

Convenor's Focus | August 2021

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The catch cry of "bring on 2021" for many across Australia has turned to "bring on 2022" when hopefully life might be a little more settled. The last few months have been very tough for many as lockdowns have occurred in almost every state and health libraries have once again pivoted services as staff work from home and juggle other commitments (such as homeschooling - the one I dread the most)!

HLA have continued to forge ahead behind the scenes and are excited to announce that Ann Ritchie has been appointed to a 12 month contract position as the HLA National Manager (Strategy and Co-ordination). HLA Executive ratified the need for such a position at our strategic planning day and the position was advertised soon after. We welcome Ann to the role and hope that this position will facilitate HLA in achieving the current strategic objectives. In particular the focus over the next 12 months will be on:

1. Education/Professional Pathways – HLA priorities
2. HLA Guidelines Review
3. Health Information Workforce
4. Strategic Partnerships & Collaborations

Our main focus for 2021 has been a series of online education sessions. These have continued to bring health librarians together on a range of different topics. We have been amazed that our workshops have sold out continually which has meant more have been added to fulfil demand. To stay up-to-date on what is available make sure you sign up to the aliaHEATH e-list. If you have ideas on what you would like to see featured in 2022 please email our Professional Development, Education and Training Portfolio Lead Angela: Angela.Smith@health.nsw.gov.au

Otherwise please enjoy this fantastic issue of *JoHILA*. I always find it inspiring to read about other health libraries and the amazing initiatives, events and research that occur in other organisations.

See you online soon, Gemma