

# STATE NEWS

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State News is to have a new compiler. Editorial Board member, Sarah Andrew, will take over from the next issue. This will allow me more time to concentrate on advertising and promotion. Thank you to those contributors who have assisted me during these first issues of ALL.

Would members please send news to their local state contact, who will forward it to Sarah in Canberra. Photographs may be included, although we are not able to guarantee that they will be published.

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## ACT

ACTS (ACT Section) have been active during the last few months! A very well attended AGM in February re-elected Lorraine Weinman as Convenor, Greg Jones as Treasurer and Dale Heslin as Secretary. Paireen Reynolds is the new Activities Co-ordinator, and it was only a few days before she was busy co-ordinating the Law Book Company's demonstration of *ALMD* and *ACC* on disk at the Canberra Parkroyal. It was quite a gathering of the clan with over thirty people showing interest in the product, and engaging in vigorous questioning of Anthony Notaras. The demonstration was followed by a buffet lunch, hosted by LBC. This gave everyone a great opportunity to catch up with Clive MacMurray and Leonie Hale and each other. It was a good start to the ACT law librarians' year.

Quite soon after this came the exciting news of **Nicholas Pengelley's** appointment as Law Librarian at Monash University. This gave rise to a series of celebrations, commencing at an Editorial Board meeting and finishing just as Nick was leaving for Melbourne. An ALLG farewell lunch was held in the garden of Old Canberra House at ANU overlooking Lake Burley Griffin. It was a perfect autumn day and a very happy occasion with colleagues congratulating Nick and wishing him success in his new position. Canberra law librarians will miss Nick. On arrival at the High Court Library five and a half years ago, Nick quickly became part of the ALLG scene, and was the convenor for social events at the Specials, Law and Health Librarians' Conference in 1991. He has spent the past two and a half years as Chief Librarian at the Australian Tax Office. Nick will remain on the Editorial Board as "our man in Melbourne" and will retain his involvement in the Legislation column.

**Yen Musgrove** has been appointed Librarian at the ACT Legal Aid Office.



*Nick and Jacqui Elliott at the farewell lunch in the grounds of the ANU Staff Centre, Canberra*

**Jacqueline Elliott** and **Lorraine Weinman** attended the Inaugural Law Librarians' Conference in New Zealand in March. While there, Lorraine also negotiated the inclusion of AGIS on the Kiwinet database.

**Anna Daniel** is Acting Librarian at the Immigration Review Tribunal Library.

**Debbie Mudin** has joined the Editorial Board of ALL, and has most cheerfully agreed to compile the annual index!

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## New South Wales

The first meeting for 1993 was held on 23 February. It was a busy meeting with two guest speakers and elections for 1993 office bearers.

The first speaker was Damien Hyland from QCOM, who demonstrated The Corporate Retriever. This software package can be used to manage large amounts of text. It is used for the Queensland legislation and case system.

Damien was followed by Anthony Notaras of the Law Book Company, who demonstrated the *Australian Legal Monthly Digest* and *Australian Case Citator* on disk, using ISYS software for text retrieval.

The following people were elected as office bearers for 1993:

Convenor

**Marion Kingham** (Ebsworth & Ebsworth)

Secretary

**Prue Jessep** (Parliamentary Library)

Publications Officer/Treasurer

**Joanna Longley** (Australian Law Reform Commission)

**Colin Fong** has published several articles recently - "Australian Law Libraries 2001 - Will the 'Force/Source' be with you?" (1992) 1(20) *Australian Legal Practice* 21-25 and "Working in a Law Library" (1992) 9 *Australian Library Review* 311-315.

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## Northern Territory

ALLG (NT) held three meetings during 1992. A number of issues were discussed including the ALLG Constitution, the production of a subject index to NT legislation, and an index to the treaties and conventions in Commonwealth legislation. A revised edition of the *Union List of Serials in NT Libraries* has been produced and issued. A Christmas lunch for members was such a success that it will become an annual event!

An initiative for 1993 is the circulation of contents pages of law library journals to members.

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## Queensland

**Phil Reynolds**, ex-librarian at Chambers McNab, Queensland, and Mallesons, Victoria visited Brisbane recently. Phil is now practising at Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher in the field of professional liability, specialising in its application to lawyers.

ALIA recently held a seminar entitled "*Copyright in the Electronic Age*" at which Dr Thomas Dreier, visiting Fellow at the new ANU National

Centre for Copyright Studies discussed major issues including the likelihood of vast re-publishing databases, the pricing balance between primary publishers and secondary users and copiers, and the likely dominance of re-writable CD-ROM. Derek Fielding of the Copyright Law Review Committee discussed Australian developments and drew attention to that Committee's interim report, *Copyright in Software and Works Held on Computer*, which may be issued soon.

QLIRS, the Queensland legal database project is due for release mid-year.

The Queensland Division has decided that a get-together after work every month or so will give new members a chance to meet socially. Interstate members are welcome and will be shouted a drink, after which they may in turn shout the Queensland Group!

ALLG (Q) *Union List of Serials* is currently being up-dated.

The Queensland Group continues to sponsor the ALLG (Q) prize for the best student in Legal Research and Writing II at QUT.

**Sarah Warner** has rejoined Phillips Fox as their first full-time librarian. Sarah previously worked part-time for the firm in 1990-91 before moving to Sydney. Prior to moving to Australia Sarah was Senior Librarian for Ernst & Young in London.

