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Australian Capital Territory

Committees

Joanne Pentony of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions Office has resigned as Convenor. Her work as Convenor has been much appreciated. At a meeting held on Thursday 1 May at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions Office Library, a new Committee was elected. The Committee Members for 1997 are as follows:

Convenor	Judy Grant	Australian Government Solicitor
Secretary	Dale Heslin	ACT Law Courts
Treasurer	Greg Jones	University of Canberra
Events Coordinator	Hugh Malcolm	University of Canberra

A sub-committee of the ALLG (ACT Division) has been set up to compile a union list of materials in the ACT. The members of this committee are: **Truus Ford** (ACT Law Courts), **Judy Grant** (Australian Government Solicitor), **Hugh Malcolm** (University of Canberra) and **Cesira Costello** (ACT DPP). This Committee was set up in response to a letter from Chief Justice Miles of the ACT Supreme Court calling for rationalisation of legal library resources in the ACT

Staff Movements

Roz Hodsdon, Librarian in charge at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, is taking two months long service leave to have an extensive holiday in Europe. **Alexis Geadon** is Acting Librarian in charge while Roz is away

Lorraine Weinman and **Karyn Gladwish**, from the Lionel Murphy Library Attorney General's Department, have recently gone to Tonga and Western Samoa to provide assistance on a Law Library Twinning program. They spent a week in Tonga and a week in Western Samoa.

New South Wales

Committees

The Annual General Meeting for the NSW Division was held on 25 February 1997. The Executive Committee for 1997 is as follows:

Convenor	Kate Egington	Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Program Coordinator	Niall O'Driscoll	Australian Securities Commission
Treasurer	Janine Goasdove	Sydney University Law School
Mailing Secretary	Shirley Carpenter	Rosenblum & Partners
Minutes Secretary	Sue Collins	Land Titles Office

Staff Movements

Imelda Payne is the new Director, Library and Information Services at the Federal Court Library. Imelda was formerly of the NSW Attorney-General's Department Library.

Gayle Davies is now Librarian, Manager of Library Services, at the Director of Public Prosecutions, NSW.

Dedication

The College of Law's library has been named the D.K Donald library in honour of Mr. D.K. Donald. Between 1967 and 1973 Keith Donald served on virtually every committee involved in conceiving and establishing the College. The College's curriculum, funding, building, management and governance have all benefited from his outstanding contribution to the work of professional legal education in New South Wales. His Excellency the Hon Gordon Samuels AC, Governor of New South Wales dedicated the library at a ceremony on 12 May 1997 held in the library and attended by sixty invited guests.

Northern Territory

Staff Movements

Julie Fisher from the Attorney General's Department Library has gone to Ottawa County Court, Canada, on exchange for 6 months. **Karen MacLaurin** is Julie's exchange partner and arrived in Darwin in April 1997.

Functions

A meeting was held on 1 April in William Forster Chambers library. **Meryl Carter** of Computer Law Services attended the meeting and demonstrated their products.

Another meeting on 29 April was an informal one and we used the opportunity to get to know **Karen MacLaurin** and to look round the Police Library.

Peter Ivkovic, State Manager for Butterworths in South Australia and the Northern Territory was in Darwin for the week commencing 14 April. He visited the libraries, keeping us up to date with developments and new publications. He hosted an enjoyable lunch on 15 April.

Queensland

Functions

On 19 March 1997 a lunchtime seminar was held to discuss the current range of products available on CD-ROM. The good, the bad and the problems were looked at, and an interesting discussion evolved.

On 26 March 1997 a meeting was held with **Joanne Sherman** who is Manager of THEMIS (The Electronic Members Information Service). This was convened mainly to address the concerns of the larger firms regarding costs, and system requirements for access. The discussion was extremely lively and informative for both parties. Discussions are continuing.

On 16 April 1997, **Sara Uehlein** the Librarian of the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel, presented a lunchtime seminar on the complexities of Federal and State US jurisdictions. This was an extremely interesting and useful seminar for all who attended.

On 14 May 1997, **Tom Bradley**, a Senior Associate from Minter Ellison, presented a lunchtime seminar on Industrial Relations Law. In one hour, Tom managed to clear a few problems associated with this complicated area of law. An interesting discussion took place after the formal session.

Publications

The latest edition of the *Qld Union List of Serials* was sent to all participants on 9 April. **Sue Green** and **Julie Baldwin** of Mallesons Stephen Jaques were responsible for this latest edition.

South Australia

Staff movements

Jennie Speirs, formerly the librarian at Phillips Fox is now librarian at the Australian Securities Commission.

