President's Report

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What has happened so far...

September Council in Perth was a terrific and extremely productive weekend, especially for the ALSA Committee. The discussions in September unearthed a significant desire for an expansion of the practical and tangible resources and materials that ALSA can provide to the nations LSS/LSA's. Following on from Perth, the Committee have shown an amazing drive and enthusiasm to achieve our goals and targets for our term and have been working hard despite a lot of the committee venturing out across the globe over the holiday period and beyond. The team is focused moving towards February Council, and with the renewed sense of motivation and concentration that inevitably follows each council meeting, I feel extremely positive moving towards Conference in July and the work that will be continually put into making it excellent.

The discussion at September Council on expanding and altering the practical resources ALSA provides, as well as the way they are distributed, provided the Committee with a number of actionable items to achieve before February. Most notably, was the creation of 'Best Practice Guides' for areas like sponsorship, a perpetual document of previous minutes and discussion points, a rebranding of the ALSA Knowledge Sharing Facebook group, and the creation of an ALSA Practical Resource Drop Box. I have been working closely with individual committee members to make sure that have been on track to achieve these targets, and the Committee has done brilliantly to be in position to present the updates on these, having worked hard to complete them.

Personally, I have made it a focus of my term to increase transparency and accountability between the committee and council, through more and consistent direct communication and updates. This has been present in the ALSA Monthly Email Updates that you have been receiving, detailing the progress and work each month. Further, to prevent any disconnect between the ALSA Committee and the ALSA Conference Committee, the Conference Committee have been attending all of the internal ALSA Committee meetings and providing their own updates and reports during them.

Beyond the Committee itself, I have spent a considerable amount of time communicating and liaising with a number of wonderful people from the wider legal world who will be involved with ALSA throughout the year. This includes the tremendous Jessie Porteous from the Learned Crew, and Terri Mottershead from the Centre for Legal Innovation. I have also been in contact with the Presidents of ELSA and NZLSA, with the idea of continuing to develop our relationship with them.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

Between February and July, I plan on working even closer with the Conference Team and the Executive to ensure that everything is in place for Conference, with a heavy emphasis on making sure that the competitions are suitably and sufficiently organised, with judges and rooms for every round.

I will also continue to contact and communicate a number of people regarding their involvement and attendance at Conference in July, including the other national Law Student Associations to encourage their attendance and participation.

Finally, I will look to build on the continued increase in practical resources that will come from the upcoming February Council, and work with the Committee on an individual level to assist and ensure the completion of the next group of targets.

I hope that you enjoy February Council, and take a lot away from it for the rest of your term, and the year moving forward. The Committee has put considerable effort into making February as beneficial and worthwhile as possible, and Christina has done a magnificent job in improving the overall structure of the weekend and its social events!

If you have any feedback or anything you would like to discuss with me, or the ALSA Committee, please contact us at any time, we love to hear from you! I look forward to meeting you all in Sydney and beyond!

Administration Report

Name: Margaret Cai

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Since September...

I took over the role of VPA from Jess in October. I familiarised myself with Constitutional requirements and set up arrangements for Committee meetings to be held every three weeks. In our first month of tenure, I emailed out the minute digests and minutes from September Council 2018 and conducted a circular motion for UTS' bid for February Council.

Since then, I have committed my time to achieving outcomes relating to both ALSA procedure and the preservation of institutional ALSA knowledge. I have reviewed, re-written and arranged the 9 sets of meeting minutes from 2016, to create a compiled digest of the last three years, structured by topic. This follows prevailing sentiment over the years that ALSA Councils tend to re-tread discussion points.

Over the last few years, ALSA's internal procedure and policy have also required re-energising. I have created an introductory guide for future February and September Convenors, as well as a template for Best Practices Guides, which will both be subject to ongoing refinement this year. Will (Sponsorship Officer) and I have collaborated to produce a first draft of a Sponsorship Best Practices Guide, which will be published at February Council.

Within the Committee, I have additionally begun gathering handover documents from each respective role with the intention of creating an interactive internal handover system to ensure that both knowledge is not lost from year-to-year, and that each tenure can assume their roles more efficiently.

Prior to February Council, I will begin to prepare standing orders, SGM motions, organising the agenda and the distribution of Council Packs.

