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Australian Capital Territory

It was with particular sadness that the ALLG ACT members met to Farewell **Lorraine Weinman** at a dinner on Tuesday 7 October at the Fig Tree Cafe, Rydges Capital Hill. Gayle Davies and Clive McMurray travelled to Canberra from Sydney on a rainy winterish night to be with us at the function. Those attending were Judy Grant, Yen Musgrove, Hugh Malcolm, Helen Roberts, Rowena Hamilton, Gayle Davies, Clive McMurray, Jacqui Elliott, Rosemary Nicholson, Truus Ford, Averill Edwards, Joanne Pentony, David Grainger, Cesira Costello, Gary Anderson and Julia Butler.

Judy Grant, Librarian Australian Government Solicitor, gave a speech of appreciation of Lorraine's achievements and presented her with two gifts from ALLG members. They were a large azalea for her garden and a picture frame containing a set of photos spanning her library career. Lorraine was thrilled with the photos which had been sent from as far away as Darwin. She had never seen some of the photos before. They provided a graphic record of a career of service and a spirit of adventure. Now a new era has started for Lorraine. She will have time to enjoy the organisation of her daughter's wedding and then be able to take stock, smell the roses and launch into new adventures. Lorraine we wish you a wonderful retirement but we will miss you.

A tribute to Lorraine Weinman

Lorraine Weinman retired in October 1997 after 23 years as Principal Librarian Attorney Generals Department. She saw several changes of government and nine different Attorneys General. The portfolio libraries grew from a small group in the 1970s to 57 staffed libraries. This number has now been reduced to 47 with the ASC move.

Lorraine has been the backbone of law librarianship in the ACT for many years. She was the founding convenor of the ALLG from 1989-94. She brought an informal group of law librarians into an organised network. She made sure members were always informed of any new developments which affected librarians or the profession of librarianship. Lorraine was the co-convenor of the very successful Specials, Health and Law Conference held in Canberra in 1991. She suggested the twinning concept with island nations of the Pacific on which she worked closely with **Jacqui Elliott**. This project has improved the legal collections of these nations and the skills of their librarians. Her work gave special emphasis to the law collections in Samoa, Tonga and Nauru. Lorraine made several visits to the court and government law libraries in these countries. Her candid accounts of these trips will continue to be missed from the pages of the *Australian Law Librarian*.

Lorraine nurtured and cared for all her portfolio librarians watching them grow and develop mature networks of their own. Many of them are now outside the Attorney General's portfolio. Lorraine was instrumental in developing professional classification standards for law libraries, pushing all agencies with law libraries to accept those standards particularly for the one person library.

Lorraine, along with **Julia Butler**, was responsible for upgrading government law library positions. For example Judy Grant, Librarian Australian Government Solicitor tells how they encouraged her to get her Ombudsman Librarian position reclassified to a Professional Officer 2. It is a mark of the high regard with which Lorraine is held in all Commonwealth agencies that when Judy moved to the Australian Government Solicitor, Lorraine's suggestion to upgrade the Ombudsman Librarian position to a Senior Officer C was followed.

These are just a small selection of Lorraine's many professional achievements, but it was the care with which she networked us all together, worried about all our problems whether within the portfolio or without, and nurtured us as professional librarians that we will never be able to replace. Lorraine cared deeply for the profession of librarianship and the people in it.

Staff Movements

Pauline Downing, from the High Court Library, has resigned as ACT Publishers Liaison representative. **Chris Zegelin** from Blake Dawson and Waldron was elected to replace her in that position.

New South Wales

Staff Movements

Kate Burnham is now Senior Client Services Librarian at the NSW Attorney-General's Library.

Functions

The ALLG (NSW) End of Year Party for 1997 was held in the Albert Chapman Mineral Collection at the Australian Museum on 11 December at 5.30pm.

Northern Territory

Staff Movements

Leslie Murray (Office of Courts Administration Library) is going on maternity leave for 12 months in mid December. Her baby is due in the first week of January. **Gemma Crisp**, from Territory Health Services library, will be her temporary replacement.

There is a new staff member at the Supreme Court library. **Melanie Macauley** is now legislation clerk to replace **Ravi Sharma** who left Darwin to study in Brisbane.

Pauline Antill (Australian Government Solicitor's Office) has continued to make the most of her 2 year posting to NT, to see something of the northern countryside. In between work, she has managed to visit Lake Argyle, El Questro (the luxury is difficult to leave!), Kakadu and Bathurst Island.

Another traveller has been **Frieda Evans** (Office of Courts Administration Library) who had 5 weeks in England visiting friends and castles as well as 2 weeks in Perth.

Functions

Christmas lunch was held on 9 December at the Colonnade Restaurant at the recently opened Holiday Inn. This is the final function for 1997.

