

EDITORIAL

On behalf of the South Australian Committee I write our last editorial. Contact details for the incoming Queensland Committee can be found immediately following.

We would like to thank all of our authors, columnists, advertisers and of course readers for their continuing support of the journal. Butterworths have kindly offered us prizes for the Editorial Committee to give to a number of our authors and columnists as a way of saying thank you.

The first prize package of access to:

- **Butterworths Online Encyclopaedic Dictionary** Online for a year
- **Telstra Big Pond Internet Companion** A hands on guide to surfing the Internet with a bonus CD-Rom and 12 hours free Internet access
- **Microsoft Internet Explorer 4 CD-ROM** Web Browser

We award to **Dennis Warren** of La Trobe University, Victoria for his consistent contribution of practical articles comparing legal reference products such as online and CD-ROM citations, journal abstracting services and press information. We hope that this prize will induce Dennis to continue his valuable analyses.

The seven runner up prizes of

- **Telstra Big Pond Companion**
- **Microsoft Internet Explorer 4 CD-ROM**

We award to:

Sandra Burger Thomson Playford, South Australia for her tireless work on the Reference Column, proof reading and compilation of the 1997 index.

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Jacqui Elliott High Court of Australia, ACT for her work as Pacific News Co-ordinator and for being the only columnist to consistently get her column in on time every time.

Dorothy Shea Supreme Court of Tasmania for her detailed expose on Legal Publishing in Tasmania published in this issue.

Greig Williams Law Institute of Victoria for the co-ordination of the voluminous correspondence resulting from the Publisher Forum in Victoria and published over the last two issues of the journal.

For further information on the latest developments with Butterworths Online please see details in our Online Column.

For the final issue of 1997 we have a number of items to tempt you. Dorothy Shea has provided a detailed study of access to legal information in Tasmania from colonisation to the present day. Alison Jekimovics and Kate Ramsay have produced a report on the progress of law library co-operation in Tasmania. Matthew Goode provides some insights into how codified law

works, in particular the implementation of the Model Criminal Code. Colin Fong shares his experiences of undertaking a Masters of Laws. Yvonne Butler demystifies some of the myths about consultants and what it takes to be one. Nick Pengelley summarises the beauty of the *CaseBase* CD-ROM. Jacqueline Elliott provides her report on the IALL Annual Meeting and Marie Luffman reports on the BIALL Conference in Belfast with some comparisons with the recent ALIA Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference in Perth.

Thank you to our graphic design company Charles Cannon Designs, our printer Printak and our mailing house Posthaste for enabling us to print the journal in a professional manner and their guidance in the complex world of publishing.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the Queensland Committee well in the production of the journal for the next two volumes. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Law Librarians' Group for the opportunity of producing the journal and wishing all members a safe and prosperous 1998.

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