

## ***Publishing Forum meeting***

### **Australian Law Librarians' Group (Victorian Division)**

(Co-ordinated by Greig Williams, Law Institute of Victoria and ALLG (Vic. Div.) Publishers Liaison Committee Representative)

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The ALLG (Vic Div) Committee arranged a meeting of members in regard to publishing issues. The meeting, held on the evening of July 24 1997 at the Law Institute of Victoria, was organised for three reasons. Firstly there was concern that many members of the group may be feeling overwhelmed by the number of publishing issues facing them in their workplace. The Committee believed that therefore it would be worth demonstrating to members that they were rarely alone in dealing with these issues. The meeting was also seen as a vehicle for members to express their concerns regarding publishing issues with a wide group of colleagues. Just as importantly the group also wished to indicate to publishers the need for improved communication and consultation with their client base.

A range of members attended the evening, including representatives from law firms, from court libraries, universities and government and various institutions and associations.

A number of representatives from the legal publishing industry were also invited. However the Committee requested that should publishers wish to attend the meeting, it be on an observational basis only. The Committee undertook to forward a summary of the meeting to publishers to provide the opportunity for formal response. Any publisher response received will appear in a future issue of this journal.

Discussion was broken into three broad topics; customer service issues, hard copy and electronic issues, and pricing issues. Speakers presented papers on each of these areas with a view to prompting audience participation following the individual papers. Speakers were asked to, where possible, avoid singling out publishers and to speak with a view to prompting audience participation. The three papers, as presented, follow.

If you have any query or comment regarding the meeting, please contact Greig Williams, the ALLG (Vic. Div.)'s Publishers Liaison Committee Representative, at the Law Institute of Victoria on telephone: (03) 9607 9362 or email [library@liv.asn.au](mailto:library@liv.asn.au)