

# STATE NEWS

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## ***Australian Capital Territory***

In this year's Australia Day Honours List **Lorraine Weinman**, recently retired from the position of Principal Librarian Attorney-General's Department, was awarded the Public Service Medal for establishing the Lionel Murphy Library in the Attorney-General's Department and for providing professional assistance to law libraries across the South Pacific.

## ***Staff Movements***

**Margaret Hutchison** has taken a two year appointment at the High Court of Australia as Cataloguing Librarian. She was previously at Menzies Library at the Australian National University.

**Ann Welburn** has been appointed as Technical Services Librarian at the Australian National University Law Library. **Jacquie Wilkinson** has been appointed Information Access Coordinator and **Linda Elford** as Law Cataloguer.

**Judy Grant**, Australian Government Solicitors Librarian (Canberra Regional Office) and ACT Law Librarians Group Convenor, has been awarded an Australia Day Award for Service to the Canberra AGS Office.

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## ***New South Wales***

The new NSW Division Executive Committee for 1998 is as follows:

### **Convenor:**

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Thanks Kate for the excellent work over the last 2 years

**Staff Movements**

**Kate Eginton**, previously Corrs Chambers Westgarth, has now taken up the position of Manager, Library and Information Services at Mallesons Stephen Jacques.

**Shirley Carpenter** is now the Library Manager at Clayton Utz.

**Emma Joneshart**, from the Australian Law Reform Commission, is at Deacons Graham & James

**Christine Graff** is Information & Resource Manager at Deacons Graham & James. She was formerly with Tress Cox & Maddox.

**Samantha Doran** is the Assistant Librarian at LBC Information Services.

**Catherine Bollen** has returned from maternity leave at Henry Davis York. Catherine (Mon-Wed) shares the position of Library Manager with **Wendy Cousins** (Wed-Fri)

**Trish Bradney**, Regional Manager at the Australian Taxation Office, is now located at the Sydney Office. Contact numbers: Phone (02) 9374 8453, Mobile: 0417 683545, Fax (02) 9374 2007, Email: trish.bradney@ato.gov.au

**Jan Harrison** is Librarian at Sparke Helmore Solicitors.

**Northern Territory**

The office holders for 1998 are

Convenor: **Frieda Evans**

Publishers Liaison: **Julie Fisher**

The computerisation of the Supreme Court and Magistrates Court Libraries has commenced. A CD-ROM tower has been set up and PCs with word processing and mail facilities are being installed throughout the Department. Non-Darwin centres will be included in the next few months. As the library develops its databases, access to these will be given throughout the department.

**Functions**

At the next meeting on 21 April, **Julie Fisher** will talk about her experiences working in Canada for 6 months in 1997. This meeting will be held at 12.30pm at NT Legal Aid Commission.

**Queensland**

**Staff Movements**

**Helen Demack** has left Corrs, Chambers, Westgarth and is working part time at the Legal Aid Office. **Lisa Klug** is also working part time at the Legal Aid Office. **Beth Mayo**, formerly Librarian at Coopers & Lybrand has been appointed Librarian at Corrs

**Christine Johnston** has left Clarke and Kann to join Gadens.

**Jan O'Donoghue** of QUT Law Library retired recently. **Natalie Cuffe**, formerly at Griffith University has replaced Jan.

**Functions**

**Charlotte Douglas**, a solicitor with Phillips Fox, gave a very informative, if slightly frightening presentation on the legal implications of the Millennium bug

## **South Australia**

South Australian law librarians were shocked and disappointed to hear that LBC had retrenched their Adelaide Sales Representative in early December. Worse still was the fact that LBC did not notify librarians of this event and six weeks later there has still been no communication from LBC. In the meantime SA clients must deal with the Perth Office which, given the time difference (particularly during daylight saving) is not acceptable to many LBC customers.

### **Staff Movements**

Another disappointment to South Australians was the closure of law firm Andersons' library. Fortunately **James Rieger**, the former librarian, has managed to secure a contract position at the Supreme Court Library whilst **Bruce Greenhalgh** is on secondment to State Records.

**Joelie Cook**, a recent graduate, is the new Library Assistant at Fisher Jeffries.

**Sandra Laparidis** has returned to the AAT Library after 12 months maternity leave. **Meredith McBratney**, who filled in for Sandra, is taking a well deserved break from law librarianship after many years in the profession.

The Butterworths SA Office will soon have an addition to their staff in the form of a Training Consultant who will assist clients with decisions about electronic products and provide the necessary training and support. The incumbent will be employed for 20 hours a week.

