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Developing Reflective Practice Through Distributed Journal Discussion Groups: The New Zealand Experience

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In October 2006, members of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa voted to adopt a voluntary system of professional registration for individual librarians. Every three years, registrants must submit a journal that documents professional-development activities that meet all six clusters in the LIANZA Professional Bodies of Knowledge. In order to help their members satisfy this requirement, in July 2012 LIANZA's Tertiary Libraries Special Interest Group Committee created a journal discussion group. This paper discusses the goals and outcomes of the journal discussion group, the ways in which it is promoted, and its impact on academic library practice and the community itself.