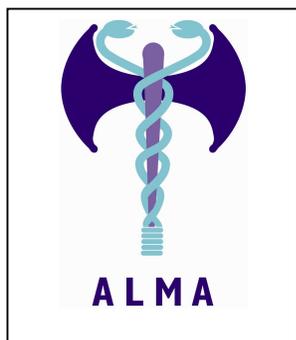


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## Inaugural joint grant round – galfa and the Australian Lesbian Medical Association

galfa is excited to announce that we have teamed up with ALMA to offer a joint funding round of grants to the value of \$6,000. ALMA is a national organisation supporting lesbian/bisexual doctors and medical students that was founded in 1999.



The aim of the grant is to improve the health and wellbeing of Australian lesbians and bisexual women through enabling small projects in education or research, which can be completed within one year. Projects must be nationally applicable.

Applicants are to submit an **expression of interest** using the appropriate form by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. Those short listed will then asked to submit a **full application** using the appropriate form by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013**.

Details and forms are on the ALMA website at [www.almas.org.au](http://www.almas.org.au) and the galfa web site at [www.galfa.org.au](http://www.galfa.org.au)

### For more information, contact:

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## Changes at the galfa Board

We are sad to announce that our inaugural Treasurer Mark Burgess will be moving to the UK with his family early this year for a few years and so will be resigning from the Board. We are very grateful for his meticulous attention to the galfa finances and many other roles, and we wish him well.

We have secured the services of a dedicated volunteer who will look at the galfa books. Suggestions of a new Treasurer to sit on the Board are very welcome.

## Grant round 2012 winner's profile

### From Catherine Barrett of Val's Cafe

A \$5000 grant was awarded to establish the Val's Café website. Val's Café is a project run by Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria and is based at La Trobe University's Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society. Through working with service providers, Val's Café aims to improve the health and wellbeing of older LGBTI people nationally. The website will be a crucial addition to the Café as we will now be able to connect with service providers across the country who will be able to access our resources online. Amongst our resources will be stories of older people told through their own words, as well as historical stories of incredible Australian LGBTI figures. The website will reflect Val's Café key objectives including: advocacy, education, community capacity building and workforce support and development. This website will be the first site of its kind, not only nationally, but internationally.

The construction of the website is well underway and already it has helped us improve and clarify the way we communicate our key roles and objectives. The site is being built and designed by Micah and Matthew from Minus18, making the Val's Café website an intergenerational collaboration between two age specific LGBTI community organisations. We are expecting that [www.valscafe.org.au](http://www.valscafe.org.au) will be launched during the first quarter of 2013. Please contact Val's Café co-coordinator Carolyn Whyte [c.whyte@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:c.whyte@latrobe.edu.au) with any enquiries.



## galfa volunteer position

Galfa is looking for a volunteer to assist with general administration. The duties will include supporting galfa Board meetings via teleconference, assisting with administration of the galfa grant rounds, and marketing galfa around Australia. A full position description is available by emailing [info@galfa.org.au](mailto:info@galfa.org.au)

## We appreciate your help

Thank you again to all galfa supporters. Your donations make it possible for us to assist organisations with some very special work within the LGBTI community. It's easy to donate to galfa either on line via our web site, or by setting up a regular monthly contribution. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations either once off or monthly can be made via our website-go to [www.galfa.org.au](http://www.galfa.org.au) and hit the Donations button.

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