

LIBRARY TECHNICIANS



National Library Technicians Day round up

Once again National Library Technicians Day, this year held on Tuesday 26 May, was celebrated in a variety of ways across the country.

Australian Capital Territory – Colleen Gammage

ACT LibTech's celebrated Library Technicians Day with drinks and nibbles at CIT restaurant where they enjoyed an evening of 'social networking' with social media expert Stephen Collins of acidlabs. Stephen's interesting and inspirational presentation about 'Libraries and social media – better together' was followed by an informal but always motivational talk from Roxanne Missingham, current Parliamentary Librarian and past ALIA President in support of lib techs.

New South Wales – Jennifer Dyer

NSW celebrated National Library Technicians Day with a dinner at Liana's Restaurant & Bar at Parramatta with 16 in attendance. This venue was chosen as a central spot to allow members from ALIA Hunter and Wollongong to attend. Representatives from all library areas of the profession, including the Zenith employer organisation and RAECO, all joined together for a great night of social networking and camaraderie. ALIA sticky notes, membership forms, and a lucky door prize were donated through Niki Kallenberger, our ALIA Local Liaison Officer, who joined our apology list of 17. A great celebration evening was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

New South Wales, Coffs Harbour – Judy Atkinson

Library & Information Week 2009 saw the 10th anniversary of Library Technician Day celebrations in Coffs Harbour. Librarians, library technicians, and library assistants, along with volunteers from the region, all met for breakfast on Library Technicians Day. The gathering was well attended, with lucky door prizes, and other give-aways including a free library bag for everyone. Managers, as well as library staff from university, TAFE, schools,

and public libraries were all represented, with everyone ensuring they were back at their posts for the start of the day's activities. Library & Information Week is always a hectic time, and many book fairs, information sessions, author visits, and displays were planned for later in the day. The annual Library Technicians Day celebration provides us with a built-in opportunity to network within the library community in our region. With new staff in key positions in our area, we look forward to strengthening ties, and extending a warm welcome to all library staff to participate in ongoing information exchange across the various sectors.

Queensland – Trish D'Arcy

ALIA Qld Library Technicians Group gathered with our librarian colleagues on Monday 25th May for the Annual Trivia Night at the Irish Club in Brisbane. There were approximately 150 attendees and a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Kathryn Harding (ALIA Quorum) and the other volunteers on the night who made the evening progress well. Unfortunately, this year we did not announce a recipient for the ALIA Qld Library Technician of the Year [Recent Graduate] Award, as we did not receive any nominations. The committee are looking into ways to attract more interest in this award for next year, as the sponsors, Queensland Library Supplies, are very committed to its ongoing sponsorship.

Tasmania – Jennifer Johnson

A group of keen library technicians braved the cold morning to celebrate National Library Technicians Day with a breakfast get-together at Banjo's Bakehouse. As usual there was plenty of catching up with colleagues from different libraries as well as meeting and chatting with some new faces. After some warming coffees and discussion about different aspects of our jobs, it was time for the brave to face the cold and head off to work.

Victoria – Bradley O'Brien

Thirteen library folk gathered at the Prahran Hotel in the Melbourne suburb of Windsor on 26 May to celebrate National LT Day. The group consisted of people from academic, state, school, and special libraries, not to forget the Victorian gang from RAECO. A great evening was had by all who attended.

Western Australia – Sarah Cesare

The WA Library Technicians Group celebrated National Library Technicians' Day with our traditional breakfast. This year we ventured to Reveleys Café in the city. WA library technicians like to have fun and our breakfast was no exception. We welcomed some new faces and took the opportunity to enjoy the fantastic company, great conversation, and wonderful food. An enjoyable morning was had by all.

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National Library Technicians Day around the country



Pearls of wisdom: 30 years strong

Tuesday 26th May, 2009, The Robin Hood Hotel

On National Library Technicians Day, the South Australian Library Technicians (SALT) group held a dinner celebrating 30 years of gathering library technicians in SA. For the uninitiated, the 30th anniversary present is pearls, so this was our chosen theme, and some of the dinner guests even wore their pearls. Each place-setting had a laminated, double-sided place mat, displaying the menu and some photos from SALT activities over the years.

Twenty-eight people attended, including former lecturers and tutors from the Library Technician courses, some of the people who

