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I can't believe we are only a few weeks into 2020 because it feels like 2019 was a decade ago...

There are lots of exciting changes happening behind the scenes with ALIA HLA and hopefully you've noticed straight away that it begins with *HLA News* transitioning to *Journal of Health Information and Libraries Australasia* (*JoHILA*). You can check out the new Journal homepage here: www.johila.org

JoHILA publishes articles about health library and information research and practice in the Australasian region. *JoHILA* aims to record and showcase developments, progress, and achievements of health librarians and health library and information services in Australasia. *JoHILA* recognises that we are part of an international community, and seeks to advance knowledge about health library and information research and practice to improve health and wellbeing in our region.

If you are keen to be publish in *JoHILA* we would love to hear from you. Visit the website to find out more. A huge thanks goes to Taryn Hunt for her hard work and dedication in making the transition seamless. It has been many years in the making!

We closed 2019 with a bang. This involved the completion of the first intake of students in the Digital Health Information Services course run in partnership with The University of Melbourne. Feedback has been excellent and we are looking at how this subject can be run in 2020 so stay tuned for updates.

There were also some fantastic Julie Glanville events held in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Attendees walked away with some new knowledge and a long list of things to "chase up"!

Now we look ahead to 2020. We have locked in a venue and location for our PD Days. This year we are headed to Brisbane where the fabulous University of Queensland will host us on July 16-17 at the St Lucia Campus. More information will be available soon so stay tuned.

The PD Day coincides with the presentation of the MedicalDirector Digital Health Innovation Award. Applications close late March and I encourage you to visit <https://www.alia.org.au/about-alia/awards-and-grants/357/hlamedicaldirector-digital-health-innovation-award> for more information.

There is also plenty of work happening behind the scenes – consumer health literacy, updating of our guidelines, more professional development events and additional searches related to the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards so stayed tuned as these developments unfold.

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