

Word from the new editor

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As the new editor of *Health Inform*, it is with much pleasure that I have been involved in bringing this issue of the journal to you. The new editorial team will draw upon the considerable experience of Jo Wishart, as well as the newest Health Libraries Inc. (HLI) committee member, Kit Kavanagh-Ryan.

In uncertain economic times, health libraries must place a premium on providing maximum value through collaborative initiatives. In this spirit, Di Horrigan and Cathy Gatt deliver the latest update on Victorian Health Libraries Consortium activities that bring about collective outcomes for its member organisations.

This example stands in a long and proud tradition of cooperation between Australian health libraries and their professional associations. A rich history of this is storied in impressive depth through Veronica Delafosse's feature article on the metamorphosis of Victorian health libraries prior to the turn of the century.

Catherine Voutier brings back her overseas experiences to report on the four-day Oxford University course on teaching evidence-based medicine. Continuing the wrap of events, the editorial team reflects on key lessons from the VALA 2016 conference for health librarians, and the popular PD Days jointly hosted by HLI and Ovid.

From the academic health library world, Sarah Howard offers her thoughts on participating in the second iteration of the online Health Librarianship Essentials course. Lastly, we look to the present day and future for systems librarians in health libraries, gaining insights from an interview with Duncan Pilcher.

I would also like to thank former editor Angela Morais for all her work and wish her the best of luck in her leading role in co-organising this year's Health Libraries Inc. conference, which will be held on Friday 21st October 2016 at the State Library of Victoria.