

# STATE NEWS

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## **Australian Capital Territory**

**Susan Ashmore** has joined the casual staff of the Information Advisors Desk at the ANU Law Library

**Julia Butler** will be leaving the Lionel Murphy Library on 30 October. Julia has worked for 16 years in the Attorney-General's Department. For nine years she was ACT Supreme Court Librarian, and for the past seven years she has been the Deputy Librarian at the Lionel Murphy Library.

**Gael Parr**, well known in legal and criminal justice circles as a senior member of staff at the J V Barry Library, Australian Institute of Criminology, retired in July. Gael's position as Senior Librarian (Reference and Acquisitions) has been taken by **Leanne Atkinson**. Leanne's telephone number is (06) 260 9266

Congratulations to **James Claremont** on the completion of his Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice and his admission to practice as a barrister and solicitor in the ACT Supreme Court

**Cathy Cuthbert** has been appointed to the position of ILL and Reference Officer at the Australian Federal Police (AFP) Library

**Judy Iltis** is back in circulation, and has been on contract at the AFP Library, indexing and abstracting articles for the *AFP Digest*

**Amanda Magnussen** advises that the Defence Legal Library is now co-located with all the departmental legal directorates. Amanda attends the Legal Library each day from 9 00am - 12 30pm

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DPP Librarian **Joanne Pentony** reports that their move to new city premises has been completed with a minimum of fuss to users, but with some weekends of "blood, sweat and tears" for the long-suffering library staff. They are now happily settled in and are "absolutely thrilled" with the new arrangements. They no longer have hansards falling on their heads!

Here are the new telephone and fax numbers for the DPP Library:

## **Joanne Pentony**

Network Librarian

Tel: (06) 206 5677

Email: cdppjmp@spirit.com.au

## **Helen Kelly**

Systems Librarian

Tel: (06) 206 5638

## Reference Desk

Tel: (06) 206 5685

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ANU Law Librarian **Helen Roberts** has a busy teaching programme this semester. She is lecturing in Legal and Government Information in the school of Library and Information Studies at the University of Canberra, and together with **Aileen Weir** and **Jacquie Wilkinson**, Helen is running a ten-hour course in Computer Assisted Legal Research for higher year law students at ANU. This course is designed to familiarise students with sources available on CD-ROM, Lexis and the Internet.

LBC Information Services have opened an office in the Griffen Business Centre in Kingston. **Gerry Rozdarz** is the Area Manager and can be contacted at the numbers below:

Tel: (06) 234 8005

Fax: (06) 239 5454

## **Queensland**

### **Staff Movements**

**Alison Wallace**, formerly of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Brisbane has moved to the Industry Commission in Melbourne.

**Helen Demack**, formerly of Hill & Taylor, has moved to Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**Julie Woodyatt**, formerly part-time at Freehill Hollingdale & Page, will commence a 3 day per week position at Hill & Taylor.

**Shirley Morgan**, formerly the librarian at Blake Dawson Waldron, has resigned to commence her Articles with Blakes. The vacancy is yet to be filled with a permanent appointment

**Gill Hallam** will resume full-time duties at Freehill Hollingdale & Page.

**Svea Sakellariou** has moved from the Office of the Parliamentary Council to a position within the Queensland Government.

**Pam Bray** has retired from the position of University of Queensland Law Librarian after many years. Pam will be missed among her colleagues for her contributions to the profession. Pam is looking forward to finishing her law degree and enjoying her new found freedom from the workforce.

**Natalie Jones** has commenced as a library assistant at Clayton Utz.

**Roma Kumar**, formerly of Carter Newell, has taken a position within a Hospital medical library in Brisbane.

**Susan Oag** has commenced the full-time position of Librarian at Carter Newell.

### *Meetings*

One of our regular Talkfests was held at Malleons Stephen Jaques on 27 June to provide a forum for discussion regarding DB/Textworks in the legal environment. **Julie Woodyatt** of Trimagic attended to provide answers to questions.

A special meeting was convened on 12 July to amend the constitution, and specifically to change the name from Branch to Division. The opportunity was also taken to undertake other minor amendments to the Queensland Division constitution.

**Joanne Sherman**, Information Systems Manager of the Queensland Law Society, spoke to the group on 9 August about the initiatives relating to the Law Society's electronic network. This session was well attended and provided some interesting discussion.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 23 August.

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## *New South Wales*

Congratulations to **Lyn Pollack** on being made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration. Lynn is the first librarian to be given this award.

### *State Movements*

**Colin Fong** has left Allen Allen & Hemsley to pursue other interests.

**Caroline Regan** is the new Systems Manager at the Law Courts Library.

**Tanya Snoep**, from Melbourne, has joined CCH as Assistant Librarian and **Gerry McKenzie**, from the Industrial Commission Library in Melbourne is now part of the CCH Research Link.

