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**Australian Capital Territory**

ALLGs ACT events organiser, **Gary Anderson** arranged a lunchtime talk and demonstration by Donna Spears from the NSW Judicial Commission of the improved Sentencing Information System. This interesting application of Internet technology is the most advanced source of sentencing information in Australia.

ANU law librarians **Helen Roberts**, **Aileen Weir** and **Jacquie Wilkinson** have had a very busy start to the academic year. They are teaching almost 300 first year students in the course requirement subject - Legal Systems and Process. Students attend 9 hours of tuition in the use of traditional legal research materials, and 3 hours in the computer lab. This year, special emphasis has been placed on electronic sources of the law using CD-ROMs for access to databases such as AGIS. Use of the Internet is also incorporated into the substance of the library tutorials. Helen and her colleagues assess the students research skills through an in-class quiz and a take-home assignment.

**Sarah Walker** has transferred from the Lionel Murphy Library to Information Services Directorate, Department of the Treasury. Sarah forms part of the Reference team who look after the former Attorney-General's Department Business Law Division (including the Corporations Law Simplification Unit) which moved to Treasury following the new government's changed administrative arrangements.

The Head Office of the Commonwealth DPP will be moving on 5 July 1996. The following addresses and switchboard telephone number will be in operation from 8 July 1996:

- Quadrant Building  
  4 Marcus Clarke Street  
  CANBERRA ACT 2601  
  GPO Box 3104  
  CANBERRA ACT 2601  
  Ph: (06) 206 5666

Congratulations to proud father, **Dale Heslin** on the birth of a baby daughter. Dale and Pat now have 3 girls and 2 boys.

**New South Wales**

**Mary Conyngham**, previously Systems Development Librarian at Law Courts Library, has taken up the position of Library Manager at Arthur Andersen. Mary was also a Committee Member for the ALLG, NSW Division, and we would like to thank her for all the work she has contributed during her time on the committee. **Vanessa O'Meara** from the Department for Women, has been appointed Reader Services Librarian at the Law Courts Library.

**Susan Ramsay**, formerly Collection Development Librarian at Law Courts Library is now Research Librarian at the Industrial Relations Court of Australia Library and is working with **Colleen Cory**, the Librarian.

**Janette Smith** from Phillips Fox, has moved to William Mercer.

**Fran Whitley**, has left Deacons Graham & James to pursue her own business interests. **Ruth Gray** is the new librarian. **Margaret Everingham**, Library Assistant, has also left Deacons to travel around Australia for 6 months.
Janelle Moser is now working at Clayton Utz as Assistant Manager, Library Services and Donna Campbell is Reader Services Librarian. Justine Hyde has also joined Clayton Utz as Library Technician.

Linda Fong Peng is the Legal Information Manager at Baker & McKenzie. The other Librarians are Damian Harris and Wendy Hitchcock, with Lyn Doble as part-time Library Technician.

Freehill Hollingdale & Page library staff now comprises of Maria Thiveos as Reference Librarian and Andrew Pemberton and Roshny Lal are the Library Technicians.

Sonia Swansborough has been appointed Systems Librarian at Minter Ellison.

Shirley Carpenter formerly at Clayton Utz is now at Rosenblum & Partners. Shirley is the new Mailing Secretary for the ALLG, NSW Division, replacing Mary Conyngham.

Gayle Davies has left the Family Court of Australia Library and Glenda Frew, Network Services Librarian is currently on maternity leave until the end of the year.

After 10 years at the Federal Court of Australia Library Gail Robertson is leaving on 1 July to pursue other opportunities.

Emma Woodhead has left Hunt & Hunt to take a position with Deacons Graham & James in their Hong Kong Office Library.

The NSW Attorney-General’s Library is undergoing a review of its library services and 5 members of the ALLG, NSW Division, will be contributing to the review.

Sly & Weigall have had a name change, and are now known as Deacons Graham & James.

### Northern Territory

#### Phone numbers: part 2

In the last ALL, we told you about NT Government switchboard numbers changing. This time we have to report that all NT phone numbers have changed and you have until October to get used to it. From now on NT phone numbers are 8 digits long instead of 6. 89 has been added to the beginning of all numbers. Our area code (previously 089) is now 08 (yes, same as Adelaide).

