



National Profile

The drive to raise our national profile is paying dividends. The key to achieving this has been our commitment to initiating and maintaining constructive communication with a number of key

players. The legal publishing houses continue to be a top priority. We needed to rethink our dealings with the publishing industry. The positive, proactive approach which has characterised the operation of the National Executive Committee and Publishers' Liaison Committee over the last few years has resulted in an improved consultative process.

Our national profile has also benefited from a greater emphasis on lobbying activities and the decision to develop a high quality website. A Code of Conduct was prepared for the anz-law-librarians list and we are working hard to encourage members to use the list for discussion of important issues as well as for general communication.

The ALLG has great potential to grow in strength and diversity. Stronger links need to be forged between the Group and its overseas equivalents. We have made steady progress in this area and hope to have the Group represented at major overseas conferences on a regular basis. We need to establish a more dynamic working relationship with organisations such as law societies and bar associations. We need to actively expand our network of contacts to include professionals in a range of industries from IT to human resource management.

New National President and Treasurer

It gives me great pleasure to announce that **Mary Greenfield**, the Library Manager at Butterworths is the incoming President. Mary is currently President of the New South Wales Division and has been a member of the ALLG for the past four years. As NSW State President she has demonstrated her

understanding of the issues affecting the ALLG specifically and law librarianship in general. She has the energy, drive and expertise to lead the Group into the new millennium.

Congratulations also to **Janet Bryden** from Minter Ellison who takes on the role of National Treasurer.

Conference Scholarship Programme

This Programme is proving very popular with members. Congratulations to **Anne Gardner** who will represent the Group at that 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Washington in July thanks to the generous support of Oceana Publications.

The CCH Australia bursaries to the National Conference in Hobart in August attracted a large field of entrants. The winners are announced on page 126. Thanks to **Gary Stanton** and **Craig Norton** at CCH for their ongoing support.

Incorporation/Constitution

I had aimed to have finalised these matters by the Biennial General Meeting. The consultative process between the National Executive Committee members has been slower than planned. Progress is being made and I am sure that the issue can be finalised in the near future. Many thanks to **Helen Wallace** from the WA Division for her work on the new Constitution.

Biennial General Meeting

The National Executive Committee are hoping that members take advantage of this large forum to have a say on topical and planning issues. The meeting will include highlights of reports from the National President, the National Treasurer, the State Presidents and the National Co-ordinators. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues raised in these reports.

There will also be a discussion about future directions for the Group, sponsorship arrangements, and future conferences. We hope that between the conference papers, the Publishers' Forum and this meeting that members will leave Hobart feeling well informed about developments in the profession and involved in their professional association.

Sign Off

This is my last column as National President. **Sue Green**, the National Treasurer joins me in thanking you for your support over the last two years. I would like to publicly thank Sue for her outstanding contribution to the Group both as National Treasurer and as the *Australian Law Librarian's* Business Manager.

Finally, best wishes to Mary, Janet and the other members of the National Executive Committee. Sue and I wish you every success.

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