

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the *Australian Law Librarian* produced by the South Australian contingent of the Australian Law Librarians' Group. The committee considered that the Canberra committee had developed such a professional look for the journal that we have done little to change the format

As many of you would be aware, the journal will now be produced quarterly rather than bi-monthly. As we have kept the price of the journal the same, we feel it is imperative that all members understand that this reduction in frequency will not mean a reduction in quality or quantity of articles

We do appreciate that this change in publishing will impact on the timeliness of the information and on this front I urge you all to join the Internet mailing list which is a discussion list for Australian and New Zealand Law Librarians.

For those of you who are not currently on the Internet, we will be summarising the major news items distributed on the list in the Spotlight column and throughout the journal. To join the ANZ-LAW-LIBRARIANS-1 discussion list send a message to majordomo@uow.edu.au saying in the first line **subscribe anz-law-librarians-one**.

We hope that the selection of articles in the first issue of 1996 holds something for everyone. Justice Olsson provides some insights into where he sees our technology taking us in the courts in 'Computer Generated Case Reports - Use and Misuse' and Richard Griffiths provides some tips on research during an election in 'Canberra Rules With Election Policy Statements'. Judith Bannister provides us with a comprehensive look

at the developments in electronic copyright in 'Is Copyright Coping with the Electronic Age?' For those of you who don't know Judith, she worked as the South Australian Federal Court Librarian and Ward & Partners Law Firm Librarian while completing her law degree. Prior to taking up her post at the University of West Sydney she worked as a Legal Officer for the Australian Copyright Council. Di Thompson outlines her role as Librarian at the Legal Services Commission, South Australia. From our University Law Librarians, Dennis Warren outlines some of the gaps in our legal literature indexing and Nicholas Pengelley and colleagues share their experiences with another successful Pacific Twinning Project. Finally, Nicholas Iles provides some insights into the *Hindmarsh Island Royal Commission* which has been one of the most controversial legal matters of 1995. Along with these lead articles, the regular columns provide you with updates on areas of significance to law librarianship

We welcome feedback on the content and form of this journal. We also welcome contributions from all members. For this journal to be relevant to the needs of the ALLG it is essential that we all share our experiences.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the Canberra committee on the magnificent job they have done on the journal over the past three years. In particular, I would like to thank Jacqui Elliott who has been so helpful and patient in assisting the journal's transfer to South Australia.

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