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Australian Capital Territory

Julia Butler retires

Julia Butler's retirement on 30 October 1996 will leave a gap in the ACTI Division of the ALLG. Julia was officially farewelled at a meeting and lunch of the ACT Division on 26 September held at the Commonwealth DPP Office, and many people attended a lunch in her honour on 30 October that was held in the courtyard of the Kurrajong Hotel

Throughout her law library career Julia involved herself closely in ALLG activities. She was the State News coordinator for the Australian Law Librarian for several years and was a prominent member of the ALL Committee from 1993-1995. In her role as Advertising Manager, Julia worked hard to persuade booksellers and suppliers to advertise in the journal, with outstanding success. Her efforts were largely responsible for the Committee being able to hand over the journal to the present Adelaide Committee in a healthy state.

In addition, Julia was in charge of publicity for the 1991 Fourth Asian Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians' Conference which was held in Canberra. It was Julia who found our talented graphic designer, Mariana Rollgejser, whose work for the Conference later led to the successful and enduring design for Australian Law Librarian. During the Conference Julia managed somehow to get a team of people to produce a newsletter every morning detailing the events of the day before and advertising the current day's programme.

In her career in the ACT, Julia was the first librarian at the Commonwealth Ombudsman Commission before her appointment to the position in charge of the ACT Supreme Court Library. After 9 years at the Court Julia moved in 1989 to be Deputy Librarian at the Lionel Murphy Library, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

We all wish Julia great enjoyment in her new art studies at the ANU, and much happiness (especially in that enviable state of not having to get up to go to work!) We shall certainly miss her enthusiasm and cheerful presence as a 'working' member of the ALLG, ACT Division, however we hope she will still keep in touch with her former colleagues.

Staff movements

Mira Monyihan has resigned from her position of Librarian, Law Team, University of Canberra. She has moved to a Reference Librarian position at Swinburne University of Technology in Victoria.

Glennis Beauchamp, who had been working temporarily in the Law Team at the University of Canberra, has been promoted to the position of Librarian, Law Team, University of Canberra.

Tania Walker, who had been in charge of the serials team in the Law Library at ANU, has been appointed to a Librarian position in Official Documents/Serials Receipt in the Menzies Library at the ANU. **Kay Brightman** is acting in charge of the serials team in the Law Library at ANU.

Helen Roberts, Manager of the Law Library at ANU, is now collecting the State News from the Australian Capital Territory for the *Australian Law Librarian*.

Please let her know any items of interest for inclusion. Her contact details are:

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The first meeting of the ACT Butterworths Lexis User Group was held on 24th October 1996 at the Butterworths Canberra Centre. **Joanne Pentony** (Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions), **Chris Zegelin** (Blake Dawson Waldron), **Rosemary Nicholson** (High Court of Australia), **Helen Roberts** (ANU Law Library), **Parreen Reynolds** (Lionel Murphy Library, Attorney General's Department) and **Hugh Malcolm** (University of Canberra) attended the meeting. **Evan Predavec** (Butterworths Electronic Publishing Manager), **Francis Johns** (Lexis Nexis Applications Consultant) and **Mary Hallaj** (State Branch Manager ACT Branch) attended from Butterworths. There was a useful exchange of information on electronic issues. Further meetings are to be arranged as needed, for example when a new version of the Folio software is available.

A meeting of the ACT Division of the ALLG was held on Thursday 26th September 1996 at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions Office Library. Twenty eight people attended the meeting. A farewell lunch was held after the meeting for **Julia Butler** who has retired from her position as Deputy Librarian at the Lionel Murphy Library, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

New South Wales

Address changes

The new postal address for the ALLG (NSW Div.) is:

GPO Box 821

Sydney NSW 2043

The NSW Law Reform Commission has moved. The new address is: Level 17 Goodsell Building 8-12 Chifley Square Sydney, NSW 2000.

Ph: Beverley Caska, Librarian

(02) 9228 8172

Library (02) 9228 8128

Switch (02) 9228 8230

Fax: (02) 9228 8225

The PO Box, DX and Internet addresses remain the same.

Staff Movements

Wendy Cousins is the new Library Manager at Henry Davis York.