Melanie Adam is now the library assistant at Thomsons, replacing **Josephine Gaskell**, who is now employed full time as a librarian at Andersons Solicitors. Melanie will be working full time to replace both Josephine and **Lynda Yudkin** who has left to resume full time study

Dee Papadelous has recently been appointed JURIS co-ordinator at the Supreme Court of South Australia

Functions

In March, the S A. Division of the ALLG, had a visit to Flinders University Law Library to view the recently completed extension to the Library. **Helen Culshaw**, Flinders University's Law Librarian, spoke to the group about the current collection of the Law Library, their plans for developing the collection of Asian legal materials and the various activities that **Miranda Morfey** (Law Reference Librarian) and Helen are involved in regarding teaching legal research skills to the law students.

In May two sessions were held on the recent amendments to the S A Workers Compensation Tribunal. **Robert McCouaig**, an Arbitrator at the Workers Compensation Tribunal talked about the process of resolving workers compensation disputes. This was followed by a presentation by **Deputy President Gilchrist** of the Workers Compensation Tribunal, who spoke on the judicial review of workers compensation disputes at the Workers Compensation Tribunal.

Tasmania

Staff Movements

Debbie Bowring's hours have changed at the two legal firms where she works. Debbie is now at Piggott Wood & Baker on Monday afternoons and all day Wednesdays and at Page Seager on Monday mornings and all day Tuesdays.

Some changes at the Law Society Libraries include **Marcia Townsend** who is no longer working for the North West Law Library but is still helping to maintain the Judges Library Collection in the Supreme Court. Sorry to see you go Marcia, but welcome to **Colleen Dibley** who is currently working as the North West Law Librarian

In the South, **Chris Jackson** at the Southern Law Library is now **Chris Shaw** and we are all waiting for postcards from **Kate Ramsay** who left on her overseas trip in the middle of May

Congratulations to **Leanne Baldwin** from the Commonwealth Law Library on the arrival of baby James, and welcome to **Helen Powell** who is ably assisting **Merrilyn Evans** in Leanne's place

Welcome to **Susan Evans** at the D M Chambers Library at the Department of Justice.

At the Australian Taxation Office Library, **Mary Joyce** is working on contract until the end of June this year helping out **Campbell Kay**, Library Manager, while **Fran Millar** is undertaking her special project as Senior Reference Librarian for the Australian Taxation Office. This is an interim arrangement during the restructure of the Australian Taxation Office.

Cheryl Clarke who has ventured down to Tasmania from New South Wales is working at the University Law Library for the rest of the year. Cheryl is filling in for **Carolyn Jarvis** who has been seconded to the SciTech Library.

Functions

Several ALLG members attended the Specials Conference Planning Committee meeting at the beginning of May. The Conference is to be held at West Point in Hobart and will be in August 1999.

Victoria

Staff Movements

The Victorian Parliamentary Library has a new Cadet, **Anna Hewitt**.

Lisa Scott from Dunhill Madden Butler (DMB) has moved interstate to take a position in the Perth KPMG library. **Zora Valeska** has been appointed to the position of Library Technician at DMB.

Congratulations also to **Michelle Ennis** of the Supreme Court on her recent marriage. Michelle is now known as **Michelle Bendle**.

There has been some movement at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks. Congratulations to **Brenda Currie** who has been appointed Information Technology Project Manager. **Carolyn Knaggs** has been appointed Acting Library Manager at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks, and **Meg Leviston**, (ex-Mallesons) has been appointed to the position of Systems Librarian.

Carolyn Malkin has been appointed to the position of Library Manager at Arnold Bloch Leibler.

Western Australia

Staff Movements

Bruce Bott has been appointed Law Librarian at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle and will take up his new position in June 1997. Previously Bruce was at the Parliamentary Library in Perth and immediately prior to that

was the inaugural Law Librarian at Bond University.

Shelley Campbell from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal is on 12 months maternity leave. She will be replaced by **Glenda Ligtermoet** from the Australian Securities Commission.

Deidre (Dee) Malkmus has accepted a position as a Librarian at the State Parliamentary Library. Dee comes to Perth from New Zealand.

Functions

The group's first meeting for 1997 was held in March with the an address from the Office of the Information Commissioner on the role and functioning of the State's Information Commissioner.

This was followed by a visit to the Articles Training Programme premises and a talk by the Director of the Programme outlining the structure and content of the year's programme. He welcomed input from law librarians, especially on the training requirements in legal research skills.

Conference Update

In May the group met for a "brown bag lunch" over which members were informed about preparations for the upcoming Specials, Health and Law Librarians conference which is fast approaching in October.

Training

The Committee surveyed members about training requirements and as a result of responses offered two half day Workshops on both print and electronic legal research skills. The print session was conducted by **Catherine Clarke** at the University of Western Australia Law Library, and the electronic session at Murdoch University was run by **Anne Greenshields**. Feedback indicated the sessions were well received and a further series of workshops is planned following requests for places by members.
