



ALIA HLA Advisory Committee Annual Report 2020

December 2020

Membership

- There are 14 members of the HLA Executive: Gemma Siemensma (Convenor), Ann Ritchie (National Manager til March 2020), Meena Gupta (Secretary), Sharon Karasmanis (Treasurer), Jeanette Bunting, Kathleen Gray, Taryn Hunt, Jane Orbell-Smith, Rob Penfold, Rolf Schafer, Angela Smith, Daniel McDonald, Megan O'Connor, Tanja Ivacic-Ramljak.

Meetings

- HLA Executive met monthly by teleconference/zoom;
- The Executive's standard agenda covers the 5 portfolios: Professional Development, Education & Training; Partnerships & Collaborations; Membership; Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy; Publishing & Communications
- The HLA Publications Editorial Board (comprising members of the HLA Executive and representatives of the general membership) met twice in 2020.

Summary of main activities

- Professional Development, Education & Training. Events held:

HLA's national PD Day was postponed due to COVID. A one hour online event **Now, Next, Beyond COVID-19 – Health Librarians' Experiences** was held in July instead.

Following the success of the July event and a further postponement of our face to face event we held a three hour online event in November **Health Libraries Australia Seminar: Future Gazing – Innovation, Disruption, Transformation!**

Two **Automation tools for systematic searching** (advanced searching workshops) were held in October and December facilitated by Justin Clark. These were held online via Zoom and lasted 2 hours each.

- Partnerships & Collaborations

HLA is represented on the ALIA Specials group

HLA is a member of the research management group who are collaborating in the health information workforce education and workforce planning initiatives:

- The Health Information Workforce Census Research Management Committee



- Submitted 3 invited book chapters for the HIDDIN Digital Health Workforce publication (Working as a health librarian, Working as a health research information specialist, Competencies and accreditation).

- Membership

Social Media plan to engage with members was implemented. Weekly postings across numerous platforms occurring.

- Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy

The winner for the 2020 HLA/MedicalDirector Innovation Award is Daniel McDonald, Librarian Darling Downs Health, for his submission – ***Shoosh: a podcast about health libraries.***

The winner for the 2020 Anne Harrison Award is Ms Raechel Damarell, Dr Suzanne Lewis & Professor Jennifer Tieman for their project ***Improving the development and reporting of search filters: An e-Delphi study of international experts in the field.***

Funds given to Alice Anderson and Tanja Ivacic-Ramljak to research ***What Place has the Library Space? Lessons and reflections from COVID-19: a survey about physical library spaces***

In order to support clinicians, health librarians across Australia and internationally collaborated to produce some COVID-19 literature searches (found here: <http://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA/covid-19-live-literature-searches>) and a COVID-19 resources website (found here: <https://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA/covid-19-key-resources>)

HLA also conducted a Survey on Health Libraries responses to the COVID-19. Results available in *JOHILA* and presented at July PD event.

The Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) research concluded in 2019. A book chapter and article on the research were published in 2020. The live literature searches that accompanied these were updated in October 2020 and incorporate and reflect the NSQHS 2nd edition.

HLA is part of the collaboration with ALIA Public Libraries who received Australian Digital Health Agency funding for My Health Record education. Pilot studies began on this in 2019. There was a hiatus in 2020 but this project will kick off again in 2021.

Revision of the Health Libraries Australia ***Guidelines for Australian Health Libraries*** has begun and are due for completion in early 2021.

Article written for *Incite* demonstrating the value and work of HLA.

Representation on at the ALIA Scholarly Publishing Round Table – November 2020

Representation at ALIA's Special Libraries COVID event – December 2020

- Publishing & Communications
 - Launched the *Journal of Health information and Libraries Australasia*, taking over from *HLA News*, on Three issues published in the year (new OJS platform)
 - Appointed Daniel McDonald as new Editor of HLA Publications
 - 6 issues of HLA Alerts published
 - @HealthLibsAust has 252 Followers and is following 418;
 - HLA Communities has 171 members
 - HLA LinkedIn has 158 members
 - HLA Facebook has 106 likes
- Advice provided to the ALIA Board

Triannual reports submitted to ALIA Board to inform them regarding issues in health librarianship.

Brief comments about how this work has aligned with the ALIA Strategic Plan

Strategic Priorities

- Leadership and Advocacy
 - Collaboration with public libraries and the Australian Digital Health Agency on the My Health record
 - Collaboration with the LIS University sector in course development and delivery of the Digital Health Services Information subject.
 - MoUs with national and international associations
 - Health Information Workforce Alliance to progress collaborative advocacy in health information education and workforce planning
 - HLA Posters for Library and Information Week
- Members and Membership
 - Regular communications and publications within the framework of the HLA Communications Strategy and Social Media Plan
- Education and Professional Development
 - Competency-based education/training workshops and courses
 - PD Days and training events
- Future Proofing
 - Collaborative research (National Standards; Census of the Health Information Workforce, My Health Record) on which to base future advocacy and evidence-based policy
 - Health Information Workforce Census Research - census will be run again in 2021

Forward plans

- Issues, opportunities and challenges for the following year
 - Shaping ALIA's Future of education consultations and plan to ensure the tertiary education pathway as the basis of librarianship's continued recognition as a professional is secure, with ongoing specialisations offered through the professional association.
 - Postgraduate subject previously run through QUT and University of Melbourne to be reviewed. This falls into the broader Future of LIS discussion ALIA is undertaking.
 - Australian Health Library Guidelines are being reviewed and will be released in 2021
 - Research with ALIA Public Libraries and ADHA will continue into 2021 regarding consumer health literacy/digital inclusion/My Health record
- Proposed activities
 - PD Day in Brisbane in July or November (depending on restrictions)
 - HLA Executive Strategic Planning Day in early 2021
 - More Automation tools for systematic searching events to be held
 - Different online workshops to be held with international presenters (eg. Wichor Bramer)
 - Australian Evidence Based Librarianship Institute (AEBLI) to be held in 2021
- Awards to be presented:
 - HLA/MedicalDirector Informatics Innovation Award

Summary of the sector/topic

- The vision of Health Libraries Australia is that "all Australians benefit from health library and information professionals' expertise that is integral to evidence based health care"
- For more details of the work of the HLA group, see the HLA Home page:
<https://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA>.