

Hello all

On 4 March 2008 the Wikimedia Foundation approved the formation of the Wikimedia Australia chapter. What a surprise to receive this 10th birthday greeting from Katherine Maher, as we record our gratitude to those who established the chapter and have worked for the movement in Australia over the past decade.

Welcome also to our new members in 2018. Here's an update on recent Wikipedia activities in Australia and some information on what's coming up...



Happy Birthday Wikimedia Australia!

[Play the video from Katherine Maher](#)

GLAM Peak Digital Access to Collections Workshops

Wikimedia Australia is currently partnering with GLAM Peak on a series of workshops around Australia.



GLAM • PEAK

The aim is to meet with folk from regional museums, libraries, historical societies, galleries, schools with collections and anyone else, to learn about digital access and how to get their collections online using the [GLAM Peak Tool-kit](#). These two-day workshops gives attendees the opportunity to participate in training focused on digitisation, providing Q&A's with leading technology providers and the chance to meet other GLAM colleagues. Join us at a workshop near you:

- **Tue 20 March - Wed 21 Mar:** [QLD GLAM Peak Digital Access to Collections workshop](#) Cobb+ Co Museum, 27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba
- **Mon 26 - Tues 27 Mar:** [WA GLAM Peak Digital Access to Collections workshop](#) Gordon Stephenson House, 140 William Street, Perth
- **Mon 9 - Tues 10 Apr:** [NSW GLAM Peak Digital Access to Collections workshop](#), NeW Space, University of Newcastle, Newcastle
- **Wed 2 - Thur 3 May:** QLD Cairns (*Details TBC - bookings will open March*)
- **Thur 17 - Fri 18 May:** SA Nuriootpa (*Details TBC - bookings will open late March*)
- **Wed 20 - Thur 21 Jun:** NT Alice Springs (*Details TBC - bookings will open April*)

#1Lib1Ref

Huge congratulations to the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) for their massive effort in the recent #1Lib1Ref campaign. #1Lib1Ref draws on the incredible reference skills of librarians and library staff from around the world encouraging them to add one reference to Wikipedia over a three week period. The hope is that it will see thousands of reliable citations added to benefit Wikipedia readers worldwide. The incredible team from SLQ contributed to a staggering 18 per cent of the global effort, adding more than 1100 citations to 478 articles. They focused particularly on listing information about public libraries for each regional town in Queensland. Huge congratulations to Kerry Raymond, Jacinta Sutton and everyone involved!

[You can read more about their efforts here](#) or [more about the project here](#).

What's on!

- **Mon 5 Mar:** QLD QWiki Club 12 noon - 3pm, The Edge, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
- **Wed 7 Mar:** VIC Art+Feminism Edit-a-thon 6 - 9pm Trocadero Artspace, Level 1, 119 Hopkins Street Footscray, Melbourne
- **Sat 10 Mar:** NSW Hack the Canon: Women in design Wikipedia edit-a-thon Sydney Design Festival 2018, 1 – 4pm AEDT St Peters/Sydenham Library, 39 Unwins Bridge Road Sydenham, Sydney
- **Sun 11 Mar:** QLD Art+Feminism Edit-a-thon 11:00-15:00, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane
- **Tue 20 Mar:** NSW University of Sydney Women in Wikipedia 2018 Edit-a-thon, 10am-3pm, Fisher Library, the University of Sydney
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Women in Red

Less than 17 per cent of biographies on Wikipedia are about women! The Women in Red project is aiming to change that and are! The project has already improved that figure by 2 per cent since they began in 2015. This year in March, they're encouraging people to work on improving or creating new pages on women to mark International Women's Day and Women's History Month. Get in touch with us if you'd like to a hand, are keep to organise an event or just want to know more.

[More information here.](#)

QR Codes

In other news Wikimedia Australia is leading the development of a QR creator and QR reader. The tools will provide stable urls that showcase a Wikidata item's sitelinks and related items. It will also let you generate QR codes that link to those urls proving easy access our projects' pages via QR codes, but for all Wikimedia projects, not just Wikipedia. It will also be multilingual, detecting language.

[More information here.](#)

[QR code portal for Geelong](#)

Wikimania 2019

Congratulations to Wikimedia Sweden in being selected to host Wikmania in 2019. We look forward to helping as many Australians as possible attend this incredible event. Wikimedia Australia will continue to support the Australian community in accessing international events like Wikimania, the ESEAP in Bali in May and is also bidding to host ESEAP (WikiAsiaPacific) in Perth in 2019. Thanks to all involved in putting the 2019 bid together including Vice President Gideon Digby and bid committee members, the staff of Perth Convention Bureau and Perth Convention Centre. [More information here.](#)

Opportunities

Wikimania is on again! It will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from Wed 18 - Sun 22 July at the University of Cape Town. The annual conference will be built around the southern African philosophy of 'ubuntu' to focus on Wikimedia's gaps in content and contributors. Call for submissions is also open! Proposals for workshops, presentations, roundtables, invited speakers and lightning talks are welcome. Closes Sun 18 March 18.

[More information here.](#)

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