NT Attorney-General’s Library is now:
Ph: (08) 8999 7243.

Darwin Supreme Court Library is now:
Ph: (08) 8999 6583.

A good starting point, in case of confusion, is the NT Government General Enquiries number:
Ph: (08) 8999 5511.

#### Staff movements

Paul Scott has replaced Bronwyn King as Library Technician at Supreme Court Library, Darwin, until mid-July. Anne Wilson (NT University Library) has returned in one piece from a benchmarking visit to university libraries in California and Arizona. She was particularly interested in types and models of reference service and methods of evaluating reference service. Anne’s report on her trip is available on the NTU Library’s web page (http://www.ntu.edu.au/library/).

#### Meetings

Our April meeting was held at NT Attorney-General’s Library. Thanks to Julie Fisher for hosting it. Next meeting will have a technological theme and will be held at NTU Library in July. Contact Branch Co-ordinator, Frieda Evans for details on Ph: (08) 8999 6585.
Queensland

Queensland has been busy organising training sessions and visiting speakers. As a group, we have introduced ‘Talkfests’, which are informal get togethers held monthly to discuss a particular topic of interest. We have had discussions on bar coding, electronic products and Excel spreadsheets. These have been highly successful and well attended and members have spoken favourably of the benefits of getting together regularly to share practical ideas on timely issues.

In May, we invited Geoffrey King, Manager at AustLII to talk to us about the state of the Internet for Law Librarians and in particular what AustLII had to offer. With the help of a VERY compact data display unit and notebook computer, Geoffrey was able to bring AustLII to the group and display all its glorious features. It was a very successful and popular session and we were delighted that Geoffrey could fit us into his busy schedule.

Work on the Directory is continuing, and in addition to this we are compiling a salary survey of Librarians throughout the State.

South Australia

Staff movements

Josephine Gaskell is now employed as the Librarian at Andersons Solicitors on Monday to Wednesday and at Thomsons Solicitors on Thursday and Friday.

Georgia Livissianos and Carol Prey have returned to their former employers after being on secondment to the Defence Services Library. Georgia was the Library Manager for twelve months, and is now back as the Assistant Librarian at the Federal Court. Carol was the Library Technician for six months, and has now returned to the Australian Securities Commission Library.

Eunice Paschke has replaced Suzanne Wilcox as the Library Technician at the Supreme Court Library. Jason Jackiw has recently commenced work as a Library Technician at the Attorney-General’s Department (South Australia).

Meredith McBratney (Minter Ellison Baker O’Loughlin) has replaced Helen Cuishaw (Flinders University) as the South Australian representative on the ALLG Publishers Liaison Committee.

Functions

The South Australian Group had a Special General Meeting in March to vote for a name change to ALLG (SA). The meeting was followed by an interesting talk given by Judge Trenorden, regarding the Environment, Resources and Development Court.

A ‘round table discussion’ was held in April to talk about electronic products, in the lead up to the ALLG developing an Electronic Publishing Strategy.

In May, Christine Swift, from Parliamentary Counsel, spoke to the group about the process of drafting legislation, and the provision of legislation in electronic format.

Tasmania

The Working Party on Law Library Co-operation in Tasmania is looking at a number of proposals including the possibility of establishing joint use facilities. One project that is well underway is the up-dating of the Union List of Law Materials. Originally produced in 1993 the list then covered only law reports. With the cooperation of all participating law libraries, Debbie Bowring is now engaged in adding records to the existing list so that the new edition will have entries for legislation, periodicals and loose leaf services. In addition branch library holdings for law reports are being added. A draft document will be
distributed in late June and it is hoped that the final product will be ready by September.

It would seem that working groups are all the go. The Department of Premier and Cabinet has set up a working group for the Legislation System Project to look at how to market the electronic versions of Tasmanian legislation which should be available later this year. Dorothy Shea, as Convenor of the ALLG (Tas Section) has been invited to be a member of the group which will be looking at doing a market survey, producing prototype products and getting feedback from users.

