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ALLG Pacific Twinning Scheme Report

Acting for Joanne Pentony who could not attend, I went to the National Convenors' meeting in Sydney in April where, in my capacity as Co-ordinator of the Pacific Twinning Scheme, I submitted the following report:

Report to the ALLG Convenors' Meeting Sydney, Friday 18 April 1997

There are 19 Pacific law libraries participating in the Pacific Twinning Scheme. In the last year more material has been sent than before and the island jurisdictions have expressed their gratitude for the continuing assistance. The availability of \$2000 from ALLG funds to refund freight costs has been welcomed by several twin libraries who would otherwise not be able to afford to send the material.

Following is a summary of recent activity by twin libraries as ascertained today:

1. KIRIBATI

Attorney-General's Library

Monash Law Library has received a gift of over 70 texts, including some current editions, from LBC Information Services to send to their Kiribati twin. In addition, Monash has responded to a number of recent requests for legislation to be sent.

High Court of Kiribati Library

In February the Chief Justice acknowledged with thanks the parcel of nine texts and a *Commonwealth Law Reports* missing part that were sent in December 1996.

2. FIJI

DPP Library

A law professor from Bond University recently visited Fiji and checked the requirements of their twin library. Bond University Law Library is now gathering material to send as a result.

3. VANUATU

University of the South Pacific Faculty of Law Library (USP)

Bond University is also collecting material for USP Faculty of Law in Vanuatu. One of the Bond Faculty staff is going to spend several months on the USP Faculty. In response to a request from the librarian in Vila, the High Court of Australia Library despatched a number of citators, annotators and dictionaries in December 1996.

4. SOLOMON ISLANDS

High Court of Solomon Islands

In January 1997 the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Library set up a system of regular despatch (every few weeks) of superseded loose parts of 11 law reports titles from Australia, UK and Canada.

In early April 1997 the High Court of Australia Library despatched three boxes and a padded bag containing the loose parts of *Australian Law Journal & Reports* vols. 47-62 (1973-1988). These volumes were kindly

donated by two members of the Attorney-General's Department staff in Canberra, Mr Ralph Hunt and Ms Jill Scheetz. The Library suggested that the local Government Printer may be able to bind them for more permanence. The Chief Justice welcomed the gift and said they will take our advice and have the volumes bound

5. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Public Prosecutions Office

The DPP Library has arranged to send a regular shipment of superseded loose parts each month of 14 law reports titles. This involves sending two boxes each month which the DPP is funding

UPNG Law Library

AGS Library in Melbourne has collected four boxes of material to send to UPNG. The AGS Library will be moving in three month's time and will be asking ALLG to assist with freight costs as the Department is unable to pay

6. TONGA

Justice Department

Lorraine Weinman and Karyn Gladwish, Attorney-General's Library, Canberra, are visiting Tonga next week in order to measure and recommend for shelving in the Vava'u Courthouse Library. They will also be doing cataloguing and instruction in CD-ROMs. They are taking four boxes of material donated by LBC and Butterworths as well as a few new texts purchased by the Department.

7. WESTERN SAMOA

Justice Department and Attorney General's Libraries

Lorraine Weinman and Karyn Gladwish will spend a week in Western Samoa after visiting Tonga. They have sent 3 boxes of material in advance and will be doing cataloguing and general house-keeping as the last visit was two years ago. Lorraine has also received an invitation to attend the launch of the new consolidation of *Reprinted Acts of Western Samoa*. Both Tonga and Western Samoa have requested training assistance particularly in cataloguing

Consolidation of Western Samoan Legislation

At a glittering ceremony on Monday 5 May 1997 held in Robert Louis Stevenson's old home in Apia, the Attorney-General of Western Samoa launched the *Reprinted Statutes of Western Samoa*, six volumes, up-to-date to 1997.

Lorraine Weinman was there to receive a frangipani garland and the thanks of the Attorney-General and the Prime Minister. The Attorney-General's Department in Canberra helped with the project by doing the cut-and-paste work on all Acts that had amendments.

Lorraine will be writing an article for the next issue of *Australian Law Librarian*, but if anyone wants to buy a set of statutes urgently (and only a few sets have been printed), the price is WST\$600 (approximately A\$300) plus postage. Order from the Chief Administration Officer, Attorney-General's Office, PO Box 27, Apia, Western Samoa.

College of Law Gift

The College of Law in Sydney has made a generous donation of law reports and other material to law libraries in the Pacific Twinning Scheme. The list of reports, etc. was faxed to eight Pacific libraries and there was an immediate response. The libraries to benefit from the gift are:

Fiji High Court
(*AFLC 1980-95, All ER 1936-72 bound*)

Kiribati High Court
(*ALJ, English & Empire Digest Blue Band*)

Papua New Guinea Legal Training Institute
(*All ER 1992-94 loose*)

Solomon Islands High Court
(*CLR v.1-139*)

Vanuatu University of South Pacific
(USP), Vila
(*NSWR 1960-70, CANZLI 1973-87, CIBRD v.1-29*)

Fortuitously, we were able to allocate the first priority request to each responding library. Some of the books have been sent. I hope the remainder will be despatched in the next month. Many thanks to the College of Law for this most generous gift.

CLS Gift of CD-ROMS

Meryl Carter of Computer Law Services has made a generous offer of free sets of CLS CD-ROMs to all Pacific twins who have CD equipment - five disks of case law, legislation and journal indexes in all. At least four libraries will benefit from this donation by CLS and they are all delighted to have such an increased research facility in their libraries. Many thanks to Meryl for making this wonderful gift to the Pacific libraries.

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