

# STATE NEWS

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## ACT

The Office of Parliamentary Counsel Library has a new telephone number and address as follows:

MTA House, 2nd Floor  
39 Brisbane Ave  
Barton ACT 2600  
Phone: (06) 2701441

**Roma Elford** has gone overseas for a three month holiday, and **Susan Ashmore** will be filling in for her until 27 August 1993.

**Mira Moynihan** has joined the staff at the Lionel Murphy Library in a temporary position until November when James Claremont returns. James is on study leave to complete his law degree at ANU.

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## New South Wales

The NSW group had another busy lunch meeting on 6 May. The first part of the meeting was a discussion by Frank Riley, Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Law Society, and Ms Sylvia Winters, a Sydney barrister, on the very topical issue of 'A divided or fused legal profession'. Mr Riley put the Law Society's view on changes to the profession before dashing off to hear the Premier's announcement on this very subject! Sylvia Winters gave us her views on the separation of the profession.

This session was followed by a talk on the NSW Law Reform Commission's recent report *Scrutiny of the legal profession: complaints against lawyers* by Astrid Eggins.

The second part of the meeting dealt with general business and the group finally passed the draft Constitution.

The NSW group meets every two months, usually at the ALRC. The next meeting will be at the end of June, and details will be available from Prue Jessep (NSW Parliamentary Library - Ph. 230 2742). Interstate visitors are very welcome to attend any of our meetings.

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## Northern Territory

**Frieda Evans** is the new contact for Northern Territory news. Please send all contributions to Frieda in the future. The address is:

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At the February meeting of the NT Branch, members were given a demonstration of the computer package installed at AG's Library in Darwin. Members were very impressed.

Several members of the NT Branch had a meeting with the Officer in Charge of Government Publications in an attempt to improve the distribution of NT legislation. Although the distribution system has changed, this has not yet resulted in any improvement. Members will continue to monitor the situation.

If any law librarians are coming to Darwin for the RAISS Conference in July 1993, let Frieda know. She is willing to organise a get-together with some local law librarians over a glass of wine while watching the sunset over Fannie Bay.

## Queensland

Mrs Lana Czarniecki, formerly of Hopgood and Gannim, is the new Federal Court Librarian for Queensland. Dawn Serle continues as Assistant in the Federal Court Library. Progress continues on the Commonwealth Courts building and Lana and Dawn are looking forward to the challenge of moving their collection into the new space.

As yet, there is no permanent replacement for Lana at Hopgood and Gannim. Not only has Lana set a high service precedent for her successor, but there really is a shortage of experienced full-time law librarians in Brisbane at the moment. This has been compounded by the minor baby boom and consequent maternity leave of staff already noted in previous issues of the *Australian Law Librarian*.

Helen Routh has returned from full-time study leave, given to complete her MBA at Bond University. Helen has taken on the role of Acting Director of Education, in addition to that of Law Librarian, at Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

In July, the Queensland Branch of ALLG, in conjunction with the Law Library staff at Queensland University of Technology, is offering an introduction to legal research skills and resources for law library assistants and new law librarians. This is the third time this seminar has been run over the past six years, formerly with University of Queensland Law Library staff. It is anticipated that future sessions might be run at Griffith and at Bond Universities not only to share the workload, but also to expose participants to a broad range of academic law collections.

Most of our activities have concentrated on the upcoming Conference in August, as well as the changes in legislative publishing in Queensland. There are continued delays with getting QLRS up and running, but I noted in the Gazette that a co-ordinator has finally been appointed. The Conference may yet be the launch of this online service.

The second edition of the ALLG (Qld) *Union List of Periodicals held in Brisbane Libraries* will also be launched at the Conference. Sue Green of McCullough Robertson is undertaking the editorial revisions this time around. The second edition will be on sale to any library that requires interlibrary loans of legal materials. Apart from the University collections, no law library in Brisbane contributes to ABN and so finding holdings of titles is often very difficult.

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## South Australia

Upcoming events: the SA Branch is to hold a 'Business Information Providers' seminar early in June. The speakers will be from Dun & Bradstreet and OTC Lawpoint. They will also be giving demonstrations of their databases.

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## Tasmania

A very successful workshop on Commonwealth legislation was held in April. Merrilyn Evans, Librarian at the Commonwealth Law Courts Library in Hobart, gave a talk followed by a demonstration of SCALE.

A *Union List of Law Reports held in Tasmanian Law Libraries* has been completed. We should soon have information on when it will be available.

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## Victoria

The April General Meeting was a big success. The topic focused on DISKROM. Liza Paddington from DISKROM demonstrated to the group the latest information and products available on CD-ROM.

Vikki Hutton from the Legal Aid Commission is now working at Blake Dawson Waldron.

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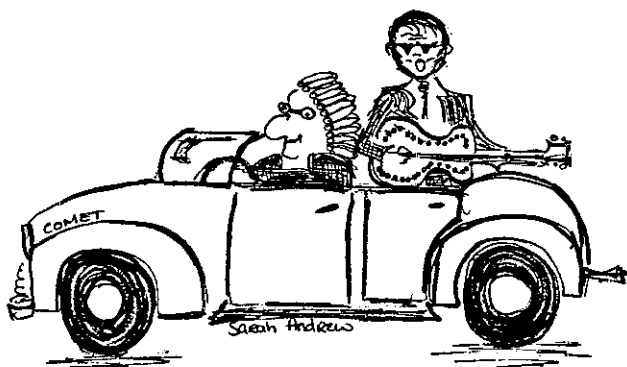
## Western Australia

In April, twenty-five members of the WA Branch of the ALLG joined delegates attending the AIJA Magistrates' Conference at Perth's Supreme Court No. 3, to watch a demonstration of computers as they had been set up for use during the Rothwell's trial. Mr Justice Seaman and a team from the Crown Law's IT Department gave a very interesting overview of the use of computers for reading previous days' transcripts, and video monitors displaying exhibits and other documents tendered in evidence to provide general access for people in the various parts of the courtroom.

Vivienne Marston maintains a WA law library job registry. Her address is:

Jackson McDonald  
GPO Box M971  
Perth WA 6001  
Phone: (09) 426 6651

She has on file curricula vitae from librarians and library technicians who are interested in full-time, temporary or part-time work in law and law-related libraries.



## The Art of Communication

### A STAFF MEMO

#### CHIEF JUSTICE TO CLERK

On Friday afternoon at approximately 3p.m. Halley's Comet will be visible in this area, an event which occurs once every 75 years. Please have staff assemble outside the building in safety helmets, and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain we will not be able to see anything so assemble staff in the basement and I will show them a film of it.

#### CLERK TO MARSHAL

By order of CJ, on Friday at 3p.m. Halley's Comet will appear above the area outside the building. If it rains please assemble the staff in safety helmets and proceed to the basement where this rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only every 75 years.

#### MARSHAL TO SENIOR DEPUTY MARSHAL

By order of CJ, in safety helmets at 3p.m. on Friday the phenomenon Halley's Comet will appear in the basement. In case of rain in the area outside the building, CJ will give another order, something which occurs once every 75 years.

#### SENIOR DEPUTY MARSHAL TO PERSONAL ASSISTANT

On Friday at 3p.m. CJ will appear in the basement with Halley's Comet, something which happens every 75 years if it rains. CJ will order the comet into the area outside the building.

#### PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO ATTENDANTS

When it rains on Friday at 3p.m. the phenomenon, 75 years old Bill Haley, accompanied by CJ will drive his Comet through the area outside the building into the basement.

(Attributed to Ray Dummett, High Court of Australia, 11.4.1986)