

EDITORIAL

The last issue of the *ALL* with the Internet articles seems to have been well-received. As libraries join the global network we all receive yet another contact address, another line on our card, to add to the mailing address, the telephone number and the fax number. I am talking about the e-mail addresses that are burgeoning on all sides. In fact, I have started a special address book just for e-mail addresses! In the light of this explosion, Colin Fong has suggested that we use the columns of the *ALL* to call for law libraries' Internet addresses so we can publish at least a brief directory for everyone's information. If this interests you please refer to the notice in Spotlight

This issue concentrates on legal research mainly in relation to practitioners and those preparing for practice. In regard to the latter, Mr Tony Thew, Director of the ANU Legal Workshop, has made a special effort to broaden his students' knowledge of legal bibliography. His article on the legal research programme will interest law firm librarians in particular.

Two articles by Steven Reynolds and Terry Hutchinson result from earlier studies of the legal research needs of solicitors. The results of these surveys have been conveyed to a limited number of law librarians in Sydney and Broadbeach. We thought they deserved a wider audience and Mr Reynolds would be

interested in feedback on his paper. If you have anything to add to his findings please contact him at the Law Foundation of New South Wales

Lorraine Weinman has contributed a lively account of her recent visit to Nauru, and complementing this is an annual progress report in *Pacific News* on the Pacific Twinning Scheme. There is a steady flow of books and information to the Pacific and many expressions of appreciation from those libraries taking part in the Scheme. As the islands acquire computers and join networks such as the Internet the flow of information will become more two-way thus compensating for the present gaps in Pacific holdings in Australian and New Zealand law libraries

There is no doubt that computerisation is bringing us closer together. The trouble is finding the time to digest, act, and respond to all the information!

This is the last issue for which Sue Milne contributes the Reference column. Sue has reflected on some interesting topics in the last year and a half and she has given us much to think about. Fortunately, law library patrons never stop asking questions, and the Committee looks forward to finding someone who can be equally stimulating in relaying the issues that arise in reference work

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NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES



I am pleased to start off the notes this month with the news that James Butler, Supreme Court Librarian in Victoria, is this year's recipient

of the Butterworths BIALL Scholarship. James has been a hard-working member of the ALLG (Victorian Division) for many years, including two years as State Convenor. He will be attending the BIALL Conference in September and will be writing an article for the *Australian Law Librarian* on his return