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Australian Capital Territory

Staff Movements

Roy Mersky, the legendary US law librarian from Tarleton Law Library at the University of Texas is a visiting fellow at the ANU Law Faculty. He is familiarising himself with Australian librarianship and legal systems. He is also doing research for the next edition of his book, *Fundamentals of Legal Research*, and on the comparison between the US Supreme Court and the Australian High Court.

Jacqueline Elliott, the High Court Librarian, spent one week in Beijing as part of an AUSAID project in early March. **Rosemary Nicholson**, Senior Reference Librarian at the High Court Library, will work in the Law and Bills Section at the Parliamentary Library until the end of May. **Sue Milne** is Acting Senior Reference Librarian at the High Court Library during this period.

The Parliamentary Library welcomed **Roy Jordan** in February. Roy Jordan left the National Library where he had been working as a reference librarian since 1982 and in recent years has been the Law Subject Librarian. He has taken up a position with the Law and Bills section of the Parliamentary Library. **Patrick O'Neill** will be acting temporarily in Roy's position at the NLA from 15 March after returning from his honeymoon.

In March **Helen Roberts**, Manager of the ANU Law Library visited eleven university law libraries in the United States in association with attending the AALL conference on Space Planning and Technology for Academic Law Libraries at Duke University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In November, **Rosemary Castle** was appointed to the position of Manager, Library and Information Services at the Federal Court of Australia (ACT).

Colin Wills has been the librarian at the ACT Family Court since November 1998 and will continue in this position pending a review of library services.

The University of Canberra library has subject-related academic liaison staff teams. Late last year the law and management teams were merged and **Hugh Malcolm** is now in charge of the combined group of reference and liaison staff.

Danielle Voller is the new librarian at the ACT office of Malleson Stephen Jaques.

Sarah Merriman (nee Andrew) from Blackburn Chambers gave birth to a baby girl, Isabell Amelia, on 20 February (Sarah's own birthday!).

New South Wales

Staff Movements

Justine Hyde, formerly of Corrs, is now Knowledge Consultant at Malleson Stephen & Jaques. **Belinda Spry** has taken up the position as Research Librarian at the Australian Stock Exchange. **Edwina Rudd**, from the State Library, is on a 6 month secondment to NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption. **Libby Cass** has left NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption to join the Refugee Review Tribunal as their librarian.

Meetings

The NSW Division is holding their AGM on 18 February and the 1999 office bearers will be elected.

This year many interesting functions are planned, including a dinner to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of the NSW Division of the ALLG. A Train the Trainer one-day practical workshop will be held on 4 May.

Northern Territory

Staff Movements

Jenny Doubleday has taken six months leave from the NT Police, Fire and emergency Services Library.

News from the NT Supreme Court Library

Frieda Evans is on leave in February, spending three weeks in New Zealand. Frieda will be helping a friend to compete in the Masters Games (full and half marathon), then touring part of the North Island. **Melanie Macauley** will be going on twelve months maternity leave in mid March. **Leslie Murray** has returned to the Library after her maternity leave.

Queensland

Staff Movements

There are a few changes to the 1999 ALLG (Q) Executive Committee that was previously published in the December issue of the *Australian Law Librarian*. **Sara Uehlein** has resigned her position as Committee Member. Thank you to Sara for your work as Committee Member and Publishers Liaison. **Julie Woodyatt**, who has returned from holidays overseas, is now working at Macrossan Lawyers and has taken on the position of Employment Coordinator. **Ann-Maree Eames** has left the RK Hill Information Centre and is now working at the Police Academy Library. Ann-Maree is staying on as a committee member. **Marilyn Goodman** retired from the Defence Library Service at the end of January and plans to move to the Camden Haven area near Port Macquarie. **Margaret Emmerly** has retired from Rees R and Sydney Jones.

Functions

We are looking to build on last years' successful functions and workshops and hope to hold more Queensland Legislation Workshops in the coming months. Functions planned for 1999 include a negotiation seminar, a seminar on how a bill is formed, and a subject focused seminar.

South Australia

The South Australian Committee for 1999 is:

Josephine Gaskell – Ward & Partners (Convenor)

Josephine Timcke – Piper Alderman (Secretary)

Kate Francis – Fisher Jeffries (Treasurer)

Philip Ludington – Australian Taxation Office (Membership Secretary)

Lynne Barrington – Industrial Relations Court and Commission (Professional Development Coordinator)

Amanda Kazcmarek – Social Function Coordinator

Joelie Cook – Publishers Liaison; SALL Bulletin Editor

Wanda Dillon – Supreme Court (Past Convenor)

Barbara Coat – Minter Ellison (Advocacy Group Consultant)

Georgic Livissianos – Federal Court (ALIA Specials Consultant)

Staff Movements

On 22 December 1998, **Julie Montgomery** of the Murray Law Library, Law Society of South Australia, retired after many years of service in Adelaide law libraries. Julie began her law librarianship career with Finlaysons in 1978 and was the first law firm librarian in Adelaide. In 1986 Julie left to take a short break and in 1988 became Librarian at the Law Society. The Murray Law Library is now known as the Murray Information Resource Centre and is staffed by **Lisa Scrivener** (Librarian) who works four days a week, and **Jaime Kuchel** (Assistant Librarian) who is filling in on the other day. The Resource Centre now houses the new Butterworths (Electronic) Training Centre.

