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Australian Capital Territory

Staff Movements

Sue Milne has returned to the High Court Library as temporary cataloguing librarian until December 1997, when she will transfer to acquisitions.

Aileen Weir, who is on maternity leave from the position of Librarian, Legal Information and Outreach in the ANU Library had a baby boy, Brendon on Tuesday 12 August 1997.

Roz Hodsdon, Librarian in Charge, Australian Consumer and Competition Commission (ACCC) visited the Monopolies & Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading Libraries on her recent trip to London. The ACCC Library will move from its present location in Belconnen to 470 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson on the 24 October 1997.

Functions

A farewell lunch was held by the ALLG librarians in the ACT at Old Canberra House for their friend **Clive McMurray** who has left LBC Information Services after many years.

Lorraine Weinman, Principal Librarian of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department retired from the Public Service on the 10 October 1997.

Lorraine has been an active member of the Australian Library community for many years.

The Australian Law Librarians Group (ACT Branch) had a farewell dinner at the Fig Tree Cafe Rydges Capital Hill (the ex Pavilion) Canberra.

Telephone Numbers

Australian Capital Territory have changed to 8-digit phone and fax numbers. The prefix has changed to from (06) to (02) 6.

New South Wales

Staff Movements

Justine Hyde, formerly of Clayton Utz, is now Systems Librarian with Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

Clayton Utz Library has undergone a restructure. **John Neuhaus** is the new Electronic Services Coordinator. **Donna Campbell**, who was Assistant Manager, has left to take up a position at the Tobacco Information Centre.

Mary Smart, Library Manager with Allen Allen Hemsley, has taken leave for one year due to her husband's transfer to Singapore for work. **Robyn Boydell**, from the Brisbane Office, is acting Library Manager.

Shirley Carpenter, formerly of Rosenblum and Partners, has taken up the position of Intranet Content Coordinator at Clayton Utz. Rosenblum and Partners has merged with Blake Dawson Waldron.

Northern Territory

Functions

Karen MacLaurin, on exchange with NT Attorney-General's Department, gave a very interesting talk at the June meeting about law libraries in Canada. A lively discussion followed.

Peter Ivkovic, from Butterworths in Adelaide, was in Darwin in the first week of August and hosted an al-fresco lunch for the law librarians on the Supreme Court library verandah. A combination of venue, delightful day and good company provided a happy interlude of work and pleasure combined. Peter also had a small table of topical and new texts for us to peruse.

Queensland

Staff movements

Jan Rees has left Minter Ellison after many years in law librarianship, to take up a position with Incitec.

Functions

Helen Bashford, Librarian at McCullough Robertson, gave a lively and extremely interesting lunchtime seminar on the "Law via the Internet '97" Conference. A large group attended this session on 16th July, and picked up some interesting tips from Helen about this relevant topic.

Angela Vilkins, of Inter/Change Knowledge Management, was a lunchtime speaker on 30 July, talking about Internet training. Aimed at both individual professionals and organisations, Angela gave some hints about Internet monitoring tools, specifically in relation to legal information.

South Australia

Staff Movements

Jane Nicholas, a recent entrant to the law library world, is now Librarian at **Phillips Fox**.

Heather Carine, formerly Librarian at Ward and Partners and Convenor of the ALLG (SA Division), has left for a working holiday in the UK. She expects to be away for one to two years. **Josephine Gaskell** has taken Heather's position at Ward and Partners.

A few staff movements at the Supreme Court. **Wanda Wendelborn** has returned to her position as Senior Librarian after a year on secondment on the Courts Review and **Renée Amyot** resumes her position as Reference Librarian.

Functions

The South Australian Division has hosted two sessions on recent changes to the SA Workers Compensation Appeals process. **Robert McCouaig**, an Arbitrator and **Deputy President Gilchrist** (both from the Workers Compensation Tribunal) gave the talks.