The Administration Portfolio's wider focus so far this tenure has been on streamlining activities. Amy (IT Officer) and Georgina have generally been autonomous in the trajectory of their roles. Amy has worked on ALSA's website and explored ALSA apps, and Georgina is looking to make the Competition questions bank easier to navigate.

What will happen between now and July Conference?

I have certain priorities leading up to the July Conference. Besides continuation of the above tasks, I will deliver the minutes and minute digest from February Council. Following February Council, I will also work with Amy to update both the internal and public ALSA contact lists. I will further review the Constitution and By-Laws and prepare any necessary changes for motions to be put forward at July Conference. During February Council, I will also collate topics for Virtual Knowledge Sharing sessions and organise for them to be hosted. Erin and I will work closely with other committee members to ensure registrations open and details of Conference are settled in a timely manner.

Competitions Officer Report

Name: Georgina Due

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Since September...

I took over the role of Competitions Officer from Max in September.

I spent the first part of my tenure familiarising myself with the position and brainstorming ways in which the portfolio could grow. It was my impression that the relative youth of this role meant there was great potential for expansion. To set the wheels in motion, I have started implementing some new initiatives of my own, but I also look forward to expanding this list following discussions regarding the needs of law societies at February council.

In the meanwhile, I have begun by creating an index for all the questions in the Problems Bank so those with access can more easily sort through the questions and identify the most relevant documents at a glance. This also serves an important long-term objective because each year the Problems Bank grows with submissions and it becomes more difficult to wade through the number of questions. The index will include an overview of information about the problem question, including the date it was submitted, submitting university, a difficulty rating and a brief summary of facts.

I have also sent out instructions to gain access to the Problem Bank. This year submissions are due 17th of February, but otherwise the submission requirements remain the same.

Finally, with the help of Max, the competitions by-laws have been reviewed and some adjustments have been made to the appeals process.

By July Conference...

Based on the discussions that take place at February Council, I hope to identify initiatives that would be useful to the competitions representatives in each university and begin to implement these by July Conference.

IT Report

Name: Amy Shao Position: IT Officer E-mail: it@alsa.asn.au

What has happened so far...

Since taking over the IT Portfolio from Pat last year in October, I have been working on the following tasks:

- Setting up Gmail and Slack access for the ALSA Committee
- Carrying out updates on the ALSA Website (alsa.asn.au) and mailing lists
 - This has largely consisted of updates to website information, as provided by the ALSA committee, plus some updates to contact emails for LSS/A's as requested by emails or through the website (see dot points below).
 - o If you would like to **update your LSS/A's details** (see <u>alsa.asn.au/memberassociations</u> for current details), please email <u>it@alsa.asn.au</u> or use the button at the bottom of the web-page.
- Working with the Finance Portfolio to explore options to streamline ticketing and integrate it more closely with Xero, ALSA's budgeting software.
 - ALSA's current ticketing platform (TicketTailor) is integrated with Xero via the use of Zapier, allowing for automated creation of invoices, reducing the need for manual management
- Revitalisation of the ALSA Knowledge Dropbox
 - Status: Awaiting some final tweaks, but should be ready by Council. Find it at: alsa.asn.au/dropbox (password is president2019).
 - o In the meantime, feel free to email any resources you want to share with other LSS/A's to it@alsa.asn.au!
- Building, updating and maintaining the February Council App (TeamApp)
 - This is a cost-effective option which brings together many of the requested features from a Conference App

Excitingly, I've also been looking into options to use an application for ALSA's Councils and Conferences this year (**Conference App**)! This has consisted of a process of seeking options, getting quotes and the overall evaluation by the committee in order to select the service provider. At this time, I am still awaiting confirmation from the Finance Portfolio and hosting committee to see if the app can fit into the Conference budget before it is officially confirmed.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

While the most obvious item to complete is building, populating and maintaining the Conference App and maintenance of the Dropbox, I'm also aiming to look at creating two guides which may be of use to LSS/A's.

