

## Convenor's Focus | December 2022

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The end of the year is fast approaching and I hope that everyone takes a well deserved break to recoup and recover from yet another tumultuous year for those in health libraries. COVID pressures continued and library staff continued to do amazing work in very tense and fluctuating environments. Well done on your tremendous efforts.

November saw the return of the HLA Conference face-to-face and that was very exciting! The networking opportunities were most welcomed and it was lovely to reconnect with people and meet new colleagues. Thanks to our incredible sponsors for their support, our fabulous speakers, the staff at Westmead Hospital Library for hosting us and the amazing organising committee who pulled it all together. We have uploaded the slides from the presenters to the HLA website <https://hla.alia.org.au/videos/> so check them out for some 2023 inspiration!

We are busy planning for 2023 which includes another smorgasboard of online lunchtime sessions as well as the relaunch of the Health, Law and Special libraries conference. The Asia-Pacific Health, Law and Special libraries conference will take place as a virtual event on 13, 14 & 15 June 2023. It will be an opportunity to join delegates from Australia, New Zealand and beyond as we connect over common interests, explore future trends and learn from the experiences of library professionals throughout the world. The call for papers is now out and closes early January so please consider submitting an abstract <https://www.alia.org.au/EventDetail?EventKey=HLSC>

Collaborative work has continued with the ALIA Professional Pathways project. HLA made a submission as did many other concerned health library professionals. Please take the time to read these <https://professionalpathways.alia.org.au/submissions/>. More consultations will occur in 2023 so keep abreast of what's happening and get involved.

See you online in 2023!

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