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## *Australian Capital Territory*

At the meeting held on Wednesday, 24 June 1998 at the High Court Library, **Linzi Meryl** (Mallesons Stephen Jaques) was elected unopposed as our new convenor. Congratulations to Linzi

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

**Linzi Meryl** - Convenor (Mallesons Stephen Jaques)

**Greg Jones** - Treasurer (University of Canberra)

**Dale Heslin** - Secretary (Law Courts)

**Helen Roberts** - State Reporter for the Australian Law Librarian (Australian National University)

**Chris Zegelin** - Publisher's Liaison (Blake Dawson Waldron)

**Hugh Malcolm** - Events Co-ordinator (University of Canberra)

## *Staff Movements*

**Margaret Thomson** who is the librarian in the mornings at Deacons, Graham and James is now also working at the Legal Aid Office (ACT) in the afternoons from Tuesday to Friday

**Pam Cunningham**, who previously worked in the Legal Aid Office (ACT), has been appointed as Information Officer (Canberra Registry) at the Immigration Review Tribunal

**Yvonne Sutter** has joined the staff of the ACT Government Law Library part time.

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## *New South Wales*

### *Staff Movements*

**Janelle Moser** from the Eleventh Floor Wentworth Ltd (Phone: 02 9232 7609) is on maternity leave from 31 August 1998 until 1 March 1999 Her replacement is **Gail Smith**

**Alex Javorsek** is the new Library Manager at Frederick Jordan Barristers Chambers. The Residential Tenancies Tribunal's new librarian is **Carol Stevens**

### *Meetings*

*Researching United States Law* was presented by **Rob Watt** from the University of Technology, Sydney. The talk held on 14 May 1998 was an informative session on practical American research

*The Law Courts and the Legal Profession in NSW - Working Together* was held at the Supreme Court Building on the 27 May 1998. The meeting was well attended by members and gave an overview of library services.

*3rd Publishers Forum* was on 6 August 1998 in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House. Approximately 60 people attended. The facilitator was **Rob Brian**, NSW Parliamentary Librarian. Publishers represented were ATP (Australian Tax Practice), Prospect Media, LBC Information Services, Butterworths, CCH, Desktop Law, Auntie Abha's Electronic Publishing and Federation Press. This meeting provided a valuable exchange of information between those attending.

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## *Northern Territory*

### *Staff Movements*

**Karen Bowley** has completed her Law studies at Northern Territory University, graduating with First Class Honours. Karen finished work in the Library at the NT Legal Aid Commission at the end of July, and has commenced Articles with the NT Attorney-General's Department.

## *Functions*

**Gale Jamieson** from the NT Office of Parliamentary Counsel gave a talk to members at the July meeting. The topic was *Legislative Process in the Northern Territory*.

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## *Queensland*

### *Staff Movements*

**Kim Handley** has left Hill & Taylor and is now working at Gadens Lawyers. Hill & Taylor Lawyers have separated into two new firms. They are Macrossans Lawyers and Shand Taylor Lawyers. The Library is now known as The R K Hill Information Centre. **Ann-Maree Eames** has now been joined by **Margaret Daly**, who will be working part time at the Information Centre. **Jan O'Donoghue** is now working part time at Clark and Kann.

### *Functions*

After a few date changes we finally had a very informative talk on Intranets by **David Bratchford**, Librarian at Legal Aid. He spoke about common Intranet applications and library applications as well as possible roles the library could undertake in helping to implement and manage the organisation's own Intranet. On the 26 August, **Peter Byrnes**, Executive Director, Policy & Legislation Division (PLD), Department of Justice and the Attorney-General, gave a very interesting seminar on the new Government's legislative program within the portfolio of the Honourable Attorney-General. He particularly focused on the role PLD plays in translating the policies and directives of the Government and the Attorney-General into legislation.

### *Bursary*

**Margaret Emmerly** from Rees R & Sydney Jones, Solicitors, Rockhampton has been awarded ALLG (Qld) Bursary to attend the Law Librarians Symposium. Since no nominations were received for the two advertised bursaries, the Executive Committee awarded the Bursary to Margaret on the basis of her active participation in the Group (albeit from a distance) and will pay the full cost of the Symposium, flight and accommodation expenses. Congratulations Margaret!

## *Salary Survey*

The ALLG (Qld) salary survey done by Law Staff has now been completed and members should have received the results of the survey. Thank you to everyone who replied to the survey.

