


How we built #NLS8

...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



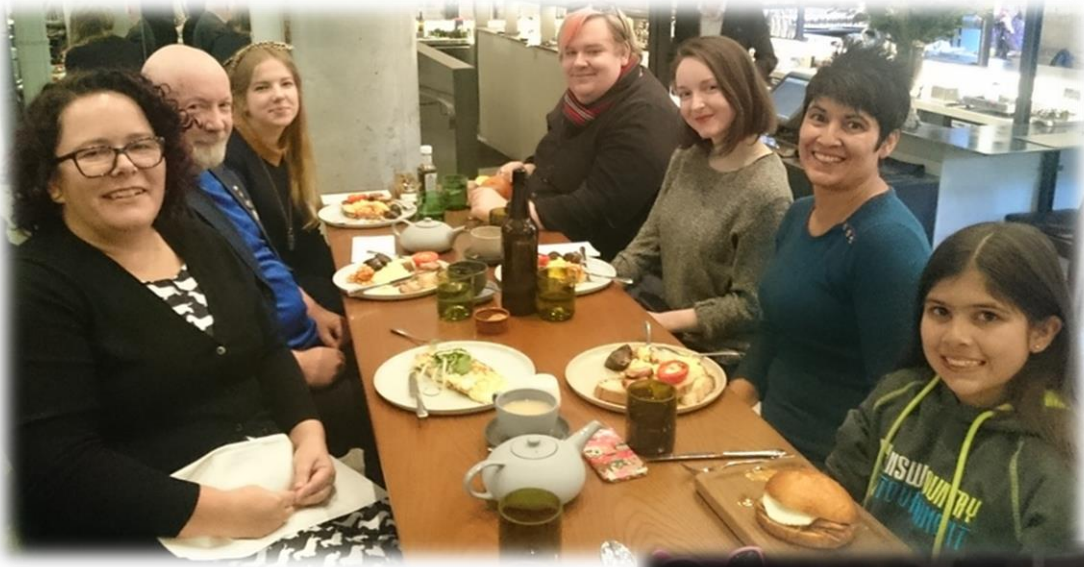
Born out of love and passion: building on the #NLS7 legacy



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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

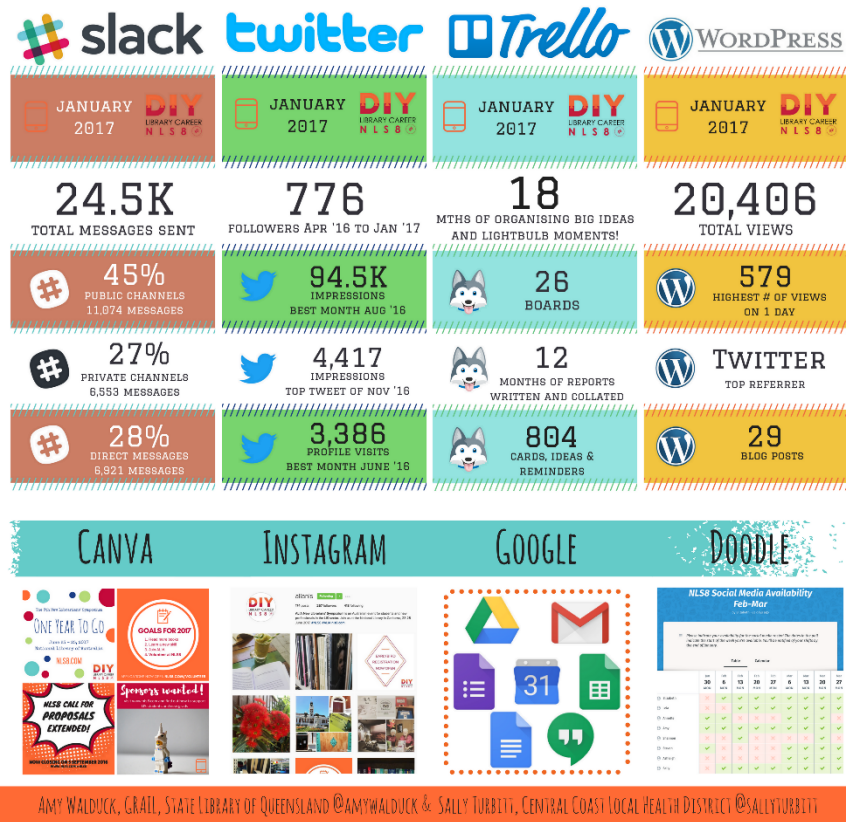


Tapestry of collaborative platforms



NLS8's collaboration connection ONLINE WORKPLACE OF and creation

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 & 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/hklc-at-nls-the-new-librarians-symposium>



