

Ishtar Vij, Google.com

For many years the LAA operated the only method of obtaining a professional qualification in Australia – through the operation of the LAA Registration Examination. As part of the general reminiscing going on in this 75th Anniversary year, I dug out my 1963 LAA Handbook from my first year in libraries and offer the following questions from the first three papers of the Registration Examination (known as the Preliminary) for the librarian of today to ponder:

Write an account of the development of the alphabet. (Paper 1, 1962, Question 2.)

What aspects of modern librarianship would not be novel to a librarian of the ancient world? (Paper 2, 1962, Question 5.) Well, it was a long time ago!

Gordon Bower

Congratulations on 75 years of exploring issues, advancing the case for the right to information, raising professional standards, and connecting us – still needed and still relevant.
Anne-Marie Schwirtlich

Membership of a professional organisation that builds our information brand in this truly information age and advocates for our citizens to have equal access to resources is vital for our own personal growth and achievements but extremely vital for our profession, 'Librarianship', where we are now facing major competitors in the space we have dominated.
Julie Rae

A huge thank you to all the members who have worked so hard over the years to produce the great organisation we have today.

Judith Allan

A standout ALIA memory: the passion, energy and thrill of NLS4 – connection to people, ideas and opportunities, kick-starting amazing relationships that continue to grow.
Vanessa Warren

Happy 75th birthday ALIA! You have intertwined my professional and private life – with friendships, collegiality, conferences, meetings, awards, celebrations, challenges, opportunities, conviviality, eating, drinking and dancing.
Christine Mackenzie

What's it all been about, this 75 years of ALIA? It's what we the members made it and will make it. The spirit at heart is community, professionalism, collegiality, service, and expertise.
Cheryl Hamill

I attended the 50th celebrations of ALIA in Canberra when I was newly appointed to Australian National University (ANU) Library. I remember being told that as I was young I might also attend the 75th anniversary celebrations, and so it has turned out. Now I am the copyright advisor at ALIA where I endeavour to help members as I was helped by many librarians in my career.

Helen Roberts

Congratulations, ALIA! Collaborating with ALIA members on international development programmes through IFLA is one of many ways that I've been able to stay connected to the profession in Australia thanks to ALIA.

Fiona Bradley

ALIA colleagues are my professional knowledge network – people I trust and rely on for their confidentiality, integrity, intelligence, resilience.

Ann Ritchie

Congratulations ALIA on your 75th anniversary. You've helped me enjoy 40 years membership and the opportunity to work in libraries across the globe. Wonderful experience and wonderful members. Thanks.
Sue McKnight

An anniversary like this offers a chance to reflect on all that's gone ahead. One of my reflections covers the ALIA name change and our attempt to embrace the broader information profession. As to whether we succeed – maybe another 75 years will tell?
Kerry Webb

Five years ago I presided when we turned 70 – 2007 saw our blog and Facebook. In 2012 ALIA and specials enliven all services with web2.0.
Roxanne Missingham

Engaging with ALIA makes Librarianship a career, not just a job by providing opportunities to advance our profession, make a difference in the workplace and community, while making lifelong friends along the way.
Deanne Barrett

ALIA is fantastic because they offer great individual member services, like the PD Scheme, AND they benefit the whole profession through lobbying and advocacy!
Kathryn Cass

ALIA for me is about demonstrating confidence, pride, and unity in my profession!
Margaret Allen

ALIA – always passionate about causes. You have to belong if you care about the internet, censorship, copyright, free expression, and so much else.
Derek Whitehead

ALIA's first Board of Director Standing Committees were introduced in 2006 to strategically inform and guide the association's future; being part of this was both a pleasure and a reward.
Helen Partridge

ALIA were instrumental in helping us develop and distribute timely Cybersmart Guides for Library Staff and Families across Australia. It has been a pleasure to work closely with ALIA staff over the past five years. Congratulations on your 75th from ACMA Cybersmart.
Philip Knight