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Āta matai, matai whetū Remaining firmly grounded, pursuing far horizons This issue of the ANZTLA Ejournal is a bumper double issue featuring conference papers, annual statistics and more! The ANZTLA conference for 2023 was held 22-25 November in Christchurch, New Zealand and featured a programme full of varied session topics and interesting visits to the College House Art Tour, Transitional Cathedral Tūranga and Christchurch City Library. Thirty-five in-person attendees plus more online were greeted with *Nau mai, haere mai ki Ōtautahi* (Welcome to Christchurch) at the opening reception which launched into a collegial and friendly gathering of like-minded individuals.

Reading through the papers presented here as I prepared them for publication, it is clear to me that the conference covered a wide variety of relevant and timely topics. Some of which may not be immediately applicable to every library, but they are nonetheless interesting and thoughtprovoking. The 2024 ANZTLA conference is scheduled to be held in November in Melbourne, Australia – start planning your attendance now! I trust these papers will encourage you in your library setting, and provide inspiration to possibly try something a little different...

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