

## **Editor's note:**

Dear ALRA colleagues and readers,

Welcome to our Newsletter No. 75 of December 2019. This 2020 newsletter is published very late in the year, due to the circumstances that rattled much of our lives substantially.

In this newsletter a few of us can give you some insight in what was happening at the libraries as the effect of Covid19. Most of us arranged work from home, online-only support for students, and the management of more online resources. At the first glance that all sounds quite easy to handle, but all of it has a profound effect on how the libraries will be run in the near future.

Conferences and meetings also took place, some in person, some online. We have Anita's, Jung Sim's and Rheny's reports on the CDPDL meeting, the KSAA conference and the Monash Indonesian Seminar this year.

Also Andrew Gosling in his obituary pays tribute to one of the most eminent figures in Asian librarianship, Susan McDougall, who passed away in 2019.

For our first issue in 2021 I hope that we don't have to report on pandemic related experiences too often – to all our readers all the best wishes for 2021!

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