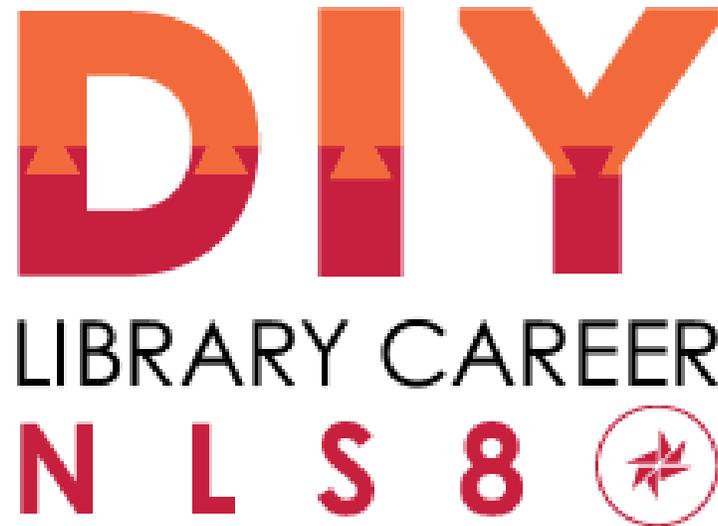


# How we built #NLS8

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...and why you should get involved in LIS committees



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## Humble beginnings

- ❖ Attendee and speakers @ NLS7
- ❖ Love of community
- ❖ Love of events
- ❖ Ideas of our own

# Born out of love and passion: building on the #NLS7 legacy

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We lunched



We met new people

We spruiked





We learnt new tools



We used the new tools

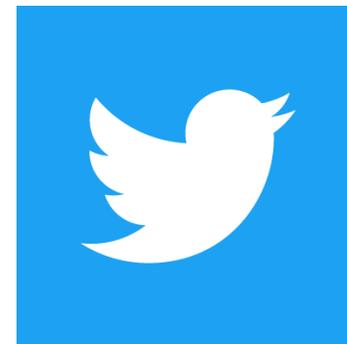
We networked (sucked up)! 😊😁



We came together from up and down the east coast

# Tapestry of collaborative platforms

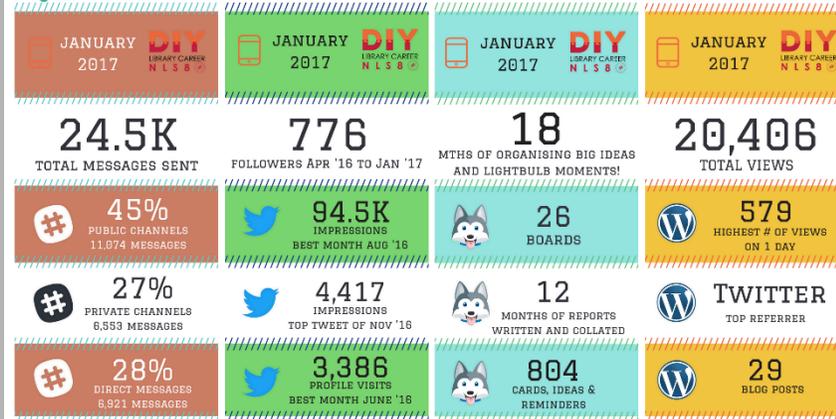
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# NLS8's collaboration connection and creation

ONLINE WORKPLACE OF

Online collaboration is at the heart of the 8th New Librarian's Symposium. Our team is spread across three states of Australia, and some of us have never even met! Using these collaborative tools, we have built a cohesive, inclusive team that tackles the challenges of event management with humour, support and GIFs!