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Unique things about NLS8

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



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Presentations and workshop content from NLS8:

https://figshare.com/collections/8th_ALIA_New_Librarians_Symposium_2017_-_proceedings/3735556

DIY video with smartphones Mare Maticevski 18/07/2017	New Librarians in Academia: Your data mystery adventure starts here Kathryn Unsworth & Karen Visser 18/07/2017	Dealing with change...like a boss Katrina Williams 18/07/2017	From chaos to calm through storytelling and community building in GLAM and beyond Clare O'Hanlon 18/07/2017
Introduction to the Library Carpentry Toolbox Carmi Cronje 18/07/2017	From Library Marketing to Library User Experience: My DIY Journey Edward Luca 18/07/2017	Hello, my name is Intern: Upskilling employees at the University of Adelaide Libraries Catherine Marais 18/07/2017	Who Do You Think You Are? Being genuine in the workplace Jennifer Nash 18/07/2017
'Origin of the species', or how an LIS professional is built Mary Carroll 12/07/2017	Prisoners have a right to information. Deborah Fuller 12/07/2017	Reviewing and Writing Papers for Publication Mary Anne Kennan 12/07/2017	Building volunteer networks that rock Jacinta Sutton 12/07/2017
Transforming UniSA Library's fixed service point to proactive virtual services... Wayne Shephard 12/07/2017	Reading between the Wines Laura Caygill 12/07/2017	In It to Win It - From new grad to early career librarian Diane Ingram 12/07/2017	But I don't want to code! Three emerging IT skills for librarians (ot...) Sam Searle 12/07/2017

Team NLS8!



The joys and pitfalls of being involved in LIS committees



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

- ❖ 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

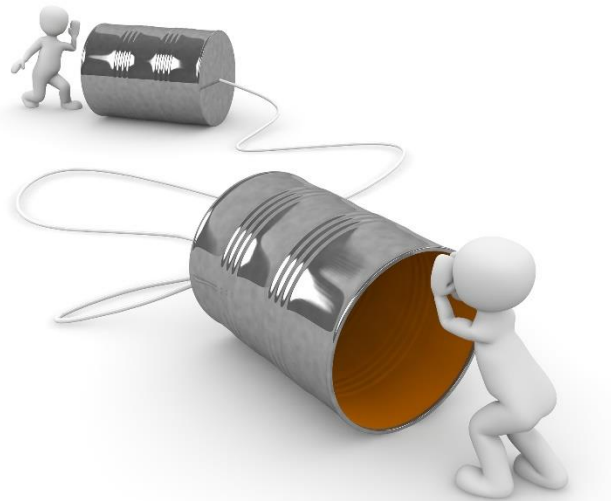


Communicating with a range of personalities

❖ Acceptance

❖ Empathy

❖ It's good practice!



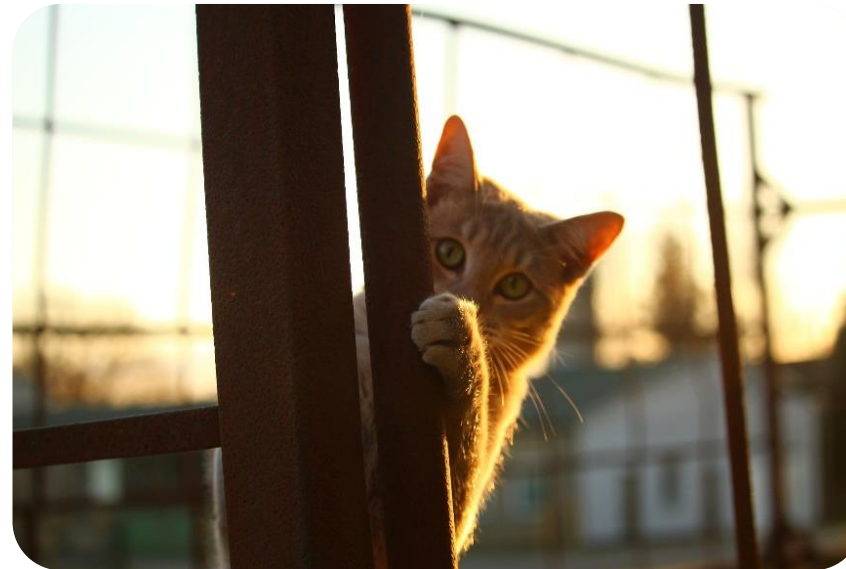
Pushing outside your comfort zone

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



Uncovering hidden industry knowledge

- ❖ 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?

- ❖ 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

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



Cake!



Continue the conversation

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