A session on the electronic South Australian Development Plan was provided held at the Dept of Housing & Urban Development. **Anthony Rowe** from the Department took the attendees through the features of the CD-ROM and Internet versions of the Plan. The session was a good opportunity for members to discuss any concerns or suggestions for the Electronic Development Plan with Anthony, which was appreciated by both the Department and the law librarians.

Meg Paul, from FLIS Consulting Services, recently presented *The Winning Package* seminar. The session was well attended by an enthusiastic group of law librarians. New ideas were gleaned, experiences were swapped and a very worthwhile day was had by all.



ALLG (SA DIV.) WINE TOUR

Suzanne Corcoran, Lecturer in Comparative Law at Flinders University, gave a very informative talk on US law and how to access it. The attendees were all a bit wiser at the end of the session, if only to know how much there was to know about US law!

A group of SA law librarians, publisher's representatives, and their partners recently had an enjoyable Sunday afternoon touring the Southern Vales wineries, trying a sip of two or the various quality drops on offer from a number of wineries. The afternoon also included a lunch stop at one of the wineries where a delicious platter of antipasto was served to help soak up a few of the aforementioned drops!

Victoria

Staff Movements

Nora Walshe (Purves Clarke Richards) has been appointed to the position of Library Manager at Coopers & Lybrand. **Sophia Kelly** has been appointed Librarian at Purves Clarke Richards.

Meg Leviston (Malleison Stephen Jaques) has been appointed to the position of Systems Librarian at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks. Malleisons have appointed a new library technician, **Adam Fraser**.

Sharon Roth has left Baker McKenzie to concentrate on her studies full time, and the position has been filled by **Nicki Reed**

Western Australia

Functions

National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families

The June meeting invited **Meredith Wilkie** to talk to us about her experiences with the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families (Australia). Meredith, from the Murdoch University Law School, had been invited by Sir Ronald Wilson, the Commissioner, to participate in research for the Inquiry and in the collation and presentation of the Inquiry's report.

In her talk we were given a review of the Inquiry, its terms of reference and some of the methodology employed. Apart from the moving experience of hearing someone who was present at the hearings tell of the profound impact that witnesses' stories made, as law librarians most were particularly affected by two additional aspects of the Inquiry:

Privacy legislation permits access of removed children to their files but references to third parties are prohibited. Thus linking the researcher with either parent and/or offspring has been difficult. Proposals to create a National Indigenous Archive where the information relating to both personal and cultural records of the indigenous population would be managed and administered by indigenous appointees was rejected

The irony of the allocation of funds to European genealogical research, while there did not seem to be either the information or budgetary resources to support the same research interests of our indigenous population, was not lost on the audience

Civil Procedure in Western Australia Practice Manual

On the 29 July members attended the ALLG function at Minter Ellison at which **John Fiocco**, a practitioner and staff member from University of Western Australia Law School (UWA), and **Marion Brewer**, a researcher at UWA, were our guest speakers. They brought with them the long awaited new edition of the *Civil Procedure in WA Practice Manual*, hot off the press, and told us of the incredible effort and challenges that have gone into producing this fully revised edition (*Civil Procedure in WA Practice Manual*, or "Fiocco" as it is usually called, has become an indispensable tool for Western Australian law students, articled clerks and many practitioners). Desktop publishing has been used to produce this edition, but the size and complexity of the task, particularly in relation to automated indexing, challenged the limits of the software. Work will commence shortly on a CD-ROM version once the problems with the software have been overcome. A long-term aim is to provide a Lotus Notes version which can be disseminated through the Supreme Court's electronic network

Notre Dame Law School Opens

Many local law librarians were invited to attend the opening ceremony of the new Law School at the University of Notre Dame. Set in the historic west end of Fremantle and located in two beautifully restored warehouse, Perth's newest law school began teaching in August and law librarian **Bruce Bott** and technician **Sharon Beccaria** have been frantically busy organising their collection in time for the first intake of students

Stork!

Those who remember **Terrie Gray**, who was the librarian at Parker & Parker until last December, will be happy to hear of the birth of a daughter in May.