

# STATE NEWS

## *Pauline Downing, Compiler*

High Court of Australia

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## *ACT*

**Fiona McLeod** has resigned as Librarian of the Canberra office of the Australian Government Solicitor. She will be moving to Melbourne with her husband.

**Gary Anderson** has been appointed reference librarian at the Lionel Murphy Library.

**Lorraine Weinman** has been notified that the Lionel Murphy Library will be undergoing extensive review of the information requirements of the Department and the Legal Practice till the year 2000, under the principle of full user pays. This will include the examination of costings for staff, administration, etc.

**Sue Milne** is in the news in Queensland. Sue's new baby, Callum David, 7lb. 5oz, was the first baby born on New Year's Day in Rockhampton. Congratulations to Sue and Stan.

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## *New South Wales*

**Margaret Williams** (formerly Hunt & Hunt) has been with the Legal Information Access Centre for the past six months, but in February she moved to Information Edge (also part of the State Library) to work with **Elizabeth Swan** on expanding the fee-based legal information service.

**Cathy Young**, who was Precedents and Continuing Legal Education Manager at Norton Smith, was married in December and has now moved to Brisbane.

**Betty Moys** will be making a very welcome return visit to Australia in March/April. Anyone wishing to catch up with her should contact **Prue Jessep** at the New South Wales Parliamentary Library for details of her itinerary.

The next meeting of the New South Wales group will be held on 23 February at the Parliamentary Library.

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## *Queensland*

**Peter O'Rourke** has left the Brisbane centre library of Mallesons Stephen Jaques to take up the position of librarian at the Queensland Industrial Court and Industrial Relations Commission. The Queensland and Commonwealth Industrial Commissions relocated to new joint premises in mid 1993, and the library now provides services to judges and members of both organisations. Peter has been replaced at Mallesons by **Sue Green**, who had spent the preceding twelve months working as a representative for CCH Australia. Prior to this, Sue was librarian at the Brisbane office of McCullough Robertson.

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## *South Australia*

The AGM of the SALLG was held on 6 December at the ASC. At this meeting our state constitution was ratified. Christmas dinner at the Historian followed the meeting and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The new committee of the SALLG was announced at the AGM. The members are:

**Renee Amyot**                      Legal Services Commission

**Heather Carrine** Ward and Partners  
**Helen Culshaw** Flinders University Law  
 Library  
**Rosemary Hocking** Sir Samuel Way Library,  
 District Court of SA  
**Peter Jacobs** University of Adelaide  
 Law Library  
**Sandra Lapidis** Administrative Appeals  
 Tribunal  
**Meredith McBratney** Minter Ellison Baker  
 O'Loughlin

Two previous members have stood down. They are **Barbara Coat** (Australian Securities Commission) and **Sandra Burger** (Thomsons Barristers and Solicitors). Barbara has been on the Committee since 1989, was Secretary from 1990-1991, and Convenor from 1992-1993. Thanks to Barbara from the SA Members for her hard work and involvement.

With the merger of the Consumer Affairs Department and Attorney-General's Department (S.A.) the two libraries have been merged. **Judie Cox** who spent ten years with Consumer Affairs has now joined the staff at A-G's. **Glenn Blackmore**, also of the A-G's library, is working half-time while he is studying for his Masters in English at Flinders University.

**Suzanne Willcox** is the new Library Technician at the Supreme Court Library. **Wanda Dillon**, Senior Librarian at the Supreme Court and **Peter Wendelborn** announced their engagement on 1 January 1995. Congratulations to both Wanda and Peter.

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## *Tasmania*

Congratulations to **Paula Pojer**, librarian at the Hobart firm Dobson, Mitchell & Allport, on the birth of her son, Thomas Alexander, in January. **Denise Eagle** will be acting in her position while Paula is on maternity leave.

## *Victoria*

**Garry Cannon** is now Technical Services Librarian at the Supreme Court of Victoria. Garry was previously at Moorabbin Public Library.