The fronds of the palm trees waved slowly in the slight breeze; the beach was long as the tide was out. The sun was hot. This was the view outside Pee Wee's at the Point in Darwin for the farewell lunch for Karen MacLaurin before her return to Canada. NT members have enjoyed having her input and enthusiasm for six months. The Department also hosted a lunch for Karen to show their appreciation of her work. Julie Fisher returned to NT Attorney-General's Department on 24 November after 6 months in Canada. Welcome back to the heat and humidity and fire haze!

Queensland

Staff Movements

Gill Hallam has resigned from Freehill Hollingdale & Page, in order to meet family commitments, she has been replaced by **Brigitte Grannum** from Hill and Taylor.

Julie Baldwin, has been appointed Library Technician at the Queensland Office of the Parliamentary Counsel **Heather Gray** (fmly Minter Ellison Brisbane) has been appointed Library Technician at Mallesons Stephen Jacques, Brisbane, filling the vacancy created by Julie

Functions

At the ALLG(Qld) Annual General Meeting on 21 November 1997, the following committee members were appointed:-

President: **Julie Woodyatt**

Secretary: **Brigitte Grannum**

Treasurer: **Sue Green**

Publishers Liaison: **Sara Uehlein**

Employment Co-ordinator: **Julie Woodyatt**

Website Co-ordinator: **Lyndie McGhie**

Workshop Co-ordinator: **Helen Gambley**

Committee Members: **Helen Demack, Clare Cappa Jo Douglass, David Alberti.**

Newsletter Editors: **Christine Johnstone, Susan Oag.**

A Publishers Forum was held at the Queensland Law Society Auditorium on 5 November 1997. The panel of speakers comprised **Evan Predavec** and **Lee Hansen** from Butterworths, **Cliff Brigstocke** and **Dena Blumenthal** from LBC Information Services, **Craig Norton** from CCH Australia, and **Paul Hannah** from Pink Ribbon

Publishing. The meeting was chaired by **Sue Green**. Proceedings commenced with each of the groups being asked to present a five minute overview. It became clear that the publishers all share a similar viewpoint, emphasizing information quality, responsiveness to client needs, and the need to add value to information provision and to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of information service and delivery

South Australia

Staff Movements

Helen Bergoc, formerly at Finlaysons, had a gorgeous baby girl on October 9 Helen and hubbie, Albert have named her Ella Vivienne

Hermin Punitham has returned to the Sir Samuel Way Library after 12 months maternity leave and **Bruce Greenhalgh**, who has been acting in her position, returns to the Supreme Court Library.

Sharyn Pawelski, formerly at the Supreme Court Library is now with the Disability Information Resource Centre.

Functions

A recent tour of the Commonwealth Law Libraries covered the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Family Court and the Australian Government Solicitors. The tour was well attended and the opportunity to view libraries not normally accessible was appreciated. After all the exercise walking between the libraries, the drinks and nibbles were also much appreciated.

Christmas dinner was held on the 9 December 1997 at the Red Ochre Grill, a restaurant specialising in exotic edible combinations of Australian flora and fauna

Tasmania

Staff Movements

Fran Millar has moved within the Australian Taxation Office from Library Manager, Hobart to Industry Research Librarian with the newly formed Research Support consultancy.

The **Administrative Appeals Tribunal** has taken over responsibility for the Commonwealth Law Courts Library in Tasmania. The name of the library will remain the same as will phone and fax numbers. With regards to staff, **Merrilyn Evans** remains Librarian in Charge, **Leanne Baldwin** is still on extended leave and **Helen Powell** will be there until March 1998

Heather Thurstans, Librarian at the Tasmanian Parliamentary Library, has taken on a 12 months position with the House of Assembly as an Executive Officer for the Committee Secretariat. The staff of the Committee are responsible for providing administrative, research and executive support to all committees appointed by the House of Assembly. **Alex Farrow** is now filling the role of Government Publications Librarian at the Parliamentary Library in Heather's absence.

The **Legal Aid Commission** will cease to get library support from the Department of Justice at the end of 1997. **Meredith Curtis** will no longer be working at the Commission on Tuesdays.

Debbie Bowring now works two days a week (Thursday and Friday) at the Australian Government Solicitor's Office. The Australian Government Solicitor has moved from the Commonwealth Law Courts Building to the Commonwealth Offices in Collins Street

Victoria

Staff Movements

There has been a lot of movement around these parts in the last few months.

Nora Walsh (Purves Clarke Richards) has been appointed Library Manager at Coopers & Lybrand. **Sophia Kelly** (Macpherson & Kelley) has been appointed to position of Library Manager at Purves Clarke Richards. **Janice Ryan** returns to law librarianship taking up the position of Librarian at Macpherson and Kelley.

Shannon McCarthy (Wisewoulds) has been appointed Librarian at Rigby Cooke. **Vikki Hutton** (Esso) returns to the commercial law firm world taking up the position at Wisewoulds. **Donna Davis** has returned from maternity leave to resume her position at Esso

Congratulations also to **Garry Cannon** (Supreme Court) who has moved to a library software company. We must also congratulate **Clare O'Dwyer** who has been appointed to a business analyst position at BHP. **Maryellen Donovan** who has been working in one of the other BHP libraries has been appointed to the position of Legal Librarian at BHP.

