

GLAMorous hope in the dark with newCardigan

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Snapshot

Clare O'Hanlon outlines the activities of newCardigan – a social and professional group for people who work in the galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAM) sector.

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You can find out more newCardigan in these reflections from our reflections on the past five years since we first began:

Clare Presser says [we make a lot of noise](#). Nik McGrath talks about [finding community](#). Hugh Rundle talks about [feeling 'new'](#). Andrew Kelly is excited about [helping people be awesome](#). I talk about our role in [queering the GLAM sector](#) and creating spaces for workers in the sector to listen to diverse perspectives and empowering them to be allies and accomplices.

This article is a roundup of resources that may be of particular interest to librarians working in schools and will hopefully provide you with some GLAMorous hope in these dark pandemic times – many of them are about community engagement and wellbeing in different ways which feels more important than ever.

[cardiCast Episode 56 - Incinerator Gallery & ENVi Panel](#)

This episode begins with a tour of the Incinerator Gallery and the historical importance of the building for the local community, and how they have built on this legacy to support the creation of and facilitate access to art for social change, led by Gallery Team Leader Richard Ennis. It ends with a robust panel discussion about learning, engagement and education in GLAM institutions, which consists of ENVi members Christine Healey, Sacha Fawkes and Andrew Hiskens, as well as our own cardiCore member Nik McGrath.

[cardiCast Episode 46 - Claire Braithwaite](#)

Claire Braithwaite, Environmental Education Officer for the City of Cockburn speaks about the Coogee Maritime Trail and provides background on how the trail came to be, where it's at now, and future plans for the site.

[cardiCast episode 68 - Mirrabooka Innovations Lab](#)

Our Perth November 2019 cardiParty was at the Mirrabooka Innovations Lab. Shana Coyle, Librarian, and Anne Boyland, Branch Librarian, talk about some of the innovative STEAM programs developed by Librarians for the Lab since its launch in 2018.

cardiCast Episode 36 – Cienan Muir

Cienan Muir, Senior Project Officer at the Koori Youth Council and cosplayer discusses the importance of cosplay for Indigenous youth and the burgeoning comic and geek scene that incorporates a wider variety of cultures than the mainstream would suggest.

cardiCast Episode 48 – Comics & Cosplay

A panel discussion on the world of comics, cosplay and how to set up you own mini (or maxi) conventions in your library service. It's a fantastic way to engage with your community through literature, popular culture and costume enthusiasts- exploring identity and performance is accessible, fun and won't break the bank! Our esteemed panelists were Jack Chan (Community Coordinator at Mill Park Library Service), Kiara (Northern Cosplay Society), Jes Layton (Geek with a Hat) and Leonee Derr (Branch Manager/Team Leader with Stonnington Library and Information Service).

cardiCast Episode 42 – Michaela Hart

Michaela Hart discusses her archivist origin stories, politics and the future of archives, and the vicarious trauma that can occur when working with sensitive and difficult materials. Through a joint research paper Michaela has been able to generate a much needed and ongoing conversation within the 'A' part of GLAM – and within the wider GLAM professions. We're going through a traumatic time and it's been helpful to revisit Michaela's reflections.

cardiCast Episode 53 – Incendium Radical Library (IRL)

Incendium Radical Library is a community library, reading room, and publishing press with a focus on radical politics and critical literature. The library started as a challenge the commodification of libraries, whether government, university, or council based. They see a mass production of a certain type of thinking which reproduces the structures of oppression that we live under. This cardiParty, held in February of 2019, was host by two integral volunteers, Tilly and Anna-lise, who discusses that collection's ideologies, community support and how they keep their doors open.

cardiCast Episode 59 – Archie Boulter – Queer Town

Our June 2019 Melbourne cardiParty was hosted by Archie Boulter, a Melbourne-based entrepreneur and LGBTIQ+ advocate, who shared their experiences creating "queer spaces" within the GLAM sector and beyond (including at school). Archie discussed their recent efforts co-leading the establishment of LGBTIQ+ Advisory Groups across Museums Victoria (Melbourne Museum, Immigration Museum & Scienceworks), as well as co-founding the social enterprise called Queer Town, which was selected to take part in the Foundry658 Accelerator program, run by ACMI and the State Library.

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[Contribute to GLAM blog club:](#)

On the first of every month we announce a new theme, and GLAM bloggers write a post inspired by the theme. Some take a literal approach, whilst others come up with surprising and creative interpretations.

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Send us a short video for CardiShorts:

Would you like to do a short video for cardiShorts? If you're interested in submitting a cardiShort, please contact us at **hello@newcardigan.org**. For beginner filmmakers, **[we've written a blog post with some helpful pointers!](#)**

***Clare O'Hanlon** is a librarian in an academic library by day, an archivist at the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives (ALGA) by night, and the newest member of the newCardigan committee. They are passionate about facilitating collaboration between independent community-based archives and mainstream GLAM institutions, teaching information, digital and archival literacies, and bringing critical, creative and collective reflection, pedagogy and praxis to the sector.*