**Angela Alexakos** has moved to the library at the Australian Taxation Office. Angela was previously assistant librarian at the Melbourne registry of the Federal Court.

On Wednesday, 14 December 1994, over eighty members attended our annual Christmas function at Michel's restaurant at the Novotel. It was great to catch up with everyone and pass on our best wishes for 1995.

Highlights for the year included:

- Successful social meetings at the Supreme Court library and Freehill Hollingdale & Page
- Finding the Law workshops and Moys workshops.
- On average over 40-50 members attending general meetings
- Special invitation and attendance at the IBA Trade Fair. This was accompanied by another successful cocktail functions sponsored by Diskrom, Legal Library Services, Logical Solutions, Pink Ribbon and Point of Law.

The winners of the 1994 ALLGAE Awards are as follows:

1. **The worst reference question of the year:**  
 Most obvious statement of the year: senior partner holding a 1966 bound volume of the Commonwealth Acts announced:  
 "I think this *Bankruptcy Act* may have had some amendments"

## 2. Worst user of the year:

The user who was not allowed to take any library book into his exam, so he:

- a pulled out the book pocket
- b ripped out the page with the accession number
- c cut under the contact to remove the spine label

## 3. Most ingenious excuse

An articled clerk rang on a mobile phone to request a case be taken down to the Supreme Court ASAP. There was a great echo on the phone and I had trouble hearing her. I asked her where she was ringing from, and she answered that as it was a very confidential matter, she had taken the phone into the toilet at the Supreme Court.

## 1995 COMMITTEE

<b>Ann Wootton</b>	Convenor
<b>Cathy Bushrod</b>	Treasurer
<b>Nicki Campbell</b>	Secretary
<b>Althea Ward</b>	Membership Secretary

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James Butler, Yvonne Butler, Judy Cummins, Shaunagh Harte, Jessica Hunter, Petal Kinder, Fay O'Grady, Greig Williams and Jenny Wood.

**Shaunagh Harte** has been appointed Deputy Law Librarian at Melbourne University Law Library. Shaunagh has been acting in the position for the last 9 months, and was previously the Collection Management Librarian.

## *Western Australia*

**Margaret Coogan** has commenced as Librarian of Clayton Utz in Perth. Margaret was, until recently, managing the library at Dwyer Durack. **Janette Boase**, who has been Robinson Cox's, and later Clayton Utz's, Librarian for the last thirteen years, has decided to do something completely

different. She has chosen to study in the field of occupational therapy but is likely to keep up her interest in law libraries.

**Josephine Willinge** has been appointed Dwyer Durack's Librarian. For the past two years Josephine has been Assistant Librarian at the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission library.

**Heather Davids** has recently joined the Western Australian Supreme Court Library as a librarian and **Debra Harvey** is now the Branch Librarian at the Central Law Courts Library.

The Australian Government Solicitor's Library has appointed **Ros Phillips** as a library technician. Ros was previously a technician at the Supreme Court Library.

**Fiona Archibald**, who has worked at the Director of Public Prosecutions, Federal Court and Australian Government Solicitors' libraries, has accepted the position of library assistant at the Federal Court Library.

The ALLG (WA) branch has just published the 1994 edition of their *Union List of Periodicals*. Any prospective purchasers should contact **Keith Hair** at the Parliamentary Library, Parliament House, Harvest Terrace, Perth, 6000 on ph (09) 222 7393 or fax (09) 321 6197. Cost is \$50.00 payment with order, otherwise \$55.00. It is intended that the *Union List* be updated during the year and that purchasers will be notified of updates.

The new ALLG (WA) committee for 1995 is:

<b>Anne Gardner</b>	President
<b>Jean Kotai</b>	President Elect
<b>Wendy Ryan</b>	Secretary
<b>Marie Luffman</b>	Treasurer
<b>Vivienne Webb</b>	Member
<b>Margaret Coogan</b>	Member
<b>Diane Cooper</b>	Member
<b>Helen Wallace</b>	Member