1. Discounts/Free Software for Non-Profits/Charities

Many websites offer discounted pricing for non-profits and charities, which LSS/A's can benefit from using. Examples include: TeamWeek – Project management software; Zapier – Automated workflows; Xero – Accounting software; Google Suite — Email, Storage; Canva Premium — Online graphics design

2. How-to-set-up Guide

Tips for setting up and using services such as: (List is open to suggestions!) Google Admin; Squarespace; Slack; Zoom

Finance Report

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What has happened so far...

In the initial two months after taking over the role of VPF from Courtney, I attended to the tasks requiring immediate attention, including acceptance of 2017 tax return, signing of 2017 financial accounts, payment of overdue invoices and organising reimbursements after September council. I introduced myself to Chi Kee, our accountant at Chi Berkowitz, and have established a great working relationship. I have also organised the transfer of the bank accounts from Courtney and Georgia to Max and myself.

In relation to our financial obligations, I reviewed the 2017 tax return and financial accounts that were prepared by Chi. The audit required for ASIC is being conducted, and I do not expect there to be any issues. In the meantime, I have worked with Louie from Chi Berkowitz to complete our quarterly BASs and pay related to tax liabilities as soon as possible. I have worked extensively with Erin on the Conference 2019 budget, ensuring that all of Erin and the Conference team's ideas can be achieved within the budget. We have decided and approved all social event locations and accommodation and deposits have been paid. We are hoping to have prices for Conference ready to be released at February Council.

As part of moving ALSA away from excel and being more innovative, I worked with Amy (IT Officer) to find platforms that would provide ALSA with registration and ticketing capabilities, but also integrate with Xero (accounting software). After much research, Amy and I decided to go with Ticket Tailor and Zapier. Having run the first test run of Ticket Tailor, it can now automatically produce Xero invoices.

Alison (Marketing Officer) and Will (Sponsorship Officer) have been working autonomously on their own portfolio's. Alison has been working on a potential 40th anniversary logo for Conference, as well as meeting current sponsor obligations by posting on social media. Will has been working on the Sponsorship Prospectus for 2019 and the Sponsorship Best Practice Guide, as well as liaising with Erin and the Conference team for Conference specific sponsorship requirements.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

In the next months, will work closely with Erin and the Conference team to ensure that payment obligations are met. I will also be working with Amy and Erin to tweak Ticket Tailor to meet the great demands of Conference ticketing and prepare for Conference registration payments to start coming through. As we are planning on selling individual social event tickets, I will be updating Xero cost centres and account codes to account for this.

Xero has accumulated a large range of contact, most of whom are no longer valid. In the next few months I will be cleaning up Xero contact list. I will also work with Marge to update current contacts,

to ensure that all invoices are correctly addressing people and are being received via email (I've had one affiliation invoice bounce back).

I will also be working with Chi to ensure that our financial obligations are up to date this year and ensure that the ASIC audit is completed before our next financial year completes. Further to this, our insurance lapses in February, and I will be liaising with our contact to renew this.

Marketing Officer Report

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What has happened so far...

Welcome to Marketing!

This year I have the fun job of creating content for all portfolios on the ALSA Committee and will be assisting Erin Ritchie in marketing (what is looking to be a fantastic) July Conference! My role has been smooth sailing since I began in October as a majority of my work has been either planning or liaising. In particular, I have been in regular contact with our Sponsorship and IT Officers and Vice-President of Finance. Between spending my time on Facebook and Canva, I am in the early stages of preparing our first E-Newsletter for the year which I hope to send out mid-February.

Conference Marketing

I have been working closely with Erin and her Conference team to plan a rough timeline of how I can assist in promoting Conference on ALSA's social media platforms. Principally, this will be achieved through the re-branding of the ALSA Conference Facebook page (by updating its profile picture, cover photo and page details) and through regular posts and events. Erin and I have also been discussing the creation of a Conference logo that features ALSA's 40th Anniversary. Initially, I thought this would be a relatively easy Canva job, however, I soon realised it required more thought; I hope to have this done by the end of February.

February Council

Currently, I am in the process of creating the Facebook event for ALSA February Council and have been working with the Convenor, Christina Knezevich, to ensure details are accurate.

ALSA Facebook Groups

Upon the advice of Max and with the help of Amy, I created a new Facebook 'ALSA Knowledge Sharing Space' and changed the name of the existing one to 'ALSA Alumni Knowledge Sharing Space'. The idea here is to create a new discussion group for incoming Law Society members and councillors.