AMY WALDUCK, GRATEL, STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND @AMYWALDUCK & SALLY TURBITT, CENTRAL COAST LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT @SALLYTURBITT

Amy Walduck & Sally Turbitt, 2017

<http://nls8.com/info-online-17/>



Got involved and created new things #auslibcat ;-)

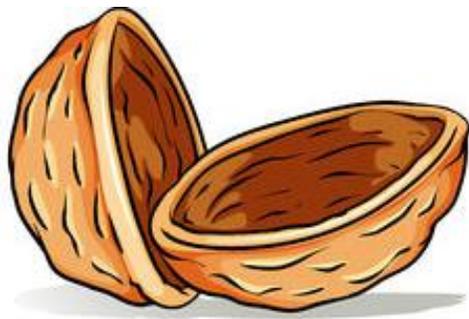
We threw ourselves into social media

We made fools of ourselves and loved it!



We laughed, a lot!

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- ❖ Solid ideas
  - ❖ Thorough planning
  - ❖ Negotiation
  - ❖ Networks
  - ❖ Experience/transferable skills
  - ❖ Communication
  - ❖ Many hands make light work
  - ❖ ALIA
  - ❖ Volunteers
  - ❖ Gifs, memes, reposts, #, emojis
  - ❖ Committee





<https://www.hklibconnect.org/blog/2017/7/6/hkclc-at-nls-the-new-librarians-symposium>



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# Unique things about NLS8

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- ❖ Warm
- ❖ Safe space
- ❖ Welcoming
- ❖ Hands-on
- ❖ Building a legacy
- ❖ Unsatisfactory catering?!! 😊😊😊



# Presentations and workshop content from NLS8:

[https://figshare.com/collections/8th ALIA New Librarians Symposium 2017 - proceedings/3735556](https://figshare.com/collections/8th_ALIA_New_Librarians_Symposium_2017_-_proceedings/3735556)



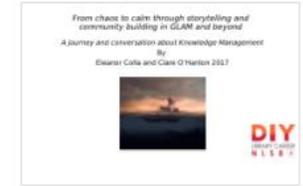
DIY video with smartphones  
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Kathryn Unsworth 18/07/2017



Dealing with change...like a boss  
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Team NLS8!



# The joys and pitfalls of being involved in LIS committees

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# Gaining experience you can't get in your day job or study

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- ❖ First jobs or changing jobs: *“We were looking for more experience in XYZ...”* – well, now you have it!
- ❖ Choose where you want to build your experience
- ❖ Building a broader view of the industry outside the doors of your workplace



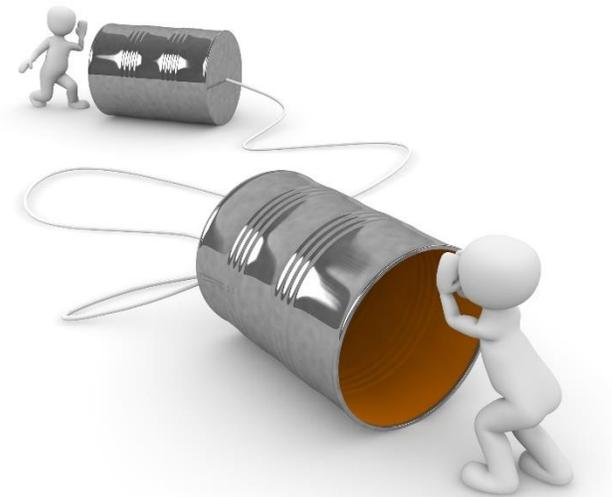
# Communicating with a range of personalities

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❖ Acceptance

❖ Empathy

❖ It's good practice!



# Pushing outside your comfort zone

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- ❖ Uncomfortable (by definition!) but good for you!
- ❖ The best way to learn
- ❖ Zone of proximal development



# Uncovering hidden industry knowledge

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- ❖ Many golden nuggets of knowledge are learnt **informally**
- ❖ Think icebergs – most of reality is hidden from plain sight
- ❖ Deep networking – finding your tribe



# This cliché: “Say YES to everything” Really?

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- ❖ Be wary of the idea that you should take every opportunity that comes your way
- ❖ If you usually struggle to break out of your shell, lean towards **saying YES**
- ❖ If you're prone to over-commitment, **BE SELECTIVE!**



# Giving back to the profession

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- ❖ We are stronger together
- ❖ It's our ethos – sharing knowledge!



# Cake!

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# Continue the conversation

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