

AIUG 2020 – Chair Report

What an interesting year 2020 turned out to be. COVID and the resulting restrictions turned everything on its head. Most of us were thrown into transitioning our services from face-to-face to contactless and online. Working from home became the new normal and many of us will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Since we met at the last AGM:

Innovative Interfaces were acquired by Ex-Libris approx. 2 weeks after the 2019 AIUG

AIUG 2020 was to be held from April 15 - 18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota but became another victim to COVID-19. Some of the planned sessions were run as Webinars throughout this year.

We were able to continue the Bi-monthly AIUG webinars which included updates from Rochelle and Roger and two presentations from AIUG members

- Feb 19
- Apr 29
- Jun 24 – Reopening Post COVID lockdown (Auckland Libraries)
- Aug 26 – Hathi Trust (ANU)

So, here we are, in mid-November at a very different annual AIUG gathering. Hopefully next year we will be able to gather as a group once again. This AIUG marks the end of my term as Chair of the AIUG. All in all, it has been a great experience. I would recommend anyone to put their hand up in the upcoming election and wish Freddie all the best as incoming AIUG chair.

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