

# STATE NEWS

*Sarah Andrew, Compiler*

Gallens Crowley & Chamberlain

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## ACT

**Sue Milne**, Senior Reference Librarian of the High Court, member of the *ALL* Editorial Committee, and author of the *ALL* Reference Column, is leaving us for a new life in Rockhampton. Sue will be greatly missed by her ACT colleagues. We wish her the very best for successful and happy times ahead.



The Editorial Committee of *Australian Law Librarian* farewelled Sue Milne (far right) at a dinner on 4 June. Left to right: Pauline Downing, Chris Hawke, Julia Butler, Jacqui Elliott. Sarah Andrew was unable to attend. Debbie Mudin was the photographer.

The big news in ACT law firms is mergers. Gallens Crowley & Chamberlain will merge with Clayton Utz on 1 July 1994 to become Clayton Utz. This will make Clayton Utz the second largest law firm in Australia, with offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Canberra.

Also on 1 July 1994, Macphillamy Cummins and Gibson will merge with Sly and Weigall. The Macphillamy's name will survive as a division of Sly and Weigall but the name is expected to disappear completely in about a year.

Finally, Allen Allen and Hemsley has announced it will open an office in Canberra staffed by two former Macphillamy's partners Richard Woolcott, AC, former Australian ambassador to the United Nations and former head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Pat Brazil, AO, former head of the Attorney-General's Department, will be Canberra-based consultants to Allen's.

[Information from *The Canberra Times* 21 June 1994 p 2].

**Anne Curtis** is standing in for Elizabeth Estbergs at the ACT Law Office Library.

A lunch was held for **John Bahrij** while he was in town on Wednesday 11 May at the Old Canberra House, ANU. John has left the University of Wollongong to become the new Law Librarian for the University of the South Pacific.

During April, Events Coordinator, **Pareen Reynolds**, organised lunch-time sessions at the Lionel Murphy Library for viewing Professor Bob Berring's excellent *Commando Legal Research* videos.

On 21 April, a panel of speakers from the Arts Training Council Australia, ALIA, Joint APS Training Council, and the National Training Board jointly hosted an information morning on the development of competency standards for the Library and Information Services Industry.

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## *New South Wales*

At the second meeting for 1994, Anthony Notaras, Law Book Company, demonstrated Australian Digest on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM version is well presented, reads like a book, and has good cross-referencing.

**Sandra Davey**, State Library, made a return visit to the group to explain the exciting Internet development that provides connection to Internet. Her demonstration included a search of the CIA files on Australia (which were quite innocuous!), and an explanation of 'gophers'.

Due to popular demand, **Prue Jessep** is arranging a repeat of the Moys workshop that was held last year. **Joanna Fear**, Queensland Attorney-General's Department, will conduct the workshop on Wednesday 20 July 1994, Parliament House Theatre. The cost will be \$50.00. Contact Prue Jessep on 230 2742 for more details.

The Australian Law Reform Commission has moved to Level 10, 133 Castlereagh St, Sydney. **Joanna Longley's** new phone number is: (02) 284 6355. Would New South Wales members *please* remember to give her any State news.

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## *Queensland*

**Kristine Goodin** has accepted the position as Librarian at the Australian Securities Commission. Her position at Blakes is still vacant.

**Catherine Crawford** is the new Law Librarian at the Queensland University of Technology.

**Jacqui Seligmann** is now Assistant Librarian at Clayton Utz.

## *South Australia*

### **FLINDERS UNIVERSITY**

The four storey extension of the central library, part of which will house the law library, is now at the end of the planning stage, and has gone to tender. Anticipated date of completion is November 1995. **Janet Tomkins** is working as the library technician dealing with serials acquisitions for the law library until November 1994.

### **SUPREME COURT**

**Bruce Greenhalgh** is filling in half-time while **Wendy Bizzell** is on sick leave. It is hoped that Wendy will be back full-time by the end of the month. Bruce will continue on until the end of June.

### **BAKER O'LOUGHLIN**

**Sonia Tincknell** will be helping out for 7 weeks. Sonia is a new library school graduate. **Helen Green** has been full-time since February and will relieve **Meredith McBratney** while she is on leave later in June.

### **ANDERSONS**

**Deborah Starcevic** is working Monday to Thursday afternoons at Andersons library. Deborah has had contracts in several special libraries including Finlaysons and Andersons.

A tour of the Adelaide Youth Court with an outline of the juvenile justice system was arranged for 23 May 1994. It was presented by Geoff Gray, Registrar of the Youth Court.

The next event in SALLG's Law for Law Librarians Schedule will be a demonstration of library technology including the use of CD-ROMs and networking practices.

The law librarians of South Australia have just completed the second round of the Legal Research Program which is run for the Graduate Certificate of Legal Practice students.

## *Tasmania*

Recent activities of the Tasmanian Division include a Lexis demonstration, and as part of Law Week, a presentation seminar on Tasmanian legislation.

**Ann Hughes** has left Dobson Mitchell & Allport to return to social work. The group hopes to see her back, and welcomes her replacement **Paula Pojer**.

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## *Victoria*

### **MAY MEETING**

International treaties were certainly a topic we had not covered before, and going by the number of members who attended, it was a popular topic. Dr Tim McCormack, Senior Lecturer in International Law at University of Melbourne, gave a very informative and well-presented talk on the basic principles. The group had many questions to ask, which were well answered. Handouts listing information contacts and treaty sources were distributed after the meeting.

**Matthew Wodetszki** is now the Information Manager at Herbert Geer & Rundle. **Mary Hiam** is now full-time at the Victorian Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

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## *Western Australia*

In early May the Murdoch University Law Library organised a short talk by the Dean, Ralph Simmonds, on Murdoch Law School's training programme and collection, together with a tour of the Library and a demonstration of the Internet. Murdoch University is keen to promote the use of the Internet via AARNet and has encouraged Perth law librarians to take up the offer of some free access time.

Butterworths recently hosted drinks to celebrate their third relocation within the same building. Everybody hopes that this will be their last move for a while.

The WA Branch maintains a register of librarians, technicians and assistants who are available to work in law libraries in Perth. Anyone who would like any information, or would like to be added to the register should contact Ms **Vivienne Marston** at Jackson McDonald on (09) 426 6652, 81 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000.

### **Subject Index of Legislation Victoria and Consolidated Supplement**

The Subject Index (published September 1992) is the first comprehensive subject-based listing to have been produced for Victorian legislation. The new 156-page Consolidated Supplement brings the Subject Index up to date 28 February 1994.

**Prices:** Subject Index—\$75, Consolidated Supplement—\$25.

Both publications are available from The Law Printer, PO Box 292, South Melbourne 3205. Telephone 242 4600.