Jackie Patrick has left the Law Courts Library to go to Pennsylvania due to her husband's work.

Caroline Regan, formerly Systems Librarian at Law Courts, has left to pursue her studies and travel.

Janelle Moser, formerly from Clayton Utz is now working at Eleventh Floor Wentworth Limited (barrister's library).

Queensland

The Qld Division would like to extend its congratulations to the Victorian Division for the great Law Librarian Symposium. Those of us who attended were most impressed with the 2 days.

Staff Movements

Carmel O'Sullivan, formerly at the University of Queensland Law Library has moved into the vacancy at Blake Dawson Waldron.

Reatha Charles, Library Technician at Corrs Chambers Westgarth has taken parental leave, and is being temporarily replaced by Kim Handly from the Australian Tax Office.

News

Joanna Fear, of the Department of Justice Library conducted a very successful full day Moys workshop on 24 October 1996. This attracted more than 20 participants, who learned many formerly unknown aspects of the classification system.

Evan Predavec and **Ian McDonald** from Butterworths were present at the first Butterworths Liaison group meeting held on 28 October. Future meetings will discuss issues and concerns raised by members. Evan then gave a lunch time presentation to the group.

The Queensland Salary survey has been completed, and will be sent to all full member of the Division. A Talkfest on User Pays will be held at Phillips Fox on 13 November.

A Christmas Dinner is planned for members and partners at a local restaurant on Saturday 23 November.

The Union List of Serials is being updated, and will be finalised in the near future.

South Australia

Congratulations to the ALLG (Victorian Division) for organising the excellent Inaugural Law Symposium. A large contingent of South Australian law librarians attended and all were delighted with the conference.

Helen Bergoc has left Finlaysons to pursue other interests. Helen has been an active member of the ALLG for the past 10 years, including being on the Steering Committee of the Adelaide ALIA Special, Health, Law Conference in 1988, production of the ALLG (SA Division) Constitution and her invaluable work on the editorial committee of the *Australian Law Librarian*. Helen will be greatly missed but we hope to keep in contact with her through her participation on the editorial committee.

Staff Movements

There has been many staff changes at the Supreme Court Library recently. **Wanda Wendelborn** is on secondment for six months to the Head Office of the Courts Administration Authority, where she is working as a Project Officer in the Court Process Review Project. In Wanda's absence, **Renee Amyot** is Acting Senior

Librarian, and **Di Papadelos** is Acting Reference Librarian.

Sharon Pawelski and **Eunice Paschke** have recently joined the Supreme Court Library as Library Technicians.

Bruce Greenhalgh, formerly from the Supreme Court Library is Acting Deputy Librarian at the Sir Samuel Way Library, District Court, while **Hermin Punitham** is on maternity leave.

Miriam Saunders has recently joined the Federal Court as Deputy Librarian.

Congratulations to **Hermin Punitham** on the birth of her daughter, Rahneela, and **Sandra Laparidis** on the birth of Sophia Miriam.

Minter Ellison Baker O'Loughlin has changed its name to Minter Ellison.

Functions

Mr Chris Sumner, a Member of the National Native Title Tribunal gave a talk to the group in late September, on *The Role of the National Native Title Tribunal*.

In October, CCH sponsored a Post Symposium lunch for the S.A. Group. S.A. members that attended the symposium gave a brief review of papers presented.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the 10th of December, followed by a Christmas dinner at Chesser Cellars.

Tasmania

Seven Tasmanian Law Librarians attended the Inaugural Law Symposium held in Melbourne at the beginning of October and all agreed that it was one of the most useful gatherings of law librarians they had attended and look forward to its continuation. Our congratulations to the Victorians for the organisation and effort they put into this event.

On 20 November, **Clive McMurray** and **Jenny Cloute** from LBC Information Services demonstrated the company's latest products and services. The venue was the Commonwealth Law Courts Library and a full turnout of Tasmanian Law Librarians is expected to welcome Clive back to the Apple Isle.

