

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)
and
the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA)
December, 2009**

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to set out the relationship between the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA).

Background

The Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) is the peak body representing the Australian library and information services sector. It seeks to empower the profession in the development, promotion and delivery of quality library and information services to the nation, through leadership, advocacy and mutual support. ALIA represents the interests of 6,000 members, the profession and Australia's 12 million library users.

The Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA) was established in 1969 and has grown from an informal group of six interested law librarians to a national association with over 700 members in all states and territories. ALLA represents librarians and information professionals working in courts, universities, government departments, law firms and professional associations. The Association aims to promote and provide a national focus for law librarianship and to support the interests of law libraries, collections and legal information services to both legal and public communities.

Agreement

Each organisation will:

- offer the other organisation's members a discounted rate for their events, including conferences and workshops
- work cooperatively in areas of mutual benefit and interest to each organisation
- collaborate on professional development opportunities
- share knowledge and take joint action where appropriate on issues relating to advocacy
- bear sole financial responsibility for its activities
- communicate with the other organisation three (3) times a year (usually via teleconference) to discuss this Memorandum of Understanding

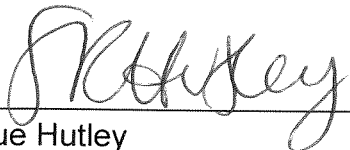
Communication

Functional responsibility for the relationship and for communication will be between the President) of ALLA and the Executive Director (or President) of ALIA.

Duration

This agreement will initially be reviewed after it has been in place for one year from the date of signing.


We, as the Executive Director and or Presidents of each organisation mentioned above and on behalf of the members of our organisations, agree to these terms and by signing this document signal our commitment to developing and maintaining a close working relationship between ALIA and ALLA.



Sue Hutley
Executive Director
Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA)

4 Jan 2010

Date



Leanne Cummings
President
Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA)

28 JAN 2010

Date