

STATE NEWS

Pauline Downing, Compiler

High Court of Australia

Australian Capital Territory

ACT members were saddened to hear of the passing of **Loretta Ward** of Blackburn Chambers after a long illness

Congratulations to **Rebecca Robinson**, who has left the Lionel Murphy Library to become the Librarian at the AIPO (Patents Office)

Julia Butler returned to the Lionel Murphy Library in October after nine months' leave

Pauline Downing will be on maternity leave from the High Court from September 1995 to February 1996. The Acquisitions Librarian position will be filled by **Ann Rann** in September and October and by **Sue Milne** from November to February next year

The ACT group farewelled Butterworths representative **Ian McDonald** with a lunch at Brassey House. Ian has taken up a position with Butterworths in Brisbane.

Joanne Pentony became Convenor of the ACT group.

New South Wales

Lynn Pollack has retired from her position at the Law Courts. Lynn was a founder of the Australian Law Librarians' Group and during her 20 years as Librarian-in-Charge provided a wonderful service not only to the Judges and personnel at the Law Courts but also to all Sydney's law librarians. Lynn's capacity for work was

legendary and it is hoped that this means that she will not be able to easily 'disappear' from the law library scene



Lynn Pollack in her Law Courts Library Office

Jackie Patrick has been appointed Librarian-in-Charge of the Law Courts Library in Sydney and will take up the position on 16 October 1995. Jackie was previously Law Librarian at the University of New South Wales. Jackie has a Bachelor of Library Science degree (majoring in Law), a Diploma in Advanced Library Studies and a Master of Librarianship. Jackie's professional interest is in law libraries and in the management of libraries. Prior to heading the UNSW Law Library, Jackie was Head Librarian at the Sydney office of the law firm Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher. Before this she was Head Librarian at the WA Department of Computing and Information Technology, and the WA Department of Corrective Services.

Congratulations also to **Fay O'Grady**, formerly Librarian at Minter Ellison in Melbourne, who has been appointed Librarian of the College of Law in New South Wales. Fay will commence work on 6 November 1995.

Judy Crewe has retired from the Commonwealth Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

Elizabeth Butt has been appointed as manager at the Legal Information Access Centre, or LIAC

Lorraine Doyle has left Butterworths and is now working at LBC Information Services

Gwen Hamilton is now working full time as the Librarian for Sparke Helmore, Newcastle and Sydney offices

A committee of five librarians has been appointed by the Parliamentary Counsel's Office to be a customer focus group to benchmark New South Wales Legislation Information publications. Members of this new committee are:

- Elizabeth Butt** (LIAC)
- Colin Fong** (Allen Allen & Hemsley)
- Alex Javorsek** (LBC Information Services)
- Lesley O'Laughlin** (NSW Attorney General's Department)
- Margaret Williams** (Gadens Ridgeway)

The Sixth Asian-Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference had approximately 800 delegates attending. All ALLG members are thanked for contributing to its success. Conference proceedings will be available shortly from ALIA, PO Box E441, Queen Victoria Tce, ACI, 2600

The NSW Division had as a guest speaker on 15th August **Deanne Lane**, Marketing Manager at Freehill Hollingdale & Page. Deanne spoke on "Law Firm Marketing and the Library"

Queensland

John Bahrij has taken up the position of Law Librarian at Bond University. **Bruce Bott** moved to Parliamentary Library in Western Australia in May this year

South Australia

Jan Gaebler, National President of ALIA, and Librarian from Bank S A., spoke at a Professional and Career Development Session for the SALLG on June 20th. The topic was "What do Members expect of ALIA? What does ALIA expect of Members?" which provided plenty of discussion between Jan, ALIA members and non-members. Our next functions were two technology sessions held in August, one on online services and the other on CD-ROM products. At the online session, SALLG members discussed using online services for retrieving press & journal abstracts, legislation and judgments. The CD-ROM session was a demonstration of various CD-ROM products being used at the Australian Securities Commission library in Adelaide.

Helen Culshaw was the Acting Reader Services Librarian at Flinders University Central Library until August. This position saw her being responsible for reference and loan services, in addition to being the Law Librarian at Flinders.

Heather Layton from the Federal Court has been appointed to the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration (South Australian Chapter) Executive Committee.

Hermin Punitham has returned to her position of Deputy Librarian at the Sir Samuel Way Library, District Court of S A., after being on maternity leave.

In other news, the extension to Flinders University Central Library will be completed in October, and the Law Library will be moving to its new premises in November.

