

EDITORIAL

This combined issue of *Australian Law Librarian* regrettably includes the last National Convenor's column from Ruth Bird who has done such a marvellous job for the Group for the last two years. Ruth has cheerfully worked away on our behalf liaising with the National Library, making representations to ACLIS on various matters, overseeing the production of the *Directory of Members 1994*, and dealing with all the other numerous issues that came up during her period of office. The task of the National Convenor is heavier than most suspect and Ruth's optimism and positive approach to her duties have been an inspiration.

The ALL Committee is particularly grateful to Ruth for her decision to include a copy of the ALL subscription form in the back of the *Directory*. This helped to raise interest in the journal and to lift its circulation. In addition Ruth's willingness to continue as National Convenor this year when she was no longer working in the library saved the ALLG from a period of temporary disruption and enabled us to maintain that important continuity in the running of law library business at the national level. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, Ruth, for all your work, encouragement, cooperation and good cheer, and especially for being such an outstanding promoter of *Australian Law Librarian* at every opportunity, both here and overseas. It has been a pleasure dealing with you and we all wish you good luck in the future, and hope to see you continue your strong association with the Group.

Readers, take note of the Call for Nominations for the position of National Convenor on page 55. Nominations should be received by 28 July 1995.

This is the last issue of ALL to appear before the Sydney Conference. Heeding a call after the Broadbeach meeting for articles on how to deliver a conference paper effectively, I asked Natalie Pengelley to contribute her thoughts on the matter in a short article. Natalie is trained and experienced in speech techniques and I recommend reading her contribution to those who will be addressing the audience in Sydney in August.

Have you ever had to move a library? One the size of Harvard? Terry Martin has one of the most enormous tasks ahead of him. His entertaining account of how to keep 800,000 volumes available while the library building is being totally re-modelled will make you quail. I understand that his faculty and students are not entirely convinced that the move is a good idea, but those of you constrained by an old and impractical building will surely cheer him on.

Greg Hogg from the New South Wales Parliament has contributed a comprehensive discussion of regulation review in Australia, while Helen Culshaw continues our introduction to different libraries by writing about the Flinders University Law Library in South Australia. Finally, we decided to reprint an interesting article on technology from a British journal for those who did not have access to the original publication.

Another combined issue of *Australian Law Librarian* will appear in October, followed by the December issue. Before then the conference in Sydney will be held. Note down the dates and make a special effort to attend. With the rapid changes taking place in law librarianship at present and the opportunity for all to gather at the ALLG Annual General Meeting it will be an important occasion.

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