

EDITORIAL

In compiling the second issue for 1996 of the *Australian Law Librarian* I was heartened to see the number of instances where libraries and related fields have been in the limelight, particularly with articles in the press and the inclusion of colleagues as members on major working parties. In a time of great change, both political and technological, librarians are lobbying to ensure our voice is heard.

I currently share a building with Senator Vanstone and have been an eyewitness to many of the University protests which have included groups from the University Libraries. Librarians are eager to publicly support their profession and media coverage is now becoming second nature - our views circulating well beyond the specific audience associated with our profession.

I believe that this influence will grow as we as a professional body strengthen. We have the opportunity to positively influence developments in the fields that directly affect us such as copyright, Internet access and standards, collection development policies, publication standards, online system charges and citation standards. As one voice of the profession, I encourage you to utilise this journal in this process through contributions in the form of letters, articles and notes for columns.

I hope that you enjoy this issue in which a number of the members of the ALLG have shared their tips and experiences on how to market their respective libraries. We are given an insight into the workings of the Australian Law Reform Commission. There is also an article on the steps involved in creating a web page for those of you who wish to make your presence felt on the World Wide Web.

More Web news! We would like to hear from you on particular sites of relevance, their strengths and their weaknesses. With the explosion of law-related sites, many members would appreciate expert views on their ease of use and standard of content. Please contact Chris Maher, our Online & Ondisc Columnist, if you would like to contribute (contact details can be found at the beginning of the column).

Also in this issue - 'Law Librarian of the Year'. Many of you would remember from the announcement at the last Law Librarians' Dinner, Computer Law Services are sponsoring this award. Look out in this issue for the brochure on how to nominate your colleagues.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I am writing in reference to Dennis Warren's article in *Australian Law Librarian* 4 (1) March 1996 pp27-31 "Australian Legal Literature: gaps in the indexing"

As the Manager of AGIS, I was pleased to see that AGIS was favourably reviewed regarding both its currency and the extensive indexing it undertakes

AGIS has always prided itself on being a current legal indexing service for Australian material. We maintain that AGIS will have indexed a journal within 1 month of its receipt, with few exceptions. All the journals sampled by Mr Warren at 14 February 1996 (with the exception of the Criminal Law Journal) were indexed by AGIS by 29 February 1996 - no mean feat when you think of the total number of journals indexed by AGIS. These records were available either