

## *Pauline Downing, Compiler*

High Court of Australia

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## *Australian Capital Territory*

**Judy Grant** has taken on the challenge of the Australian Government Solicitors Canberra Office for three months. Judy has been the librarian at the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office for several years.

**Victor Rodziewicz** has been appointed Cataloguing Librarian at the High Court of Australia. Victor worked previously at the National Library. He is studying law externally through Macquarie University.

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## *New South Wales*

**Beth Finch** has left Clayton Utz to follow the sun to Byron Bay. She finished her law degree at UTS at the end of 1994 and now has a consultancy to write a new external legal research course for Southern Cross University, at Lismore. She is hoping to go into the consultancy business when she can drag herself away from the beach.

**Cathy Wilson** from Baker & McKenzie will be taking over Beth's position at Clayton Utz.

**Sarah Bishop** has left Sydney University Law School Library as Reader Services Librarian, to become Reader Services Librarian at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst, thereby fulfilling her desire to return to the country.

**Adam Raffel** left Gadens Ridgeway in March to set up a consultancy business, specialising in cataloguing, indexing and online searching. **Margaret Williams** is now the Manager of the Library.

**Libby O'Reilly** has left LIAC at the State Library to become Law Librarian at the University of Western Sydney, Macarthur at Campbelltown.

**Catherine Bollen** returns as Librarian to Henry Davis York for three days a week, after a year's maternity leave.

**Leanne Greenberg** left her position as Research Librarian at Allen Allen & Hemsley to become Manager, Library Services, Australian Stock Exchange. Leanne's position was filled by **Mary Smart**, formerly with the Federal Court Library, Sydney.

**Colleen Cory** has left the National Crime Authority to work as Librarian for the newly established Federal Industrial Court Library.

**Karen Rowe-Nurse** is now working part-time at the University of New South Wales Law Library.

**Karen Davis** will be working part-time at Tress Cocks and Maddox.

**Emma Woodhead** is replacing **Frances Barton** at Hunt & Hunt for a year while Frances is on maternity leave. Frances had a daughter, Stephanie, on 2 April 1995.

The new ALLG (NSW) committee as decided at the AGM is:

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## *Queensland*

On Friday 24 March the group held a lunch with **Janine Schmidt**, University Librarian of University of Queensland as the guest speaker. Janine was the first of a number of speakers who we hope will join our meetings this year.

**Jan Rees** (Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher) and **Helen Demack** (Hill and Taylor) were the guest speakers at a luncheon held by the Law Office Managers Group of Queensland. Both spoke on the role of the law librarian in legal firms. Helen spoke on the management of information resources generally and Jan more specifically on the management of electronic information resources. The presentation was very well received and we hope the group can continue to increase its profile this way.

In early March the group conducted a survey amongst its members regarding the use of CD-ROMS in our libraries. The results were interesting and have been distributed to the group. The survey tells us how many of our members have an automated catalogue, and how many are actually using CD-ROMS, either as single or network users.

**Sarah Warner** has left her position as Librarian at Phillips Fox. **Sue Green** returned to the fold

of private law firm librarian, to step into **Peter O'Rourke's** position at Mallesons. Peter has in turn moved into the position of Librarian at the Queensland Industrial Court Library.

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## *South Australia*

A demonstration by **James Saracino** of CCH's *Federal Tax Reporter* on CD-ROM for the S A Law Librarians Group was the first function for this year. **Anne Harris**, Freedom of Information Delegate from the South Australian Education Department, spoke at our May function "Freedom of Information: Implications of the Legislation". **Jan Gaebler**, ALIA President, will be speaking at the following function on the topic of "What ALIA can do for Special Librarians".

**Rosemary Hocking**, Senior Librarian from the Sir Samuel Way Library, District Court of S A has been appointed to the Executive Committee (South Australian Chapter) of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.

**Heather Layton** has returned to the position of Librarian of the Federal Court - South Australian Registry, after eleven months in the position of Acting Director, Court Services of the Federal Court in Adelaide.

**Georgia Livissianos**, who had been Acting Librarian in Heather's absence, is now on secondment for approximately twelve months to the Defence Regional Library S A, Defence Centre - Adelaide, where her position is Librarian in Charge.

**Louise Langridge**, formerly of Fisher Jeffries, has been appointed Librarian of the South Australian Branch of the Certified Practising Accountants.