Chief Justice John Doyle launched the University of Adelaide's Law School Computing Suite on 5 September. Students will be able to access the LAWPAC series of CD-ROMs and SCALE, and part of their course will now include how to access the law via computers.

The South Australian law librarians gathered in mid September to farewell **Mark Thomas**, the Butterworths Area Manager for South Australia and Northern Territory, and wish him all the best in his new position as Area Manager for New South Wales. **Peter Ivkovic**, previously the Business Development Manager for South Australia, will now be the Area Manager

Virginia Sarah has been appointed the Librarian at Fisher Jeffries

Joanne Thompson, is working at Minter Ellison Baker O'Loughlin as the Library Assistant while she is completing her Graduate Diploma in Library Studies

Victoria

Our planned June winter solstice dinner celebrating 25 years of the ALLG in Victoria happened to clash with ALIA/DA Information Services "Lob into Flinders Park" function for combined special, health & law librarians, so the dinner was moved to July. This enabled a sizeable gaggle of law librarians to attend what was certainly an entertaining and informative evening. This meeting provided the opportunity to mingle with librarians other than in law and to view CD and online products we may otherwise have missed if unable to attend recent and forthcoming conferences. Thanks to Tim Burke of DA and to Jenny Wood for coordinating this meeting.

Our July 25 year celebration dinner was a highlight of the year for the Victorian Division. This event was inspired by our Supreme Court Librarian, **James Butler**, who discovered minutes of a very early meeting which formed the genesis of the group in Victoria. The dinner, held at University House at the University of Melbourne drew a crowd of 65 past and present members, who were spellbound and in fits of laughter listening to our guest speaker, Beth Wilson,

reminisce. Beth was joined by other members who also shared their memories of the history and past events of the group.

For our August meeting **Gary Hardy** demonstrated VICNET to a very large gathering of law librarians at Mallesons Stephen Jaques. VICNET is a joint project between the State Library of Victoria and RMIT to provide access to the Internet for all Victorians (as Gary put it, to the 'brown cardigan' people) and to place Victorian information on the Internet. VICNET allows community groups to cheaply publish information about their organisation and current events. Gary encouraged us to form a home page for the ALLG and then to create an electronic version of our newsletter.

Gary alluded to developments in Victorian legal information becoming accessible on the Internet. Hansard of the State Government is currently on trial, and full text of Victorian public law notices are available.

He pointed us to the Australasian Legal Information Institute. This body was established by the University of New South Wales and the University of Technology, Sydney. It provides valuable links to legal resources on the net. From here one can go to full text materials, indexes to Australian legal resources; links to international indexes of legal resources and gateways to other legal databases. Full text materials newly added are High Court decisions since 1950, and some NSW Law Reform Commission reports.

MEMBERS

Jenny Wood previously Library Manager at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks has moved to Minter Ellison as Manager of Library Services. **Ro Hay** has re-joined Minter Ellison as Technical Services Librarian and **Angela Schmidt** has been appointed Assistant Reference Librarian. **Shaunagh Harte**, formerly Deputy Law Librarian at Melbourne University, has taken up the position

of Reference Librarian at Minter Ellison. After 12 years as Library Manager at Minter Ellison, **Fay O'Grady** is moving to the College of Law Library in Sydney

Brenda Currie, formerly Library Manager at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, has moved to Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks as Manager, Library Services

Nicki Campbell has taken over as Manager, Library Services at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and has been replaced as Reference Librarian at CCW by **Elizabeth Joyce**

Jessica Hunter left Purves Clarke Richards for Cambridge and has been replaced as Library Manager by **Nora Walsh**

Marie Stratton is now at Hunt & Hunt

Anne Watson is with Russell Kennedy.

Rosemary Bunnage is Acting Law Librarian at the University of Melbourne until December

Ian Edwards is now at the Supreme Court replacing **Tania Snoep**. **Tania Snoep** and **Vikki Hutton** (Vikki was formerly at Blake Dawson Waldron) have set up in private practice providing a range of legal services to the profession

Kinza Needham is now with Ernst & Young. Replacing Kinza at Blake Dawson Waldron is **Sue Lawson**

Ferdinanda Reymers is now with Greenchip Funds Management

Maralyn Harris is now with PMG Peat Marwick.

Sophia Kelly has replaced **Petra Mackus** at McPherson & Kelly. **Petra Mackus** is now Library Manager at Middletons Moore & Bevins