

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S NOTES



Although it is only early in the year plenty has already happened to justify the perception that we live in a world of constant change. As I am still dealing with the ramifications of an upgrade to an NT environment especially the difficulties associated with getting

FolioViews to work, I constantly feel like I am running up a very steep mountain. I hope I am not alone and that the view from the top is worthwhile.

State Presidents

The states and territories have now finalised their Executive Committees for the next twelve months. The Presidents are as follows:

- ACT Judy Grant, Australian Government Solicitor
- NSW Mary Greenfield, Butterworths
- NT Frieda Evans, Supreme Court Library
- Qld Julie Woodyatt, Hill and Taylor
- SA Wanda Dillon, Supreme Court Library
- Tas Dorothy Shea, Supreme Court Library
- Vic Nicki McLaurin-Smith, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- WA Lorna Mathie, Freehill Hollingdale and Page

I am really looking forward to working with the State and Territory Presidents to promote the objectives of the Group and to enhance its profile as a progressive and highly professional organisation.

ALLG Submission to the ACCC

I admit to being stunned by the news that the proposed merger between Reed Elsevier PLC and Wolters Kluwer NV would not proceed because of regulatory hurdles. While the ACCC will not need the ALLG submission now, I am sure the senior managers at Butterworths and CCH will find the document an

interesting summary of the current views and expectations of an important sector of its client base. Now it is back to business for everyone with lots of challenges still in place and many more on the horizon

AALL/BIALL/CALL Joint Study Institute and BIALL Conference 1998

The AALL/BIALL/CALL Joint Study Institute will be held in Cambridge from Monday 7 September to Thursday 10 September and the Annual Study Conference and Exhibition of BIALL will be held in Portsmouth from Friday 11 September to Monday 14 September. I am currently negotiating with a major legal publisher for sponsorship of an outstanding Australian law librarian to attend the conferences following Butterworths decision to withdraw its support. If the sponsorship goes ahead, the successful candidate will be the ALLG's official representative at the conferences and will participate in a panel session at the Joint Study Institute titled *International Co-operation Between Law Library Associations*

ALLG Homepage

Congratulations and thanks to Anne Gardner who takes on the new role of National Web Site Co-ordinator as well as National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator. The redevelopment of the current homepage is a high priority and discussions are underway about the best way to proceed. At this stage, it is anticipated that the Membership Directory and Handbook will be available through the homepage which will make updating easier. Anne will keep you informed of developments

National Specials, Health and Law Conference

The ALLG has agreed to a conference rotation which was proposed and accepted at the Special and Health Libraries AGMs in October 1997. The National Executives and the Conference Committee will rotate together and be held in the same state at the same time.

The suggested rotation using the year of the conference is as follows:

- 1999 Tasmania
- 2001 Victoria
- 2003 South Australia
- 2005 New South Wales
- 2007 Queensland
- 2009 Australian Capital Territory
- 2011 Western Australia
- 2013 New Zealand

Future Meetings

The National Executive will hold its first meeting during the Law Symposium in Melbourne in early October unless circumstances require an earlier date. In the meantime, I am aware that a number of the states already have the year's programme of activities in place.

The National Treasurer, Sue Green, and I will be investigating the issue of incorporation and I will be seeking further feedback from the Divisions regarding the Constitution in the near future

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