

Convenor's Focus | April 2021

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It's amazing to look back and reflect on the year that was 2020 – a year of incredible heartache, but also more positively as a year of immense change. COVID opened up opportunities globally like never before and this is what the focus of 2021 will be for ALIA Health Libraries Australia.

In 2020 the online professional development (PD) events that we held were extremely popular. We were overwhelmed with the support given by presenters and attendees. This year we have decided to make it a jam packed year of online PD. In lieu of this decision and the rapidly changing environment we still face, it means our annual face to face conference will be postponed for 2021. We are hopeful that we will all be back together in 2022.

Over the preceding few months the ALIA HLA Executive have worked hard to bring together an incredible line up of PD events. See the calendar in this issue of *JOHILA* to find out more. We've teamed up with local and international presenters to bring you PD on topics such as expert searching, searching tools, research services, marketing, design, open access, advocacy and digital health. We hope to add some networking opportunities into the calendar too.

The ALIA HLA Executive are also holding a strategic planning day to map out our priorities. If you have suggestions on where you think HLA should focus its energy please let me know.

Otherwise please enjoy this fabulous issue of *JOHILA*. I love reading about other health libraries and the amazing initiatives, research and roles that occur in other organisations.

See you online soon, Gemma