

Hello all,

It's a really exciting and busy few months ahead for Wiki-related activities in Australia. So have a read about what's coming up...

WikiTour 2018



WikiTour is happening again in Sep-Oct 2018. After a successful program in 2016, Andy Mabbett (User:Pigsonthewing) will be visiting and leading our events on Wikipedia,

Wikidata and sister projects, and how they impact GLAMs, and Open Science, as well as explaining how institutions can work with the community of volunteers who maintain those projects, to mutual benefit.

Check out the itinerary at <http://bit.ly/1T9aucB>

What's on!

- **1 - 30 September 2018:** [Wiki Loves Monuments](#) Upload your photos to be in the running for prizes
- **Tue 11 September 2018:** QLD [Presentation: Introduction to Wikidata and GLAM with Andy Mabbett](#), 9.00am - 11.00am Auditorium, State Library of Queensland
- **Tue 11 September 2018:** QLD [Workshop: Introduction to Wikidata and GLAM with Andy Mabbett](#), 11am - 1pm The Edge, State Library of Queensland
- **Wed 12 September 2018:** NSW [Wikipedia Sydney Seminar with Andy Mabbett](#), keynote. Metcalfe Auditorium, State Library of NSW, 9.30am - 12.30pm. Followed by Wikidata hands-on workshop, 2.00-4.00pm.
- **Wed 12 September 2018:** NSW [Wikipedia Sydney Meetup with Andy Mabbett](#). The Grand Hotel, 30 Hunter St Sydney. 5.00-7.00pm
- **Fri 14 September 2018:** VIC [Wikidata Workshop Melbourne](#), 2.00 - 4.30pm ACMI X, Kavanagh Street, Southbank BYO laptop
- **Fri 14 September 2018:** VIC [Wikipedia Meetup Melbourne #36 with Andy Mabbett](#). 5.00-7.00pm ACMI Cafe, Federation Square
- **Sun 16 September 2018:** WA Wiki-salon at the State Library of Western Australia. See [Meta:WikiClubWest](#).
- **Monday 8 October 2018:** QLD [QWiki Club](#) 12 noon - 3pm, The Edge, State Library of Queensland (contact Kerry for more information)
- **Mon 10 October 2018:** ALL [Wikimedia Australia AGM](#) 4.00pm WA / 5.30pm NT / 6.00pm QLD / 6.30pm SA / 7.00pm ACT, TAS, VIC and NSW

AGM Update

The Wikimedia Australia AGM will take place on Monday 10 October 2018 at 4.00pm WA/ 5.30pm NT / 6.00pm QLD/ 6.30pm SA / 7.00pm ACT, TAS, VIC and NSW.

You will need to be nominated by two members. All nominations are welcome.

Nominate here:

https://wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Meeting:2018_AGM

Wiki Loves Monuments

After a successful competition in 2017, Australia is participating again in Wiki Loves Monuments 2018. Photographs of registered heritage places are eligible for consideration in the judging. The competition will be open for entries from 00:00 (AEST) 1 September 2018 until 23:59 (AWST) 30 September 2018.

Check out the list of heritage places that are missing images and see if you can add one of yours.

[List of Australian heritage sites](#)

A huge thanks to those coordinating our participation and the data for Wiki Loves Monuments, including Gideon Digby, Kerry Raymond and Alex Lum.

Upload your photos throughout September:

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Wiki_Loves_Monuments_2018_in_Australia



Wikimania Cape Town

Robert Myers

Wikimania for 2018 was held in Cape Town, South Africa during 18-22 July, with the main three day conference being held 20-22 July, the theme of the conference being “Bridging knowledge gaps: the Ubuntu way forward”. This was my first Wikimania, which I attended as a representative for Wikimedia Australia, with over 700 attendees at the conference, made it an extremely valuable conference to share and learn ideas for sharing knowledge and how we can learn from each others successes and failures.

The future of the Wikimedia Conference (WMCON) held annually in Berlin was discussed, with major changes taking place next year. From March 2019, WMCON will be a single track on Strategy and Governance, rather than the three tracks that had been part of past WMCONs and will be limited to a maximum of 200 attendees, with one person from each affiliate. The new format will be held for the next three years, with the name of the conference being also changed to reflect the purpose and direction.

