

# NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



## *Outgoing President*

Over the past two years, Anne Gardner has pursued many initiatives which have enhanced the ALLG's profile as a proactive, national body. Her management and communication skills were constantly in evidence as she successfully juggled various projects including the The Australian Law Librarians' Handbook, the establishment of a Website, the conference survey and the design of a new logo and letterhead.

## *National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator*

I am pleased to announce that Anne has agreed to take on the role of National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator. Her familiarity with the issues facing legal publishers and the excellent working relationship which she has developed with a wide range of people within the legal publishing industry, make her an ideal choice for this important position.

## *New President*

By the time this issue goes to print, I will have handed the Queensland presidency on to a very capable successor in Julie Woodyatt and will have spent a number of interesting hours going through the national files.

After four years as ALLG(Q) Secretary with a stint as the Queensland Publishers' Liaison Representative then two years as State President, I feel more committed than ever to the ALLG. I am looking forward to working with the State Presidents to further increase the Group's profile

nationally and internationally, to improve our effectiveness as a lobby group, to forge links with other relevant organisations and to ensure that members are given opportunities to network and build on their professional skills.

There are a number of ongoing issues to be attended to including investigating incorporation and revising the Constitution.

My background in reference and management in academic libraries has prepared me well for the special library environment. For the past six years I have worked at Gilshenan & Luton, Lawyers, a large progressive Queensland firm well-known for its criminal speciality but practicing equally as successfully in other areas of the law. My professional interests include database management, SDI services, the Internet and the changing role of the library/information service professional.

## *on the edge, Perth, 12-16 October 1997*

Congratulations to our Perth colleagues on a most informative and stimulating conference. I will be interested to hear their recommendations concerning future conferences. In my opinion, the success of this conference with its excellent trade display portends well for future joint initiatives but I am aware that there are a number of issues to be addressed. I hope some ALLG members are off to New Zealand in February 1998 to participate in *Challenges to Tradition: Law and Knowledge for the New Millennium*. Many of us will already be looking forward to the Symposium to be held in Melbourne in early October and then to a trip across Bass Strait to attend the next Specials, Health and Law Conference in Hobart in August 1999.

### *National and State Presidents' Meeting*

A meeting was held prior to the AGM at which it was agreed to change the title "convenor" to "president". This is part of the strategy to improve our corporate image and fits in with initiatives such as the national logo and letterhead and the Website.

The Website was a hot topic. The position of National Website Co-ordinator was established with responsibility for ensuring the quality and consistency of the site. Each Division will nominate a State Co-ordinator to update the state information and consult with the National Co-ordinator.

Other items on the agenda included:

*The Australian Law Librarian*

The Butterworths BIALL Exchange

The Constitution

### *National Treasurer*

Sue Green, the Library Manager at Mallesons Stephen Jaques takes over from Marie Luffman as National Treasurer. Sue hopes to hand over the Queensland Treasurer's role in the near future as she has also taken on the role of Business Manager for the *Australian Law Librarian*.

Sue and I wish all members a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

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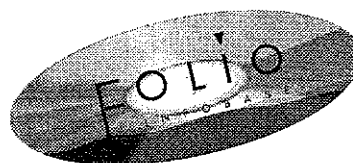


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