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# CONVENOR'S FOCUS

Encouraging applications for the HLA MedicalDirector Digital Health Innovation Award

• Change of date for digital health information services course • HLA PD Day diary date for 2019



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I can't believe we are only a few months into 2019 because the year for Health Libraries Australia has begun with a BANG!

Last edition I talked about our partnership with The University of Melbourne to bring you a Digital Health Information Services course (updates Health Librarianship Essentials) which will be run in semester two, 2019. Registrations are about to open and the exciting news is that on completion of the course ALIA members can receive a 10 percent reimbursement.

We are busy compiling a fantastic program for our PD Days in Melbourne which will occur on July 18-19 at Monash University Caulfield Campus. The plan is to have one day of conference style programming and a second day of hands on workshops. Pop these dates in the diary – you won't be disappointed.

Our partnership with MedicalDirector continues to grow and we are once again seeking applications for the Digital Health Innovation Award. Applications close late March and I encourage you to visit <https://www.alia.org.au/about-alia/awards-and-grants/357/hlamedicaldirector-digital-health-innovation-award> for more information. This award ties nicely into one of the featured articles about mobile technologies. I know at my place of work clinicians love their devices and apps so we are always keen to hear about other workplace settings and their use of technology.

Another feature article is about switching library sectors. I enjoy reading about why people make the switch to health libraries and how they've applied skills learnt in previous jobs to the role. If you have a great story to tell us about your journey get in touch with our Editor – I'm sure she'd love to hear from you.

There is also plenty of work happening behind the scenes – consumer health literacy, updating of our guidelines, more professional development events and additional searches related to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards so stayed tuned as these developments unfold.

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