

## *New Law Library for Nauru*

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When the Pacific Islands Law Officers Meeting (PILOM) was held in Nauru last September, there was a lot of enthusiastic comment among the participants about the Law Library Twinning Programme. The Nauruan hosts listened, and asked why they had not been twinned with anyone - they said they would like to join too!

Alan Rose, Secretary of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, offered to twin his library with the Department of Justice in Nauru, which is how I acquired my third "twin" (The other two are in Western Samoa). The Nauru law library was burnt down a few years ago, and there is virtually nothing there now. Shelves are needed before any books can be accommodated. I have ordered a small quantity of library shelving, and this will be sent - by ship - to Nauru in March. I will go out for a week in April, put up the shelves, and sort through and organise their books. Mr Rose has donated a set of CLR, which we bought second-hand, and I have been collecting recently-superseded text books for them. These are all being flown out freight-free by Air Nauru.

## *Air Freight - a Note to Other Australian/ New Zealand Twins*

Most Pacific countries have their own airline; it is usually a government or semi-government corporation. It is worth asking your Pacific counterpart to organise carriage of your books by their airline. It just requires a letter from their Attorney-General, Chief

Justice, or Secretary of Justice, to the head of the airline saying "these books are gifts from the Australian Government, they are for the good of the country." It is very easy for the airline to throw on a couple of boxes every so often. Polynesian Airlines takes all the boxes I send to Western Samoa, since an arrangement to do so was made last year, and now Air Nauru is doing the same. It's worth a try!

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## *Papua New Guinea*

Sir Buri Kidu, former Chief Justice of PNG, died on Saturday 29 January 1994 after suffering a heart attack at his home. He was only 49 years of age.

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## *Law in French Polynesia*

The latest issue of *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review*, vol.23 no 4 (November 1993) contains *VUWLR Monograph 8 Essays on French Law in the Pacific 1* edited by Rosemary Gordon. The essays are separately paged at the back of the issue and include papers on the tax system in French Polynesia, investment law, the application of legislation in the French Overseas Territories, and a historical paper on parliamentary life in Tahiti 1824-1903.

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## *Appointment to University of the South Pacific*

Congratulations to **John Bahrij**, Law Librarian at the University of Wollongong, who has been appointed as the first Law Librarian at USP. John expects to take up the appointment in April and will spend several months at the main Library in Suva before moving to the new Faculty of Law in Port Vila, Vanuatu.