Congratulations to **Eola Barnett**, Deputy Librarian at QUT Law Library, who has had a son, Nicholas.

The Commonwealth Law Courts Building has risen on the slopes of North Quay featuring an impressive high atrium. It will house the Federal Courts and the AAT from the last quarter of 1993.

**Svea Tugby** has been appointed Librarian at Clarke and Kann.

**Mary Ruth Webster** has been appointed to the library at Power and Power.

**Sue Leighton** has been appointed Librarian at Hill & Taylor.

**Elizabeth Naumczyk** has written an interesting review of law library developments in the inaugural issue of the *Griffith Law Review* entitled "Australian Academic Legal Information Centres: issues for the law library of 2001" (1992) 1 GLR 34-35.

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## ***South Australia***

There have been quite a few changes lately in appointments and other 'people' news.

**Josephine Timcke** has been appointed as Librarian at Piper Alderman. This position was previously held by **Miranda Morfey** who has gone to Flinders University as Reference Librarian (Law).

**Sandra Laparidis** is working at The Administrative Appeals Tribunal as Librarian.

**Audrey Byrne** has been appointed as Branch Librarian at the Australian Taxation Office. **Heather Sharkey** continues to be the Librarian for the two branches which have been set up.

Due to the merger of Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Adelaide) and Thomson Simmons & Co to form the new firm of Thomsons Barristers and Solicitors, **Lynn Haddad** has joined **Sandra Burger** in the merged library at Thomsons.

**Hermin Pereira** is now working at the Sir Samuel Way Library at the District Court and **Rosemary Hocking** remains as Acting Chief Librarian there.

**Robert Elson** continues to be the Acting Chief Librarian at the Supreme Court Library.

On a more personal note, **Louise Chantrell** married two months ago and is now **Louise Langridge**. She continues to work at Fisher Jeffries.

**Lynda Yudkin**, Library Assistant at Thomsons, had a baby girl on 24 March.

To all those who have tried in vain to contact **Bronte Elliott** of the Industrial Court and Commission, her new telephone number is (08) 207 0949 and fax (08) 207 0995.

The new office bearers for 1993 are:

**Chair**

**Barbara Coat** (Australian Securities Commission)

**Deputy Chair**

**Julie Montgomery** (Law Society of South Australia)

**Secretary**

**Michelle Smith** (Norman Waterhouse)

**Treasurer**

**Georgia Livissianos** (Federal Court)

**Law for Law Librarians Presenter**

**Helen Culshaw** (Flinders University Law Library)

**Co-ordinator for ALL**

**Sandy Burger** (Thomsons)

**Membership Database Co-ordinator**

**Di Thomson** (Legal Services Commission of S.A.)

**Consultants to SALLG**

**Dick Finlay** (University of Adelaide Law Library)

**Elizabeth Ashley-Brown** (Finlaysons)

**Ingrid Zuesse** (Attorney-General's Department S.A.)

Activities lately have included:

- The start to our Law for Law Librarians series, which has involved a demonstration of Casebase.
- The next few events are to be demonstrations of developments on SCALE, and of the electronic versions of *ALMD* and *Case Citator*.
- In April we plan to have a seminar on Credit Report Providers.
- Many law librarians have been giving legal research training to groups of GDLP students.

- Alison Crook from the NSW State Library spoke at a breakfast meeting on several issues including client services. Alison gave an inspiring talk.

## *Tasmania*

Please note correction to the list of Tasmanian Law Libraries - University of Tasmania Law Library's fax no. is (002) 207619 and not as previously given.

Meetings for 1993 have commenced with a general meeting to set the agenda for the year. A workshop on using Commonwealth legislation is being arranged for April.

## *Victoria*

Janet Milton has been appointed library technician at Dunhill Madden Butler.

Shannon McCarthy has left the County Court to take up the position of Librarian at Esso Legal Library while Donna Davies is on maternity leave.

Tania Elsey has been appointed Librarian at the County Court. Tania previously worked at Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Sue Savona has replaced Tania as Technical Services Librarian at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Sue previously worked at the Geography Teachers' Association.

Suzanne Cumming has been appointed Librarian at the Federal Court, Victorian District Registry.

Alison Eva from Blake Dawson Waldron has retired. Alison's career in law librarianship spans some twenty years. Alison was Law Institute Librarian and was responsible for resurrecting the library after a fire destroyed the collection. We all wish Alison a happy, productive and prosperous retirement.

Linda Morton has replaced Sally Mann at Phillips Fox while Sally is on maternity leave. Linda comes from the Commonwealth/State Bank Legal Library.

Michelle Collier has commenced as Librarian at Wisewoulds.

Murray Greenway has been appointed Technical Services Librarian at Blake Dawson Waldron.

The Victorian Group's first meeting was a social get-together in February hosted by Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks.

In March the Victorian Division held a lunchtime meeting on copyright. Caroline Morgan from Copyright Agency Limited gave a most informative talk about copyright licensing and the resulting obligations of academic and government libraries.

## *Western Australia*

Anne Gardner has been appointed Librarian at Minter Ellison Northmore Hale in Perth. Anne was the Reference Librarian at the UWA Law Library for the last four years.

Paul Genoni, previously Law Librarian at UWA for eight years, has moved to Curtin University to take up a lectureship in the Department of Library and Information Studies.

Helen Wallace is now Law Librarian at UWA after moving from the position of Central Services Librarian in the UWA Reid Library.

Janet Stewart, after seven years' break to have her two children, has returned to the law library profession.

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