

# STATE NEWS

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## ACT

On Tuesday 6 July, at the Australian Government Solicitor's Office, the Director of SCALE, David Grainger, gave a lunch-time talk to Canberra law librarians. The talk outlined future enhancements to the SCALE database. These included: the development of a more user-friendly interface for the system, the inclusion of state legislation and case law, the development of SCALE-based CD-ROM products, the sale of SCALE data to LEXIS and QL, the inclusion of page numbers within the text of documents, and information about the number of pages in a retrieved document.

### *News from Lionel Murphy Library*

Former Queenslander, **Susan Emson**, has escaped from the cool, crisp air of Canberra for several months. Susan has transferred to the library in the Brisbane Office of the Australian Government Solicitor until October.

**Brij Singh** has joined the staff of Lionel Murphy Library for several months.

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## *Northern Territory*

We seem to have a lot of inquiries from southern libraries wanting contact details, so I have compiled the following list:

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW LIBRARY

PO Box 1722

DARWIN NT 0801

Phone: (089) 897 243 (ILL)

(089) 896 515 (inquiries)

Fax: (089) 897 130

NUC: XLAW

### NT UNIVERSITY LAW COLLECTION

Myilly Point Campus

PO Box 41246

CASUARINA NT 0811

Phone: (089) 466 800 (ILL)

(089) 466 758 (law librarian)

Fax: (089) 412 109

NUC: XNTU

### SUPREME COURT LIBRARY - DARWIN

GPO Box 3946

DARWIN NT 0801

Phone: (089) 896 580 (ILL)

(089) 896 583 (inquiries)

Fax: (089) 896 181

NUC: XSC XSC-A XSC-M

### POLICE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES LIBRARY

PO Box 39764

WINNELLIE NT 0821

Phone: (089) 223 670 (ILL)

(089) 223 671 (inquiries)

Fax: (089) 223 672

NUC: XPFE

### AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR - DARWIN

Locked Bag 12

DARWIN NT 0801

Phone: (089) 431 414

Fax: (089) 223 672

NUC: AAGD (D follows the call number)

### WILLIAM FORSTER CHAMBERS LIBRARY

GPO Box 4369

DARWIN NT 0801

Phone (089) 818 322

Fax: (089) 411 541

NUC: Nil

Northern Territory Supreme Court judgments are available on SCALE from 1985 onward. Northern Territory legislation will be available on SCALE soon. The data is in the usual SCALE format. Copies of judgments can also be obtained from the Supreme Court Library.

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## *Queensland*

**Gill Hallam** is the new Librarian for Freehill's in Brisbane. **Helen Spencer**, the former Librarian, and her family have taken the rest of the year off to travel! They'll be camping and sailing their way around Northern Australia. We are all very envious. Gill Hallam is well known in Brisbane's law and special libraries circuit. A former librarian with Coopers and Lybrand, she also works for the State Library's BRISQ services - a commercial information service that many of us use as the Librarians' Reference Library.

**Jenny Paterson** is the new Librarian for Hopgood and Gannim, following Lana Czarniecki's departure to the Federal Court.

**Terry Hutchinson** is back at QUT Law Library after returning from maternity leave.

The Queensland Branch held its AGM in June. The new Executive is:

**Helen Routh** (CCW)  
President

**Cathy Crawford** (QUI Law School)  
Vice President

**Cathy Crowe** (Gilshenan and Luton)  
Secretary

**Jan Rees** (MEMF)  
Treasurer

Other positions include:

**Bruce Bott** (Bond University)  
Committee Member

**Alison Wallace** (Carter Newell)  
Newsletter Editor

**Lynne Gleave** (Office of Parliamentary Counsel)  
Newsletter Editor

**Gill Hallam**  
Education Co-ordinator

Librarians at the AGM made a commitment to developing a continuing education programme over the next few years.

Registrations for the Conference have already passed the break even point. We may yet be faced with turning away late applications. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## *South Australia*

**Ingrid Zuesse** of the South Australian Attorney-General's Library has just spent a wonderful month overseas visiting Sweden, France and the USA.

**Helen Culshaw** gave a very interesting talk to our Law Librarians Group about her experiences in setting up and building the collection of the Flinders University Law Library.