Wiki Loves Earth 2018 Winners

Check out the top ten photographs from Australia’s Wiki Loves Earth 2018 campaign, run throughout May

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Commons:Wiki_Loves_Earth_2018_in_Australia

This year we fell a handful of entries short of our 1 000 image target. Those images were an amazing contribution. Congratulations to User:Katieleeosborne, whose 2017 image of a Weedy Sea Dragon made the top 10. This year her image of a Leafy Sea Dragon made the top 10, and her image of an octopus living in a can under Rye Pier was judged as the best for 2018.

Thanks again to Gngarra for coordinating Australia’s Wiki Loves Earth participation for the past three years. We are looking for volunteers to take over this fun and rewarding role



Octopus Rye Pier in Western Point Biosphere reserve
By Katieleeosborne (CC-BY-SA-4.0)



Wikimania Group photo
By Matti Blume (CC BY-SA 4.0)

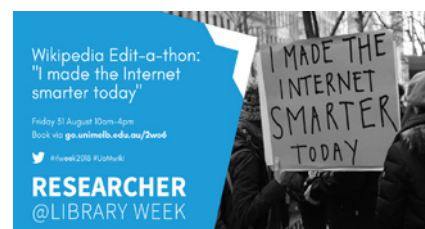
Attendees were also shown a sneak peak at the Wikimedia Foundation’s new WordPress based website, which will have multilingual support and has been redesigned, with the move away from the MediaWiki software to enable to features it required. The new website will be unveiled in August.

The Wikimedia Foundation is still looking for more volunteers as part of the 9 Working Groups on 9 Thematic Areas, with a maximum of 15 members in each group. If you have not yet applied to be part of the strategy working group, it’s not too late to sign-up to be part the working groups.

https://meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Strategy/Wikimedia_movement/2018-20/Working_Groups/Apply

‘I made the Internet smarter today’ and Shut up and Wiki

On Friday 31 August 2018 the University of Melbourne UoMWiki community came together with La Trobe University’s Shut up and Wiki, and Parlour’s WikiD project as part of Researchers Week. The participants at the University of Melbourne event joined colleagues at La Trobe University via Zoom for a virtual ‘Shut up and Wiki’ session. This innovation, using the “Shut up and write” format of 25-minute focused sprints (a.k.a. pomodoros), with a short break in between brought editors together from both venues, really focussed our work and led to some silent fun online.



A badge-making station was kept busy creating Wikipedia and Women’s Register-themed badges.

This edit-a-thon was a perfect lead in to Women in Red project’s September theme which is ‘Women in Academia’.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Women_in_Red/Meetup/91

WikiClubWest



The Western Australian wiki-club has been carrying on its regular monthly meetups at the State Library, usually for a whole Saturday or Sunday in the coworking space that the library very generously makes available to us (Studio 001 on the 1st floor). Other events and gatherings have occurred between the meetups as well, focusing on things like Toodyaypedia, WA music history, or adding maps to Wikipedia articles.

Any Perth locals or visitors interested in finding out more about Wikimedia movement are encouraged to come along to our next meetup — check wikiclubwest.org.au for an up-to-date calendar. We usually have a social lunch, and before or after (or both) do some hands-on editing of Wikipedia or other projects (so bring a laptop if you can!).

In Memoriam

During the past twelve months the Wikimedia movement has lost two well respected members, Mark Hurd in September 2017 and Craig Franklin in April 2018. Our condolences and prayers go to family and friends of both members, they will be missed by all.

Keep up to date with our activities on the Wikimedia Australia website, our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/wikimediaaustralia) or on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/wikimediaaustralia). And remember, if you have questions, need advice or are keen to hold an event get in touch.

Hope to see you all at an event soon
All the best, the Wikimedia Australia Committee

TROVE Redesign Community of Practice

Wikimedia Australia has been  Trove invited to be part of the National Library of Australia's consultative group on the redevelopment of TROVE, its aggregated discovery service. Trove is looking to recruit prospective and existing users who would like to be involved in online or in-person testing, and sharing feedback on Trove. The link to volunteer is: <https://confirmsubscription.com/h/i/D1107F9505667111>

Check out the video to learn about the different zones on Trove:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7LBYfaoHmw>

In the news

- [Academic writes 270 Wikipedia pages in a year to get female scientists noticed](#), The Guardian
- [Five amazing female scientists you've probably never heard of](#), The Guardian
- [Wikipedia Releases Transparency Report And Pledges To Improve Diversity](#), Forbes
- [In a hysterical world, Wikipedia is a ray of light — and that's the truth](#), The Guardian
- [The Amazing Ways How Wikipedia Uses Artificial Intelligence](#), Forbes



On the Albert River Circuit, Green Mountains Section, Lamington National Park, Queensland, Australia
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