Welcome to new member Catriona Fraser, Librarian with Beeton and Mansell (formerly Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Service). It is certainly a great help to have a local librarian working in this area. Also Campbell Kay who is currently working at the Australian Taxation Office library as a reference librarian and is, we hear, rather an Internet specialist. Stefan Petrow, University Law Librarian and Peter Jones, compiler of the terrific Internet homepage reviewed in the previous issue of *Australian Law Librarian*, have run the first of their seminars on the ‘Internet for Lawyers’ which proved quite a success. The second seminar will be on 1 June and there will be others later in the year according to demand.

Our new representative on the ALLG Publishers Liaison Committee will be Merrilyn Evans from the Commonwealth Law Library. At our most recent meeting a number of concerns were raised about the content of some electronic products and Merrilyn will be detailing these in the near future.

**Victoria**

Congratulations to Jenny Wood (Minter Ellison), who was forced to take maternity leave one week earlier than expected, due to the early arrival of Georgia on 13 April, weighing 6lb 5oz. Both Mother and Daughter are well.

Congratulations also to Annastasia McAlear (formerly at Holding Redlich) who gave birth to a daughter Rosemari on 7 March.

Vicki Hutton will be working at Phillips Fox for the next five months.

After a leave of absence, Kerry Abrahams has resigned from the position of Supreme Court Deputy Librarian to continue her job sharing arrangement at Mills Oakley. Michelle Ennis, who has been acting in the position is now the Deputy Librarian and Ian Edwards has been appointed Reference Librarian. Congratulations, Michelle and Ian.

Jennifer Csorba, who has been working at Legal Aid, has taken a position with the Roads Board.

Kerin Arthur is leaving Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks to move to the Hunter Valley in New South Wales.

Carolyn Malkin (Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks) has been appointed to the position of Library Manager at Rigby Cooke.

Rosie Jolic (Office of Fair Trading) has moved to Legal Aid two days a week. Rosie can still be found at the Office of Fair Trading the other three days.
Western Australia

Staff movements

Diane Martin is now the Librarian at the Australian Government Solicitors Office in Perth; previously she was with the Department of Defence. Chris Stevens has moved from the Business to the Law Library at the University of Western Australia. Raelene Koehler is a new Library Assistant joining Anne Gardner and Carey Benier at Minter Ellison Northmore Hale.


Several important decisions have now been finalised. The date of the conference will be 12-16 October 1997 and the venue will be the new Duxton Hotel which is located near the centre of Perth within easy walking distance to the city centre, the Swan River and restaurants in Northbridge.

ALLG (WA Division) functions

In March a Special General Meeting was convened to vote on changing the name from WA Branch to WA Division. This followed the recommendation from the State and National Convenors Meeting in Melbourne last December to change the names of all the state groups to Division. Under the WA ALLG Constitution this required a Special General Meeting. After much phoning, faxing and arranging for proxy votes, numbers were sufficient to approve the name change and henceforth we are the WA Division!

The opportunity of having so many members together at the Special General Meeting was used for a brainstorming session to develop ideas for the proposed ALLG Handbook. The Committee arranged lunch and members were forthcoming with many good suggestions!

The April meeting of the group was addressed over lunch by Barry Padman, a solicitor from Mallesons Stephen Jaques, on the timely topic Law and the Internet. It was an interesting talk, with emphasis given to matters of relevance to librarians such as copyright and privacy issues.

National Library Collection Development Policy hits the media

The National Library has received major media coverage recently regarding its collection development policies, including:

TV
ABC 7.30 Report, Monday 13 May 1996

RADIO
ABC Radio National, Wednesday 15 May 1996, 8.20am
ABC FM Radio, Margaret Throsby Show, Wednesday 15 May 1996, 10-11am

ABCC 2BL Sydney (and syndicated elsewhere), Richard Glover Programme, Thursday 16 May 1996, 11 10am

Radio National, Jill Kitson, Arts National Program, Saturday 25 May 1996, 8.36am and repeated 2pm on Tuesday 28 May 1996

PRINT
Australian Saturday 11 May 1996, News Item, page 3
Wednesday 15 May 1996 Feature Article, page 11

Campus Review Weekly Wednesday 15 May 1996, Lead Article, front page

Canberra Times Thursday 16 May 1996, Main Feature article, page 11

Letters to the Editor in the Australian and Canberra Times continue to be published.