

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Disaster planning is a crucial part of maintaining any collection and MayDay is a great reminder to review the plans your organisation has in place in the case of an emergency.

May is the busiest month of the year for ALIA. It's Information Awareness Month, Library and Information Week and National

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Simultaneous Storytime. We have federal and state Budget announcements, and our own Annual General Meeting with the handover from the old Board to the new.

In keeping with the international theme of this issue, one of this month's notable activities is ALIA's support of the [MayDay campaign](#), which originated in the United States. The adoption of MayDay is an initiative of Blue Shield Australia, of which ALIA is a founder member. Our national committee is part of the international Blue Shield organisation, promoting disaster preparedness for cultural institutions around the world.

Former ALIA Executive Director Sue Hutley organised the highly successful Blue Shield Australia conference, which took place at the National Library of Australia in January this year. Only a few weeks later, the Australian National University's Chifley Library was under water with many millions of dollars worth of books destroyed by flash flooding.

The Blue Shield Australia Mayday campaign lasts all through the month of May and provides a prompt for galleries, libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, monuments and heritage sites to review their disaster plans. It is a timely reminder to prepare for the worst and hope for the best. You can find [disaster planning resources](#) on the ALIA website.

On a different note, we hope you enjoy this digital edition of *INCITE*. Our editor and designer have worked hard to create a magazine which explores the opportunities for sound, video and links to further online information. Our aim is to provide you with rich and engaging content and to test what's possible within our publishing parameters. We would especially like to thank our advertisers for their support in making this *INCITE* possible.

INCITE is usually a Member-only benefit, but for this issue we have made it free access. If you aren't already an ALIA Member, please take this opportunity to find out more about the work of the Association and please consider joining us. 

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