Sponsorship

Another part of my role is to ensure that all sponsored posts are scheduled. Our Sponsorship Officer, William Vu, has been fantastic in relaying information and content from our sponsors. There was a discussion in regards to boosting our sponsored posts on Facebook (i.e. paying to increase the reach). However, we agreed that for now, this isn't necessary as we have a solid organic reach.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

Between now and July, I will be focussing on creating content to schedule in the weeks leading up to Conference. I will also be preparing an online version of the Delegates' Guide that will feature on our website. In terms of sponsorship, I imagine our sponsored posts will increase over the next few months

as we enter Graduate and Clerkship Application season. During this time, it will be important that I schedule our posts effectively so that they all get enough traction.

Lastly, one great recommendation Christina made during handover was to upgrade ALSA's Canva subscription to a premium account. Not only would this give us access to better design, but it would also give us the benefit of being able to download high-quality graphics. I'll assess how worthwhile a monthly or yearly subscription is while I try it.

I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone in February! In the meantime, if you have any questions related to Marketing feel free to drop me an email.

Sponsorship Report

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What has happened so far...

After a handover from Arvin in October, it was time to familiarise myself with everything Sponsorship!

One of the first things I did was invite all LSS/LSAs to contact me should they wish to discuss their respective sponsorship efforts, and am glad to have received numerous emails from across the country – it was exciting to see what LSS/LSAs were planning to do in 2019, and am looking forward to seeing them executed after a successful sponsorship period.

I have also been working closely with Erin Ritchie and her team to assist in the sponsorship aspects of Conference 2019, including locking in further sponsors for the competitions and social events, well as paving the way towards executing sponsorship obligations of the major Conference sponsor, ANU GDLP.

I have also reviewed and undertaken a major redesign of the ALSA Sponsorship Prospectus, working across multiple portfolios to ensure a wide range of inputs and so execution of any sponsorship obligations will be seamless throughout 2019. I have also begun consolidating sponsorship information into a single spreadsheet, so that we are able to keep track of ALSA's obligations in 2019 and beyond. The Prospectus has been sent out, and I am in the ongoing process of negotiations and locking in sponsorship for 2019.

ANU GDLP has since confirmed their sponsorship of ALSA February Council in Sydney, where they will lead a presentation on a legal topic of interest to LSS/LSAs and their members (as well as give away freebies!).

Following from Max's email late in 2018, I have since worked on the Best Practice Guide for Sponsorship as a way to consolidate several years' worth of Council discussion on this topic, as well as providing general tips and tricks for both sourcing and executing sponsorship obligations.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

I will primarily be assisting Erin and her team in preparing for and executing ALSA's sponsorship obligations at Conference. I will also continue executing our other sponsorship obligations.

Education Report

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What has happened so far...

Since taking over from Mardi in October I have been finalising a few outstanding matters such as the SSAF guide and working with Maddy, Petra and Briony to shape the portfolio for 2019.

The SSAF guide is the final result of the work done by Mardi in 2018, and will provide guidance and templates to assist LSS/As in engaging with their university's and the Department of Education. The final version of the guide with Mardi and I compiled in September is currently being branded and should be available on the website shortly.

There has been a consistent call through councils for more involvement between the three councils. Last year knowledge sharing sessions were instated, led out of the Administration portfolio, this year the education team are looking at how we can build upon these sessions and develop tools for greater interaction. As a starting point, I have been talking to Will about providing a sponsorship masterclass which would be more structured than the knowledge sharing sessions and would complement the best practice guide.

Recently I have been working with Max to establish the ALSA working group we committed to in September. Prior to February council I will be seeking views from LSS/As on issues they would like this group to investigate to assist in drafting terms of reference. At council I will seek to have a discussion on this topic prior to seeking calls for nominations.

More broadly, the Education Portfolio have been developing our workplan for the rest of the term which we will seek council's input on. Briony has been working closely with Erin in relation to the provision of Mental Health First Aid and has begun updating the Public Interest & Public Sector Careers Guide. Petra is focused on building resources to assist RRRB LSS/As such as the development of a skills guide, showcasing the unquie skills that the RRRBs foster in their students. Madeleine meanwhile has been finalising the work of Rhiannon on the Academic Journal and continuing collaboration discussions with counterparts in Asia and Europe.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

My primary focus will be establishing the working group, including finalising membership, reporting dates and the terms of reference. I hope to have this completed by early March with the group then free to independently work on their report and recommendations.