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## **Tasmania**

### **Functions**

The final function for 1997 was a Christmas Luncheon at the Astor Grill where twelve of the Group wined and dined in very elegant surroundings and reflected on the year's events and those to come in 1998, which promises to be a very busy year with Tasmania gearing up to host the 1999 Specials Conference. **Kate**

**Ramsay** and **Dorothy Shea** are on the Speakers Program Committee and **Merrilyn Evans** is responsible for the Trade Exhibitors Committee. Given the relatively small membership base for both Specials and Law Librarians in the State we will be on the look out for as many more volunteers as we can cajole or coerce in the coming months.

### **Important News**

On the legislation front, the **Legislation System Project** looks like going online at the end of February. Over six hundred Tasmanian acts have been included in the database (called EnAct) and final trials are currently being conducted. The database has consolidated the majority of Tasmanian Statutes at this time and will be working to include the remainder during this year. Statutory Rules and Regulations are not included. The project team are hoping for a public launch of the database either in late February or early March to coincide with the commencement of the *Legislation Publication Act 1996 (Tas)*.

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## **Victoria**

The 1998 Victorian Committee is as follows:

**Nicki McLaurin Smith** – Courts Chambers  
Westgarth (Convenor)

**Melissa Dunley** – Dunhill Madden Butler  
(Secretary)

**Petra Mackus** – Middletons Moore & Bevins  
(Treasurer)

**Cathy Bushrod** – Baker & McKenzie (Membership  
Secretary)

**Greig Williams** – Law Institute of Victoria  
(Publishers Liaison)

**Shaunagh Harte** – Minter Ellison (Information  
Sheet Editor)

**Lynda Stewart** – Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks

**Althea Ward** – Phillips Fox

**Michelle Bendall** – Supreme Court of Victoria

**Prue Presser** – University of Melbourne, Law  
Library

**Angela Alexakos** – Australian Taxation Office

**Carolyn Malkin** – Arnold Bloch Leibler

**Louise Segafredo** – Victoria Legal Aid  
**Alison Wallace** – Industry Commission

### *Staff Movements*

**Tania Graham** is leaving Hall & Wilcox to relocate to Toronto for a two year period. Good luck Tania!  
**Elizabeth Joyce** has been appointed to the position of Librarian at Hall & Wilcox.

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### *Western Australia*

New Office-Bearers & Committee for the ALLG (WA Division) for 1998 were elected at the AGM held late last year, they are:

State Convenor	<b>Lorna Mathie</b>
Immediate Past Convenor	<b>Helen Wallace</b>
State Convenor-Elect	<b>Marie Luffman</b>
Secretary	<b>Wendy Ryan</b>
Treasurer	<b>Julie Richards</b>
National Publishers Liaison Committee	<b>Anne Gardner</b> <b>Diane Cooper</b> <b>Jenni Cornish</b> <b>Debra Harvey</b> <b>Lisa Kadir</b> <b>Josephine Willinge</b>
Ex-Officio National Convenor	<b>Anne Gardner</b>

### *Staff Movements*

**Carey Benier** has returned to full time work at Minter Ellison after time off to have her baby girl, Emma.

**Judith Ballantyne**, formerly of Western Australian Police Force, has taken up the position of Librarian at the Parliamentary Library

**Shelley Campbell** has returned to work at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal after 12 months maternity leave.

**Niamh Corbett** has been working full time at Minter Ellison while **Carey Benier** was on maternity leave and has now commenced working 3 days a week at Minter Ellison.

**Glenda Ligtermoet** has returned to the Australian Securities Commission after relieving **Shelley Campbell** at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal who was on maternity leave.

**Linda de Nicolai** at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions was married late last year and her new name is now **Linda McNamara**

**Monica Smith** has commenced work in a newly created position at the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission Library.

**Josephine Willinge** has returned to her position as Librarian at Dwyer Durack after returning from extended leave

### *Functions*

Our first activity for the new year was an Internet Training Session held on 18 February at Murdoch University Law Library. The session focused on basic email techniques, Netscape commands, search engines and legal sites of excellence

The Committee is currently planning a full year of activities covering professional development, publishers' liaison functions, information sessions, legal training workshops and of course social functions!

### *Important News*

Once again the Committee is conducting the Annual Salary Survey of members. The results of the survey contain useful information on the standard rates of pay for all levels of library staff working in WA law libraries. It is hoped all surveys will be posted shortly and results released in time for June/July salary reviews.

The Union List of Serials is currently at the printers. The union list provides the holdings information of legal serials held by contributing WA libraries. For those of you in other States who would like a copy the price is \$80 or if you require an invoice the price is \$85. If you would like more information or an order form, please contact **Julie Richards**, ALLG (WA) Treasurer c/o Phillips Fox on phone (08) 9288 6895.