**Robert Elson** would like to advise that until further notice the Supreme Court Library of SA hours will be 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, with a 1 hour break for lunch from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Interstate callers for Supreme Court judgments are asked to contact the Murray Law Library of the Law Society of SA on (08) 321 9972 or fax (08) 231 1929. **Heather Carine** is working half time as a reference librarian at the Supreme Court Library until the end of August. Some of you may remember Heather from the short time that she worked at Minter Ellison in Melbourne.

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## *Victoria*

June's meeting focused on disaster planning in libraries. **Jeavons Ballie**, Chief Conservator from the State Library of Victoria, and **Yvonne Butler** from Mallesons Stephen Jaques, gave very informative talks, and the meeting was really worth attending.

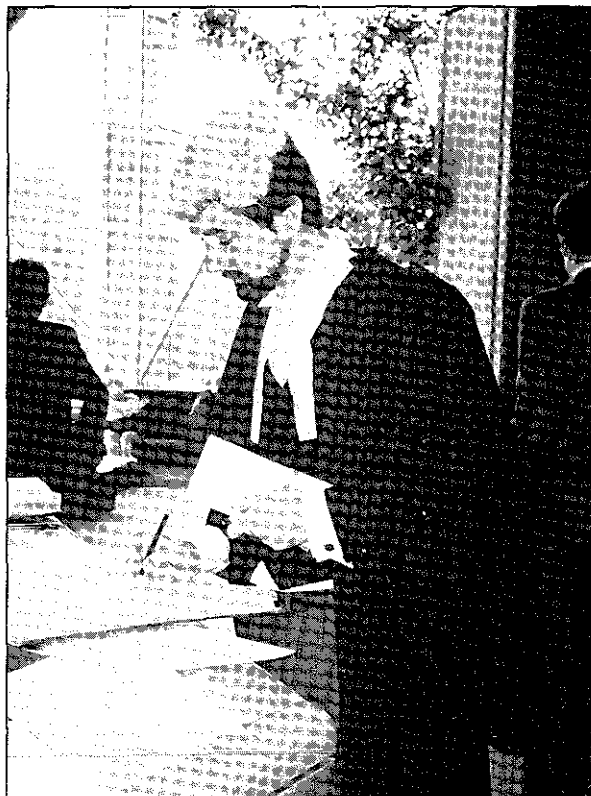
Law Library staff from Deakin, La Trobe, Melbourne and Monash Universities met together for the first time on Friday, 16 July for a meeting over lunch in the Coal Cellar at Melbourne University's Law Faculty. The venue, despite its name, was a bright and cheerful place for this first venture at collaboration.

The major topic of conversation at the meeting concerned the standards for university law libraries which were approved recently by the Committee of Law Deans and which are to be considered further at a meeting during the Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference on the Gold Coast. Other

topics included the perennials of collection rationalisation and duplicates.

A second meeting will take place during early September at Monash University where Conference attendees will report back to the rest of the Group.

**Nicholas Pengelley**, pictured below, Law Librarian at Monash University, was admitted as a barrister at a ceremony in the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 26 May 1993.



**Christine Walker**, Precedents Librarian at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks (ARH), has joined Logical Solutions as Librarian Support Co-ordinator for their library software. **Jannett Belfield** will also be leaving (ARH) to take up a librarian position at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories. **Mimi Hives** will replace Jannett at ARH for four months.

**Jessica Hunter** is now the Librarian at Purves Clarke Richards.

**Jodi Hutchens** is now working at Arnold Bloch Leibler.

**Rebecca Smail** is now Librarian for the *Laws of Australia* project with Law Book Company.

## *Western Australia*

**Anne Gardner** of Minter Ellison Northmore Hale will be the WA representative for the recently formed National Publishers Liaison Group which will be formulating policy for the ALLG. The Group's first meeting will be at the Gold Coast Conference in August.

As a result of the merger of WA's Crown Law Department, the Department of Corrective Services and the Juvenile Justice Bureau to form the new Ministry of Justice, from 1 July 1993, the Crown Law Library will be serving the new Ministry of Justice as the Ministry of Justice Library.

Several members of the ALLG (WA) Branch attended an interesting overview of the new WA *Freedom of Information Act* in June. The talk covered the Act's objectives, principles of its administration, and practical aspects of requesting information under the new legislation.

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