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The Internet of Things: A primer for information professionals – *Matt Moore* and *Kelly Tall*

This article explores the impact of the "Internet of Things" (IoT) on the information profession and on society more broadly. It begins by outlining the technological developments that have driven the development of IoT. It continues by exploring some of the emerging applications that we can see now and in the near future – with a particular focus on homes and our bodies. It then discusses privacy and security concerns. It ends with observations on the impacts of these technologies on information professionals. 7

Being GLAMorous in Wikipedia – *Glenda Browne*

After a national series of information events encouraging information professionals to get involved in Wikipedia, this article was inspired by the ALIA Wikipedia and Libraries Info Evening in Sydney. It includes a brief introduction to Wikipedia and the way it works, followed by some pointers to help users interact with Wikipedia effectively, and concludes with a summary of various projects that librarians have been involved in, and could expand, in the future. 13

The electronic traveller – *Jon Jermey*

Life in the internet age has brought us new kinds of travellers' aides, intimately linked with our omnipresent mobile technology. Phones, tablets, ATMs and wi-fi hotspots have transformed the experience of travel and tourism in the 21st century. This article highlights some basics, and a few tips and tricks, for the use of technology while travelling. 18

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