There has also been movement at William M Mercer. **Debra Cox** has been appointed Manager of Electronic information. **Bridget Peck** (Law Institute) has been appointed to the position of Library Manager. **Janette Bellfield** formerly of the Audit Office has been appointed Library Manager at Maddock Lonie & Chisholm.

Functions

Legislative Document Management System
- <http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/>

October 21 1997, Information Victoria

The October ALLG meeting took the form of a seminar at Information Victoria which introduced the new Victorian Parliament website -

Legislative Document Management System (LDMS) or <http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/>.

The LDMS makes navigating your way around Victorian legislation incredibly easy, and provides a complete history of all Victorian legislation introduced into the Victorian Parliament since 1996, as well as access to daily Hansard and documents under consideration by Parliament

The search feature is a basic but user-friendly text-based facility. At this stage, the legislative materials available from this website are not authorised for use in Court and are not the "Official Version". They are, however, very useful and very popular. If only all legislation could be made available this way!

Western Australia

"On the Edge: the 7th Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians' Conference", has finally been and gone. The Conference has dominated the work of the WA group over the past two years, especially during the months leading up to the Conference, which was held over four days in October.

All the hard work proved worthwhile; we have had wonderful feedback from many attendees who have praised the programme, the calibre of the speakers; the venue; the trade display and the social programme (who will forget bopping to the New Beatles at the Conference Dinner!). From a WA perspective, the local group is delighted with the number of colleagues who journeyed to Perth to support On the Edge. The good attendances certainly contributed to the atmosphere and success of the Conference and the WA group wishes to thank everyone who came to On the Edge.

So many WA members have been involved in working for the Conference and they all deserve a big thank you, however, the chairs of the various Conference Sub-committees require special acknowledgement. **Anne Greenshields**

(Programme), **Diane Cooper** (Social) and **Lorna Mathie** (Exhibitions) as well as **Marie Luffmar** the Conference Treasurer.

Staff Movements

Catherine Clark has transferred from the University of Western Australia Law Library to the Medical Library. Over a number of years Catherine has made a valuable contribution to law librarianship, especially in promoting and conducting training in legal research skills for students, articulated clerks and most recently for members of the ALLG

Jean Kotai, who is normally the Law Librarian at Murdoch University, is currently on three months secondment as acting Law Librarian at the University of Western Australia Law Library. **Helen Wallace**, Law Librarian at UWA, is on long service leave and **Anne Greenshields** is acting Law Librarian at Murdoch. The secondment was arranged to further develop the co-operation that exists between the two law libraries

Josephine Willenge has returned to Dwyer Durack after a year overseas; **Christine Stevens** is now working at Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks and **Sally Martin** is at Jackson McDonald

Functions

The WA Group's functions in early October related to the Conference.

Session for Chairs

A two hour workshop was conducted for those who would be chairing sessions at the Conference. Participants found the tips on successful chairing, as well as the very honest feedback they received from the facilitator, invaluable.

Visit to the Francis Burt Law Education Centre

A visit to the Francis Burt Law Education Centre, two weeks before the Conference, provided a

venue for a brown bag lunch at which the WA members were briefed on the last minute details for the Conference. **Sir Francis Burt**, now retired, was for many years the Chief Justice in WA as well as the Lieutenant Governor. The original Supreme Court building in Perth has now become the Francis Burt Law Education Centre and is used by school children and various other community groups to gain an insight into the history of the law in WA. An annual moot competition for high school students is held in the old court room. During the visit members were able to view the facilities and displays

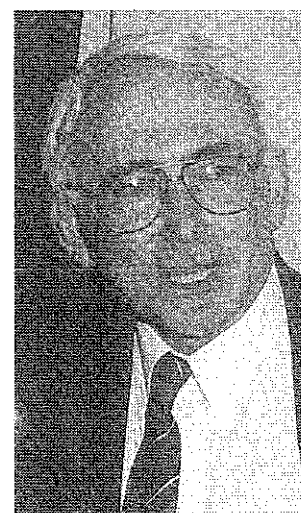
Butterworths

Jim Pitts and the staff at the Butterworths Perth office invited ALLG members to an informal get-together, where over wine and cheese there was an opportunity to view Butterworths new

premises and to ask questions about the impact of the proposed merger between Reed Elsevier and Wolters Kluwer.

Thanks Anne & Marie!

Anne Gardner's two year term as the National Convenor ended at the Conference and also **Marie Luffman's** National Treasurership. Both have contributed much; Anne with her particular style of leadership, continued to meld the ALLG into a nationally cohesive association. Marie Luffman, who took on the Conference Treasurer position as well, must be relieved these two years are over. For the WA group it was a beneficial experience to have the National Convenor located in Perth, by making members more aware of national initiatives. Anne has not left the national scene. She is now the National Publishers Liaison representative.



on the edge

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