

Report of ALLG AGM Sydney 28 August 1995

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The AGM was attended by over 100 delegates to the Special, Health and Law Librarians' Conference in Sydney.

The National Convenor, Ruth Bird, chaired the meeting prior to handing over to the new National Convenor, Anne Gardner. Each of the State Convenors presented reports, together with Jacqui Elliott and Yvonne Butler. This report is a summary of the agenda items.

1. National Convenor's Report

A summary of issues in which the ALLG was involved over the past two years:

- National Library
- Review of the Law Collection by Rob Brian
- Appointment of Roy Jordan as subject reference librarian
- Transfer of funds from previous conferences to the National Account, allowing for seeding funding of the Sydney conference.
- Creation of National Directory of ALLG members, which is available to members for non-commercial use
- Continuation of Pacific Twinning Program
- Establishment of Publishers Liaison Committee (Fay O'Grady's report appears elsewhere in this issue)
- Law Librarians' Symposium planned for Melbourne in 1996
- State Convenors' meetings - now held annually to enable exchange of information between states.

In the ACT, Joanne Pentony reported on the work involved in production of the *Australian Law Librarian*, Rob Brian's review of the National Library law collection, and a review

of meetings in the Territory. Difficulties with ACT legislation were a major issue for the group.

Catherine Crow from Queensland reported on workshops for librarians, a guest speaker programme, donations to legal services, and the production of brochures.

Anne Gardner, Western Australia, reported on several issues including level of service with the privatisation of the Government Printer, pricing and network structure of computer products, and a working party on library education. Publications include a union list of periodicals and law reports, a subject index to Law Society of WA papers, and regular newsletters. Continuing education seminars have been held, as well as social occasions.

Dorothy Shea, Tasmania, reported that a discussion paper was produced on cooperation amongst librarians, a proposal for a state wide CD-ROM system, guest speakers, and the union list of law reports.

Helen Culshaw, from South Australia, reported on the quarterly state bulletin, preparation for taking over *ALL* production, a survey of members, the SA law libraries holding list, and the SA Law Librarians' Constitution (1994).

Jackie Patrick, NSW, reported on the Group survey to devise a programme for ALLG (NSW), the extensive Conference preparation by the Group, the restructure of the executive in NSW, and the ALLG twenty fifth anniversary dinner.

Ann Wootton, Vic, reported on the workshops on finding the law, the meeting programme, social events, the International Bar Association trade fair, and the twenty fifth anniversary celebration dinner.

Frieda Evans, NT, reported on the publication of a serials union list, the subject index to NT legislation, issues including problems in

legislation supply, and computerisation of libraries, as well as a law dinner for the Library Technicians' conference.

Yvonne Butler served as ALLG representative on ACLIS-AGPS and established a permanent position for a member of the ALLG on the Committee, which meets once a year. In the future, a Canberra law librarian will act as representative to save travel costs. Thanks to Yvonne for her work on the Committee.

Jacqui Elliott reported on the work undertaken to continually improve the standard of the *Australian Law Librarian*, our national journal. Many thanks to Jacqui for such a splendid job as editor.

Anne Gardner was welcomed as new National Convenor; being based in Perth means that she will be well placed to work for the Group and be involved in planning for the next Special & Law Librarians' Conference, to be held in Perth in 1997.

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