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Now Twitter is dead, how can you find your people, reach a bigger GLAM audience, and keep up with the latest in libraries?

I wondered the same thing, so I made Aus GLAMR!

Aus GLAMR is a successor to Aus GLAM Blogs, an aggregator site for Australasian blogs from professionals in the GLAM sectors. With Aus GLAMR you can register:

- Blogs
- **Events** like conferences
- Newsletters
- **Group sites** like email lists or Discord servers

HOW CAN I SHARE STUFF?

- Every blog post is included in emails, RSS feeds and a Mastodon announcement bot
- Events are posted three times dependent on how close the event is
- You can register a call for papers/proposals and it is announced separately
- Anyone can search the site at any time, or browse by category

HOW DO I FIND STUFF?

- Search for keywords across blog posts, groups, newsletters, and events
- Browse blogs, events, groups or newsletters
- Browse active calls for papers, recent blog posts, or recent newsletter editions
- Subscribe to be early with the latest

HOW CAN I SUBSCRIBE?

- Weekly **email**
- **RSS**, or
- ActivityPub (e.g. Mastodon)

HOW DID YOU BUILD IT?

Aus GLAMR is built with **Django**, a **Python** framework for building fully-featured websites.

Most of the features of *Aus GLAM Space* use built-in features from Django, including admin functions, email, and rss feeds.

The ActivityPub bot uses the **Mastodon API** and runs on *ausglam.space*.

The blog post harvesting uses **FeedParser**.

I had to migrate the existing database from **MongoDB** into **PostgreSQL**. I used a custom Python script that pulled more information from each RSS feed or website using **Beautiful Soup**, to create a **Django fixture**.

I had to do this because the original database didn't reliably have all the information I wanted.

I also had to **de-duplicate** and **normalise** some blog posts - some had changed their domain names, and some had old posts with http rather than https URLs.

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