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## *South Australia*

On Tuesday, 28 August **Barbara Coat** (Minter Ellison), **Josephine Timcke** (Piper Alderman) and former librarian-turned-lawyer **Judith Bannister**, presented a joint session entitled *Online and Ondisk: Legal Research* at the State Legal convention. The presentation covered topics such as the advantages and disadvantages of electronic research, government information on the Internet, and intellectual property aspects of the Internet. The ALLG (SA Division) also had a stand in the trade exhibition to promote the role of law librarians to the legal profession. Internet demonstrations were conducted and materials from various law libraries distributed.

Finlaysons Library celebrated its 20th anniversary during Library Week in May with a range of interesting activities. All former library staff joined the current staff of the library and firm at an afternoon tea where the Managing Partner presented each with an engraved crystal dish. Current library staff members also took the opportunity to develop a theme of Library Staff on the Information Superhighway to the 21st Century by taking Harley Davidson rides around the city and having promotional photo shoots of them on the bikes!

### *Staff Movements*

**Melanie Adam**, formerly of Thomson Playford, is now Assistant Librarian at Blake Dawson Waldron in Sydney. **Joelie Cook** from Fisher Jeffries is now Assistant Librarian at Thomsons. And to complete the circle, **Kate Francis** has taken Joelie's position at Fisher Jeffries.

**Bruce Greenhalgh** has returned to the Supreme Court Library from his secondment to State Records and his replacement, **James Rieger**, is filling in for **Louise Langridge** at the Australian Society of CPAs whilst Louise is on maternity leave.

**Lisa Ravenscroft**, formerly of Australian Government Solicitors, is working part-time at the Murray Law Library at the Law Society of SA

**Bronte Elliott** is helping out at the Federal Court Library while **Lorna Hartwell** recuperates from a broken ankle!

The new Sales Rep at Butterworths is **Heidi Williams**, formerly of Reed Business Information

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## *Tasmania*

### *Staff Movements*

**Catriona Fraser** has taken up a position as librarian with the Women's Legal Service in Hobart. Catriona previously worked at the Aboriginal Legal Service. **Mary Joyce** has had her contract renewed on a part time basis at the Australian Taxation Office. Mary is also doing some work for Niumedia Pacific on the tasinLaw database

### *Meetings*

On Thursday, 9 April **David Porter** gave a talk to the Group on the future of the Centre for Legal Studies in Tasmania. David outlined the history of legal practice studies in the State and the present operation of the Centre. He also looked at possible developments in the future. The session was well attended and gave rise to considerable discussion with David on the subject when he had finished the formal talk

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## *Victoria*

### *Staff Movements*

**Teresa Garcia** has been appointed to the position of librarian at William M Mercer. **Ann St John** has been appointed Library Manager at the Productivity Commission

Congratulations to **Sonia Haroutunian** who has been appointed to the position of Manager, Knowledge Systems at the ASC

The Victorian Group bids farewell to **Brenda Currie** (Arthur Robinson Hedderwicks) who is leaving

Melbourne for Chicago for an extended trip and working holiday. We hope Brenda has a wonderful time and hope to see Brenda back soon. **Ann Wootton** has been appointed IT Project Manager at Arthur Robs.

Congratulations also to **Liane Forster-Knight** who has been appointed Knowledge Manager of the Mallesons Stephen Jacques Knowledge Centre.

### *Functions*

In July the ALLG (Vic) Group had the good fortune to hear **Charu Sood**, Director of Interlending Services at the National Library of Australia speak on current NLA interlending developments. The main developments which will affect (and benefit) the library community are the redevelopment of ABN and the connectivity of the new service with the inter library loans system and document supply. Some of you will remember the problems with the original World1 project abandoned by the NLA at the end of 1996. Kinetica, however, is based on software used by both the Canadian and British libraries but includes the integration of interlibrary loans and document delivery all in one bundle. The front end is web-based but with very powerful search options. Something to look forward to.

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## *Western Australia*

### *Staff Movements*

**Anne Benson** is filling in for **Donna Goodlet** at Arthur Andersens while Donna is away on maternity leave.

**Leanne Whykes** is the new part-time Reference Librarian at Freehills. She works Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Raelene Koehler** of Minters has left as of the 31 July. **Tara Smith** has joined Minters as their new part-time Reference Librarian.

**Tony Delauney** has resigned from LBC Information Services.

### *Functions*

In August we held a Brown Bag Lunch in the Francis Burt Education Centre to discuss a number of topics

such as knowledge management, Internets, intranets. In September we have planned a Human Resources Workshop which promises to be an interesting half-day professional development session covering recruiting, termination, management etc. In October we are planning to visit a government department library of particular interest to Law Librarians. In November we hope to have a seminar on copyright and its impact on law librarianship. And to finish off the year we are organising our AGM at the relatively new Notre Dame University Law Library followed by dinner in Fremantle.

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