## Victoria

The first meeting for 1995 was a social occasion hosted by **Monash University Law Library** on Friday 17 February. About 40 members bravely ventured out of the city limits to the wilds of Clayton to sample some excellent catering and to inspect the extensive Law Library collection. The Law Library has recently added a floor (four floors now) which precipitated a major rearrangement of the collection. For many members this was their first opportunity to see the Monash collection. Highlights on view included an extensive Pacific Islands collection, complete set of all Australian territories' legislation, a superb collection of US legislation and case law, and a growing variety of Asian material.

The March meeting was devoted to an overview of the Online On Disc Conference held in Sydney in January. **Jill Bright** (Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants) spoke on the multimedia presentations given by two keynote speakers from the US. **Melissa Dunley** (Dunhill Madden Butler) discussed Nancy Honig's (US) session on copyright, and **Lianne Forster Knight** (Mallesons Stephen Jaques) took us surfing through the Internet room at the Conference, discussed the fact that most papers mentioned the Internet in some way, and touched on security issues. **Adriaan Bendeler** (Vic DPP) concluded with a roundup of social events and a product review.

**Betty Moys** was the star of our April meeting, and was as always an interesting and entertaining guest speaker. Betty has shifted her affections from classification and legal librarianship to the world of legal indexing and has now indexed a number of books including the current edition of *Chitty on Contracts*. The frightening part of this process is that she actually has to do something that I don't think anyone else beside the author has ever done - read the book from cover to cover!! Betty also briefly mentioned the various tools that can assist when compiling an index,

including the British and International Standards for indexing. Betty is seen as a radical pioneer (in the legal field at least) of 'upside down' indexes in which narrow topics are listed first, and all entries are well cross referenced. Traditional legal indexes are arranged the other way - from broad subject headings to narrow - which as most librarians are aware makes them very difficult to use. Check out the latest edition of *Chitty* for Betty's name - she asserted her "moral right" of authorship under British intellectual property law to have her name added as author of the index.

The difficult issue of copyright for libraries was the subject of our May meeting. Our panel of speakers included **Andrew Christie** of the Copyright Law Review Committee and Melbourne University; **Karen Skaffi**, a solicitor from BHP who has had recent experience negotiating BHP's contract with CAL; and **Jamie Wodetski**, ACLIS's resident copyright expert. This was very useful to members as it highlighted the complexities of the *Copyright Act* and the difficulties inherent in compliance.

## Members

1995 has seen a more than usually frantic flurry of members on the move.

**Maryanne Cooper** has left Slater and Gordon after completing her articles, and is now Librarian at Davies Collison Cave Patent Attorneys.

**Greg Jamieson** formerly of Butterworths is now Area Manager for Diskrom.

New at Mallesons Stephen Jaques in 1995 are **Meaghan Leviston**, Assistant Reference Librarian, and **Susan Troy**, part-time Library Assistant.

Busy cataloguing at the Supreme Court Library is **Garry Cannon**, the new Technical Services Librarian.

**Petal Kinder** has a new incarnation at Monash Law Library - Petal is now Coordinator of the Legal Research Education Project. This is a 12 month secondment from Petal's former position in the Law Library.

**Shaunagh Harte** has been confirmed as Deputy Law Librarian at the University of Melbourne Law Library. Shaunagh's previous position as Collection Management Librarian has been filled by **Lisa Sukkel** (formerly of the Baillieu Library). We look forward to welcoming Lisa as a member of the ALLG (Vic Div) group.

**Chris Walker** has left Logical Solutions and has accepted a three month contract as a library consultant with the Department of Business and Employment.

**Sue Coulter** retired on 5 May 1995 after almost 26 years at Blake Dawson Waldron! Sue began her career in librarianship at the Law Institute of Victoria, and was the first qualified librarian to be employed by the Institute. In 1969 Sue joined what was then Blake & Riggall, working 12 hours per week part-time. Again Sue broke new ground as the firm's first librarian (Sue says she was able to train them well!) Under Sue's direction Blake

Dawson Waldron began the collection of valuable early extrinsic material such as explanatory memoranda, government gazettes and Hansard, which is now such an enviable resource.

Sue was also one of the first members of the Australian Law Librarians' Group which began in Sydney c 1969. Over the years Sue has been a very valuable and involved member of the Victorian Division of the Group. Thank you Sue for your contribution to the Group and to the profession over so many years, and all the best for the future.

**Moyra McAllister** is shortly leaving her position as Deputy Parliamentary Librarian to take up the position vacated by Sue Coulter at Blake Dawson Waldron. Moyra starts at Blakes at the beginning of May.

Both **Celia Triolo** and **Ferdinda Opat** have recently left Middletons.

**Maralyn Harris** has left Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher and is going to KPMG, while **Lisa Scott** of KPMG will shortly take up a position at Dunhill Madden Butler.

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