On 20 December there will be a launch of the Tasmanian Union List of Legal Materials at the Law Society in Murry Street, Hobart. The history of this Union List goes back over ten years and the latest edition is the product of a seeding grant from the Department of Justice, a lot of effort from all contributing libraries, data entry by **Debbie Bowring** and general hassling/encouragement from **Dorothy Shea** to get all the data in. The document is part of the Law Library Co-operation Project involving the Department of Justice, the Courts, the Law Society and Legal Aid. Responsibility for its production and updating will remain with the ALLG (Tasmania). It will be available in both hardcopy and disk format (using INMAGIC). For people who do not have the INMAGIC software package, a run time version will be available. Details of pricing will be worked out by the end of December.

There has still been no meeting of the Working Group of the Tasmanian Legislation System Project. The results of the market survey of legal practitioners and government agencies mentioned in the previous report have only just been received by the Project Team. The question of electronic production seems increasing likely to be through the Internet, although a CD-ROM has not been completely ruled out. A total of 24 of the most requested pieces of legislation have been identified and the data conversion process for these Acts has been completed, but there is no projected date for when they will be available either on a CD-ROM or on the Web.

Victoria

Congratulations to **Lois Nichol**, who has been appointed Deputy Law Librarian of the Law Library, University of Melbourne.

Carolyn Knaggs has joined Arthur Robinson and Hedderwicks as Systems Librarian.

Congratulations also to **Carolyn Todd** who has resigned from KPMG Peat Marwick to take up a position of librarian at The Age library.

Jo McPherson has resigned from Victoria Legal Aid to concentrate on her studies. We wish Jo luck with the Masters. The position of Librarian at Legal Aid has been filled by **Louise Segafredo**. Welcome Louise.

Michael Marriott has been appointed Librarian at Barker Gosling.

Susan MacDonald has joined **John Botherway** at the County Court Library as a Library Assistant.

There have been a couple of returns from maternity leave over the past month. **Gail Boelens** (Phillips Fox) is back full time. **Jenny Wood** (Minter Ellison) has returned and is currently working two days a week.

Good luck also to **Melissa Spain** from Mills Oakley McKay who is awaiting the birth of her second child. **Lesley Lamble** will be job sharing with **Kerry Abrahams** at Mills, working Monday to Wednesday. Kerry will work Thursday and Friday.

Western Australia

Staff movements

Various members have been travelling overseas; **Marie Luffman** (Bar Chambers) has just returned from attending BIALL in Ireland; **Jenni Cornish** (Federal Court) is back from two months visiting Europe and the UK; and **Josephine Willage** (Dwyer Durack) has left to spend a year in London.

Wendy Ryan (Supreme Court) and Lynn Lyon (Ministry of Justice) attended the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration Conference in New Zealand where the Appellate Court Library Standards were finalised and sent to the Chief Justices for comment

At least a dozen WA Division members were able to attend the Law Librarians Symposium, and enjoyed both the content of the papers and the opportunity to sample a number of local restaurants!

Terrie Gray, who has been the Librarian at Parker & Parker for the past ten years has decided to embark on a career change and will be leaving at Christmas. Terrie will be greatly missed from the local group who are grateful for her input to the profession over the years, and wish her well in her future career path

Functions

Talkfest

Members participated in a Talkfest at the August meeting; discussing topics such as using the Internet, electronic publishing, training needs and viewing the Conference and the ALLG homepages:

URLs:

<http://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/edge/edge.html>

<http://wwwlib.murdoch.edu.au/allg/allg.html>

Parliamentary Library

In September the group visited the Parliamentary Library and were taken on a tour of the Library by Deputy Parliamentary Librarian Keith Hair, given a delicious afternoon tea and provided with the opportunity to view Question Time in the House.

Breakfast with the Parliamentary Counsel

Moorings, a restaurant on the Swan River, was chosen as the November venue for a breakfast meeting addressed by Patrick Tremlett from the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel. In an entertaining talk we learnt about the intricacies of parliamentary drafting.

University of Western Australia Law Library Closure Over the Summer

UWA Law Library will be closed from 27 November until mid-February while long awaited air-conditioning is installed. The work involves concrete cutting so for health and safety reasons there will be no access to the collection during that period. Library staff will be re-located in the Law=20 School, however interlibrary loan requests should be directed elsewhere.