In addition to establishing the working group, I will work with the rest of the ALSA Committee to develop the best practice guides requested and begin an investigation of the employment reality for graduates and how this correlates to their engagement at university. I will also continue to work with the Education team and Committee to provide more interaction with LSS/As between council events.

Education Officer (Students and Community) Report

Name: Petra Perlitz Position: Education Officer

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Since September...

I took over the role of Education Officer (Students and Community) from Esther. Since then, I have familiarised myself with the RRRB Officer's 15 key action points raised in 2017. I have also considered the actions Esther undertook in 2018 to implement these key action points.

The RRRB Partnership was aimed at raising awareness of the identified issues in the 2017 report with state and territory law societies and finding solutions to address these issues. Unfortunately, due to the minimal response from the legal community, I have decided to adopt Esther's recommendations and change tact.

This year I'll be focusing on a 'grass-roots' approach to raising awareness and building strategies to counter some of the barriers faced by students from RRRB universities. I'll be doing this through a 'Strengths Guide' which aims to provide a framework for assessing and building the key attributes of RRRB LSS/As and their student demographics. This approach aims to refine the strengths each LSS/A has and to improve their profile with the local legal community. As such, I have created the first iteration of the Strengths Guide with a case study to use as an exemplar. I plan to present the draft guide at February Council for feedback.

Furthering this, I'll be modifying the original RRRB Partnership to model the current Special Committee of Law Students' Societies (SCLSS) which is a largely successful board of LSS/As in NSW which collectively plan intervarsity events and address state-based law student issues. I will be presenting a Memorandum of Understanding that LSS/As which will provide the foundations for partnering and mentoring new and emerging LSS/As. Furthermore, I have also begun to approach state and territory law societies to initiate discussions on how they can facilitate stronger partnerships between local LSS/As and the wider legal community.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

Based on the feedback received on the Strengths Guide and the M.O.U., I plan to further refine these documents in order to better assist LSS/As to continue to build stronger relationships and communities. Additionally, I will continue discussions with state and territory law societies and student bodies to begin to implement or facilitate any agreed partnerships.

Education Officer (Higher Education) Report

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What has happened so far...

I have completed the 2018 Academic Journal, which was an outstanding item from the 2017-18 Committee. This has involved ensuring that all our sponsorship obligations from last year are satisfied, as well as including a piece from the Asian Law Students' Association (for the first time). This Journal should shortly be published and will finalise the outstanding commitments for the portfolio.

Last year's committee broadened our relationship with the Asian Law Students' Association through their inclusion in our Academic Journal. From the start of my tenure I have worked at building this relationship as a way of increasing the exposure of our students work and providing them with international perspectives on the law. As a consequence, I am working with the Asian Law Students' Association and the European Law Students' Association at creating an International Journal. We have engaged in several preliminary discussions in respect to the peer review process, publication and timelines. Together we are continuing to devise a Memorandum of Understanding so that we may proceed with this initiative.

I have also continued to engage in discussions with the larger Education Portfolio, where we have brainstormed ideas for how this Committee can assist its members. In particular, in my portfolio we have discussed the idea of advocating for different teaching styles within University but are awaiting consultation with members at February Council before taking action on any items.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

I will continue to liaise with the Asian Law Students Association and the European Law Students Association to prepare the International Academic Journal.

I will also be responsive and action the initiatives developed at February Council for the Education Portfolio.

Careers Officer Report

Name: Briony Whyte Position: Careers Officer E-mail: careers@alsa.asn.au

What has happened so far...

I took over the Careers portfolio from Simon Ogden in October 2018. Since then I have committed to:

- 1. editing and updating the 2015 'Public Interest and Public Sector Careers Guide'; and
- 2. planning and facilitating a Mental Health First Aid Training course to be run the day before July Conference begins.