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## *Northern Territory*

### *Staff Movements*

Supreme Court Librarian, **Frieda Evans** (who is now an official Sea Scout Leader), is off to the Court Librarians Conference and the Court Administrators Conference in Wellington, New Zealand in September and will take in the Law Symposium in Melbourne on her way back.

### *Meetings*

Darwin law librarians had drinks with Butterworths in July and afternoon tea with CCH in August. The next formal meeting will be hosted by **Trish McFarlane** at the Australian Government Solicitors's Office on 10 October.

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## *South Australia*

### *Staff Movements*

**Barbara Coat**, formerly the Librarian at the Australian Securities Commission, has been appointed Senior Librarian at Minter Ellison Baker O'Loughlin. **Julie Debreczeni** will be working as the Librarian at the Australian Securities Commission.

**Sonia Tinknell**, former Librarian at Minter Ellison Baker O'Loughlin, has moved to Melbourne, and is working as a Librarian at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks.

**Carol Prey**, formerly the Library Technician at the Australian Securities Commission has moved to the Correctional Services Department Library.

**Georgia Livissianos**, former Assistant Librarian at the Federal Court is replacing Sandra Laparidis, as Librarian at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, while Sandra is on maternity leave.

**Brigitte Sloat** has replaced Eugene Madigan as the Library Assistant at the Sir Samuel Way Library (District Court).

### *Functions*

The South Australian Group took the opportunity of the Australian Law Teachers' Association Conference, which was held in Adelaide during July, to catch up with University Law Librarians from Australia and New Zealand at a dinner organised by the two groups. Nick Pengeley also gave an interesting talk to both groups, as part of the conference, on his experiences on assisting to set up a Law Library in Kiribati.

### *Committee changes*

**Georgia Livissianos** has replaced **Hermin Punitham** as Treasurer of the ALLG(SA), while Hermin is on maternity leave.

**Michelle Smith**, ALLG(SA) Newsletter Editor, has replaced **Sandra Laparidis** on the Executive Committee.

### *Telephone Numbers*

As from 19 August South Australian will be changing to 8-digit phone and fax numbers. The prefix will continue to be (08) but an 8 should now be placed in front of all numbers. There will be a six month period of grace for us all to get used to this.

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## *Tasmania*

On 24 July, at the Law Society Library, **Liz Little**, Commissioner for Sex Discrimination in Tasmania, gave a talk to Tasmanian law librarians on the history of the Sex Discrimination Act 1994, which came into effect on 27 September 1994. Liz was involved in the development of the Act and took on the role of Commissioner for a year. She was able to provide some fascinating insights into the process of getting the legislation through Parliament.

### *Legislation*

On the legislation front, there has been no meeting of the Working Group for the Tasmanian Legislation System, as the results of the market survey of legal practitioners and government agencies are not expected to be completed until mid September. Once these results are available, there is likely to be a meeting which will look at the possible marketing strategies for the electronic version of Tasmanian legislation. Members of the Legislation System Project are looking at putting some consolidated principal legislation on a web site and hope to have a prototype available in October this year.

### *Supreme Court Rules*

The new Supreme Court Rules for Tasmania should be available early next year. In the meantime, the Registrar of the Supreme Court is offering a disk copy of the current rules to users as an interim measure.

Copies can be arranged by contacting the Librarian at the Supreme Court on : Ph: (03) 6233 6483 or Fax: (03) 6231 1918.

### *More Telephone Numbers !*

Which brings us to the new Tasmanian telephone numbers. From 19 August we have 8 digit numbers and we lose our 002 STD prefix. All Tasmanian telephone numbers will now have an (03) STD prefix and for the Hobart area, 62 is added to be beginning of existing numbers, for the Launceston area 63, and for Burnie 64. There is a six month change over period for people to adjust.

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## *Western Australia*

Butterworths hosted the group's May meeting with drinks after work in their Perth office. As well as providing an opportunity for members to meet with the local Butterworths team, the Electronic Products Marketing Manager from Sydney addressed the meeting and responded to members' questions.

In early July, members visited the Library and Information Service of WA for a tour of the United Nations documents and law collections. LISWA is a UN deposit library and it was useful to view the extensive materials.

In late July, the group was addressed over lunch, by the **Hon. Alannah MacTiernan**, a member of the Legislative Council and the Opposition Spokesperson on Industrial Relations. She is also a member of the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Statutes Revisions, which recommended in a report in January 1996 to make WA legislation available on the Internet. Members of the group were interested to check on the progress of the implementation of this decision, as well as discussing other matters, such as the timeliness of reprinted legislation. The meeting proved to be one of the more lively and interesting sessions.

Congratulations to **Marie Luffman**, the WA Division and National Treasurer, who has been awarded the Butterworths BIALL Conference scholarship for 1996. Marie left for Ireland in early September.