



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the SLA and the AUSTRALIAN LAW LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION**

Date: July 2015

The purpose of this agreement is to confirm the relationship between the SLA and the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA).

### **OBJECTIVES**

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects the general understanding that SLA and ALLA have many common concerns, and there are significant benefits to be gained from the two associations working together to:

- Jointly advocate for best practice within the sector and for the value of law librarian professional expertise
- Support high quality education and professional development for members
- Encouraging networking between professionals.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

The SLA is an American based global organisation of information professionals in corporate, academic and government libraries in over eighty countries worldwide. It seeks to promote and strengthen its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives and through its core values of leadership, service, innovation and continuous learning, result and accountability and collaboration and partnering.

ALLA was established in 1969 and is a notional association with more than 500 members in all states and territories. ALLA represents librarians and information professionals working in courts, universities, government departments, law firms and professional associations. ALLA aims to promote and provide a national focus for law librarianship and to support the interests of law libraries. collections and legal information services to both legal and public communities.

**ACTIVITIES**

SLA and ALLA agree to:

- Work together to identify areas of common interest nationally and internationally.
- Develop collaborative responses to lobbying and advocacy issues.
- Share information and investigate possible joint research opportunities.
- Promote the value of professional expertise in the information sector and explore opportunities to recognise members' ongoing learning.
- At the discretion of the Executive Director or President, each will offer the other organisation's members the member rate for their events, including the SLA Annual Conference, SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter events, and ALLA conferences and events.

The organisations agree to interact with each other with all professional goodwill and commercial courtesy, and invitations are to be extended on a reciprocal and reasonable basis to each other's events.

**DURATION**

This MOU will come into effect on the date of signing and will last for three years.

**SIGNATORIES**

Signed 

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SLA

Signed 

President *Karen Rowe - Nurse*

Australian Law Librarians' Association

Date *10 August 2015*