Public Interest and Public Sector Careers Guide (Guide)

The Guide as it currently stands is quite out of date, and requires consideration as to the featured firms and organisations. I have prepared a Content Proposal to raise with the Council in February, where I will be seeking advice as to which firms and organisations the Council would like to see included in the Guide, and which they think should be left out. I have sought the advice of the Treasurer in relation to my proposed publishing software, Lucidpress, which I have previous experience using. To assist with the research and drafting for the Guide I have enlisted the assistance of two final year law students based here in WA: Amy Bradley, who is the Immediate Past President of the Notre Dame Law Students' Society, and Vuma Phiri, the 2018 Director of Equity and Wellbeing for the Curtin Law Students' Society.

Mental Health First Aid Training

ALSA is teaming up with Legal Super to plan and facilitate a Mental Health First Aid Training course for interested July Conference attendees. The training will be a Legal Profession Specific program, run through Mental Health First Aid Australia. Since October I have met with Sue-Ellen Soulie of Legal Super a number of times, to discuss dates, locations and sponsorship. The decision has been made to facilitate and run the program, with Legal Super's assistance to source sponsors for the participating students. It is intended that we will have capacity for up to 40 students, and will seek sponsorship from six or seven firms Australia-wide. The training will be held on Thursday 4 July in Melbourne, so that interested parties can arrive one day early and undertake the training before attending the annual Conference.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

Between now and July I intend to:

- assist Legal Super to source and finalise sponsors for Mental Health First Aid Training;
- book rooms at the Conference venue to host the training;
- advertise the program and take expressions of interest on a first-come, first-served basis, in order to fill up to 40 seats for the training;
- seek student and professional input into the content of the Guide (i.e. resume tips, volunteering experience articles and professional bios); and
- prepare a bare bones (i.e text only) draft of the firm and organisation focus pieces for the Guide.

Conference 2019 Report

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What has happened so far...

Since September Council, we have continued to put together the building block of Conference. We have held planning days with the Conference team, phone conversations with the members and engaged with external parties to continue to put together the 40th Anniversary Conference. Highlights include:

- Expand the Conference Committee to recruit Competition Director and Conference Administration
- Obtain quotes for Equity Lunch and Innovation Panel Event
- Reach out to the Legal Forecast and Legal Institute of Victoria
- Begin sourcing sponsorship for Conference Competitions and events
- Worked with Amy to investigate options for a Conference app and Conference registration app to increase attendees experience
- Worked with Alison on Conference Marketing
- Investigate the options to improve the judges registration process
- Worked with Amanda to created budget for Conference as well as to diversify ticketing and registration options
- begun collating information for Conference registration information
- Source quotes for photographers, gifts for judges, entertainment at competitions and other incidentals

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

As we continue to move towards Conference, actions will exponentially grow in volume. From larger items such as continuing competitions room bookings and judges for competitions, as well as a vast array of small items from printing competitions questions and organise running sheets for social events. Some of the highlights include:

- Confirming speakers for Equity Lunch and Innovation Panel
- Recruit Conference Competitions Officers
- Continue to liaise with sponsors to meet expectations and obligations
- Confirm the remaining Competitions locations, questions and judges
- Continue to engage with Victorian Universities, law societies and legal organisations
- Engage with alumni and students judges
- Print and collate Competitions questions and corresponding resources
- Source volunteers for clients and witnesses for competitions
- Order Conference wristbands and create registration packs
- Organise informal social events and after parties
- Implement new Conference registration app/process
- Develop Conference App

Conference 2020 Report

Name: Thomas Boyle

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What has happened so far...

I was appointed to the committee in November 2019, after September Council.

Handover

I had handover with Erin about all things ALSA Conference – the scale of the gig that I've signed up for is daunting but I'm looking forward to the challenge, and working to make a fantastic Conference for 2020.

Dates

I've taken a cursory look at potential dates for 2020 following Universities 'draft' 2020 Calendars. At the moment the most promising dates are looking to be 6th to 10th July (this has the most overlap with the majority of University's vacation periods).

Perth

I've been brainstorming what makes Perth great and unique and how to best showcase that for the Conference. Watch this space.

What you plan to do between now and July Conference

By July Conference I intend to:

- Confirm dates for 2020 July Conference;
- Organise venues for social events;
- Source quotes for accommodation and options;
- Recruit Socials and Competitions Officer; and
- Scout venue options for competitions.