Lynne Barrington, formerly of Flinders University Law Library, has been appointed to the position of Librarian at the Industrial Relations Court and Commission. This is a new position, the library previously having been staffed by a library technician.

Tasmania

Functions

On 10 December 1998 at 12.00 noon in the Conference Room of the Law Society, **Jan Martin**, Executive Director of the Society, spoke to members of the Group about her role and responsibilities in the position to which she has recently been appointed. Jan's talk gave considerable insight into the workings of the Law Society and the Law Foundation and was warmly received by members. At 12.45 pm we adjourned to Blue Skies Restaurant and had a most enjoyable Christmas lunch.

Staff Movements

Welcome back to **Leanne Baldwin** at the Commonwealth Law Library who is returning after maternity leave for two days per week. **Helen Powell** will continue to assist **Merrilyn Evans** for the other three days of the week. **Meredith Curtis** has taken six months leave from the D M Chambers Library in the Department of Justice to complete her IAFE studies

Victoria

Staff Movements

Meg Leviston, Systems Librarian at Arthur Robinson and Hedderwicks, has decided to return to full-time study. She will be completing a Bachelor of Theology and Diploma of Youth Work and following a new career path as a Youth Counsellor. Meg will also be working part-time at University of Melbourne Law Library while she is studying. All the best, Meg. **Angela Schmidt** is moving from Minter Ellison to Davies Collison and Cave, patent attorneys. Congratulations to **Murray Greenway** who has been appointed to the new position of Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Melbourne Law Library. **Zora Valeska** has been promoted to manage the library at Dunhill Madden Butler. **Janice Ryan**, formerly of McPherson and Kelly is now Assistant Librarian at the Law Institute Library.

The Victorian Committee for 1999 is as follows:

Althea Ward – Phillips Fox, Convenor
Angela Alexakos – Australian Taxation Office, Minutes Secretary
Petra Mackus – Middletons Moore and Bevins, Treasurer
Prue Presser – University of Melbourne, Membership Secretary
Carolyn Malkin – Arnold Bloch Leibler, Information Sheet/State News
Greig Williams – Law Institute of Victoria, National and Victorian Publishers Liaison
Melissa Dunley – Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Michelle Bendall – Supreme Court of Victoria
Louise Segafredo – Legal Aid Commission
Peter Cotter – Leo Cussen Institute
Lianne Forster Knight – Mallesons Stephen Jaques
Mark Powell – Australian Government Solicitor
Katherine Ward – Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Functions

The Victorian Division celebrated Christmas at University House at the University of Melbourne, and enjoyed a great evening, despite the sweltering heat. We are looking forward to our first social evening of the year to be held at Ernst & Young on 25 March, and have a busy year of meetings and workshops planned.

Western Australia

Thanks to the 1998 Committee

We would just like to take a brief moment on behalf of all members of the ALLG (WA) to thank the Office-Bearers and Committee of 1998. They were: State Convenor, Lorna Mathie; State Convenor-Elect, Marie Luffman; Immediate Past State Convenor, Helen Wallace; Secretary, Wendy Ryan; Treasurer, Julie Richards; National Publishers Liaison, Anne Gardner; and Committee, Josephine Willinge, Diane Cooper, Jenni Cornish, Debra Harvey and Lisa Kadir.

Welcome to the 1999 Committee

Our new Office-Bearers and Committee for 1999 are: Marie Luffman as State President; Lisa Kadir as State President Elect; Lorna Mathie as Immediate Past President; Sue Poynton as Secretary; Julie Richards as Treasurer; and Committee, Helen Wallace, Debra Harvey, Heather Davids, Elaine Brown and Niamh Corbett.

Staff Movements

After 11 years, **Diane Cooper** has resigned from Mallesons Stephen Jaques and has taken up consultancy work. Diane and Keith will be travelling overseas within the next few months. We wish them well. **Lizzie Norvill** has resigned from the Supreme Court Library as their Reference and Systems Librarian and has replaced **Josephine** as the Librarian at Dwyer Durack. Josephine has recently resigned from Dwyer Durack and she and her husband Anthony are expecting their first child in early March. We wish them well in their new role. We still do not know if it's a boy or a girl so we will let you know as soon as possible.

Functions and News

The 1999 Committee is already planning away and have scheduled in an Icebreaker on the 23 February at Parliamentary Library. The Icebreaker is being sponsored by The Law Shop. We also have a Copyright and Librarians Seminar coming up at the end of March, a Law Course at the University of Western Australia and are currently planning activities for Australian Library Week and Law Week. We are also planning to once again conduct our Salary Survey, which we will be mailing out to law library people in February.

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