

PACIFIC NEWS

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TWINNING LIBRARIES

Solomon Islands

Assistance from QUT

QUT Library has arranged to send its twin, the High Court of Solomon Islands Library, a fortnightly shipment of loose parts of a number of Australian law reports including the *Australian Law Reports* and *Australian Corporations and Securities Reports*. The first consignment was sent early this year. As the High Court collection had very few Australian law reports the gift from QUT will give a considerable boost to its holdings. The ALLG fund for freight assistance to the Pacific law libraries has supported QUT's plan. The Twinning Programme is very grateful for this support from the ALLG.

Gift of Australian Law Journal

Ralph Hunt and Jill Scheetz, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra have kindly donated 15 years' issues of *Australian Law Journal* (1973-1988) to the Pacific Twinning Programme. These have been offered to the High Court of Solomon Islands in Honiara which currently has an imperfect set 1981-1986 only.

Papua New Guinea on the Web

There is a new Web site on the Internet dealing with information on PNG and the South Pacific. It includes an online version of the main daily newspaper, the Post Courier, which will be a useful reference for current affairs in Papua New Guinea. The address of the Web site is : <http://www.datec.com.au/>

Tonga

Court Buildings Lost in Cyclone

Cyclone Hina hit Nuku'alofa, Tonga, on Sunday, 16 March, demolishing the Chief Justice's Chambers and the Registry of the Supreme Court. It also damaged the roof of the courtroom (which doubles as the Parliament).

Fortunately, the new library building remains intact and court staff were able to save the valuable collection of law books from the Chief Justice's Chambers before the cyclone hit. The only copy of several Tongan law titles is held by the Chief Justice. The Attorney General's Department Library in Canberra is the twin of the Department of Justice Library in Tonga which is responsible for replacing buildings. Lorraine Weinman plans to visit the twin library in late April when she will be able to assess what assistance is required.

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