

## EDITORIAL

I am truly delighted to bring to you my last JoHILA issue, to see it come to fruition has been very exciting and, while a steep learning curve, I am confident that Daniel will continue to develop and grow it into the publication we all envision for our profession.

It was mid-2017 when I took a leap and submitted an article to then “HLA News” after being fortunate enough to attend the HLA PD days in my hometown, Perth. I remember feeling both excited and nervous, and not just a little out of my depth as a fresh LIS graduate. I didn’t know many people at all, so I picked a table and sat next to Gemma Siemensma. I felt so relieved when my newbie questions were kindly received and answered. I knew I’d come to the right place.

As it would happen, HLA News needed an Editor, and I was in the right place at the right time to accept the role. Without this, I have no doubt I wouldn’t be where I am now. The role has introduced me to so many people through the Executive Board and enabled me to attend interstate PD Days (in less pandemic-y times!), all in all, a unique opportunity to fast track a health library career and expand my horizons.

In this farewell, I want to thank several people.

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- Gemma Siemensma for her inspirational leadership,
- Helen Giltrap for her exemplary proof-reading,
- Jojo Fuller produced HLA News for many years and was instrumental in other ways behind the scenes.

I hope to see some of you later in the year at our PD Days, should they be able to go ahead.

Taryn.