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**NEW GRADS' CHECKLIST: JOINING IN THE FUN**  
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Many graduates come out of their course - whether it be at TAFE or University level - with a casual job or a volunteer position with a promising future. However, many have no idea how to either get that elusive high-paid 'perfect' job or to further the position they already have. As a new graduate of the TAFE Diploma of Library and Information Services, I have been a volunteer, a casual employee at four jobs (at the same time), and now aim to become an active member of the library community.

This paper strives to help new graduates to create a checklist, career plan and portfolio that will enable them to achieve their career goals. Becoming an active participant in the library industry will assist new graduates to learn, communicate their ideas, rejuvenate the industry, and become involved in their own organisation as well as within the wider library and information community, and to network to create new communities.

I will discuss the steps students and new graduates (employed and unemployed) can take to develop their career and to give something to the industry as a beginner, looking particularly at professional memberships, online networks, volunteering and working, joining committees, and becoming involved in PD events. This checklist will provide new graduates with the tools to become active in the library community, and to introduce a new voice to the library and information sector. Throughout the paper, I will draw on my own experiences with my personal checklist and the steps I have been able to achieve through use of the tools my checklist has created.