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Australian Capital Territory

Staff Movements

Julia Butler (ACT Government Law Librarian) was appointed President of the ACT Division of the ALLG at the AGM held at the High Court on 16 June. **Linzi Meril** has resigned as President. Linzi's work as President has been much appreciated.

Mary Anne Neilsen, from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library, presented a paper entitled *Access to the Law in Australia* – the Commonwealth Department of the Parliamentary Library's Contribution at the American Library Association's Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, 25-30 June 1999. The paper was one of six presentations from international speakers who spoke about Intellectual Freedom from their particular country's perspective and is available on the Internet.¹ Mary Anne also visited major libraries in Washington and New York, including the Congressional Research Service, the Library of Congress Law Library, the Supreme Court Library, the United Nations Library, Georgetown University Library and the New York Public Library.

Sue Milne has gone on a year's maternity leave from the High Court of Australia from 30 July. **Rosemary Nicholson** has resumed her post as Senior Reference Librarian after a secondment of three months at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library.

Caitlin Nevill, is undertaking a placement at the ANU Library as part of the PAL (Partners in Learning) programme in Professional Education in Library and Information Studies. Caitlin is doing a combined

degree in Law and Information Management at the University of Canberra. Her placement at ANU started in June and will continue for two semesters. To complete the internship Caitlin will spend two two-week periods full-time at the Law Library and will also be attending the Library for one day a week during the next two semesters.

Ros Hodsdon, manager of the ACCC (Australian Competition and Consumer Commission) Library was on leave for seven weeks in July and August. **Alexis Yeadon** acted as library manager during that period and **Jasna Rogic**, on secondment from the Attorney-General's Library, acted as Reference Librarian.

Amanda Magnussen has joined the Law and Bills Digest Group at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library as an Information Specialist. Amanda is on secondment from the Department of Defence Library Service where she is Subject Librarian (Law) and replaces **Rosemary Nicholson**, whose secondment from the High Court finished in July.

Liz Parr has joined the staff of the ACT Government Law Library. **Silvia Pils** is working at the ACT Government Law Library one day a week in Semester Two as part of her Canberra Institute of Technology Diploma of Library and Information Management.

Jasna Rogic is on leave from the Attorney-General's Library to work at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Library from July – September 1999.

New South Wales

Staff Movements

Norton Smith has merged with Coudert Bros. The new firm will be known as Coudert. The library manager is **Kim van de Wall**. A breakaway firm, Norton White, has also been formed and the librarian is **Mark Joel**. **Helen Phillips** is acting as Chambers Librarian in the Federal Court Library, Sydney. **Rosemary Gates**

¹ www.ala.org/work/international/intfreedom.html

is temporarily at ICAC and will then be moving to Freehills. **Kerry-Ann Prideaux** is acting Reference Librarian at the Law Courts Library.

Year 2000 Symposium

The Year 2000 Symposium Sub Committee has held several meetings. Organisation for the conference is proceeding smoothly. A venue has been selected (University of Technology) and a date decided.

National Appointments

Mary Greenfield, the current NSW State President will become the National President of the ALLG following the Biennial General Meeting in Hobart on 24 August 1999. **Janet Bryden** from Minter Ellison who is also on the State Executive Committee will be the next National Treasurer.

Meetings

At the last meeting on Wednesday 26 May, **Mr Stephen Burley**, barrister, gave a very interesting talk on copyright issues with particular reference to digital media (for instance, reproduction of material via corporate intranets), and mooted amendments to Copyright legislation.

The next meeting on 12 August 1999 will be the 4th Annual Publishers' Forum, which has attracted a great response from both the publishers and librarians.

Northern Territory

Staff Movements

Jo McPherson has started work at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Library, replacing **Pauline Dierdri Hurwood** is filling the gap at the Police Library while **Jenny Lawrence** is on maternity leave.

Meetings

Philip Jamieson was our guest speaker at our May meeting and spoke to us on his experiences working in the High Court Library and Law Reform in the NT.

Law & Justice Libraries

In October last year the NT cabinet endorsed the decision to merge NTL and agency libraries within the Northern Territory under the umbrella of the Department of Corporate & Information Services (DCIS). One of the responsibilities of this mega department would be the management and integration of the staffing services of the Northern Territory Library and the Government agency libraries, now known as Government Libraries and Information Services (GLIS).

It was proposed that centres of excellence would be established to serve clusters of agencies. Law and Justice would have staffed centres at Berrimah and Darwin CBD.

- NT Attorney-General's Department
- NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- NT Correctional Services
- Director of the Public Prosecutions
- Auditor-General's Office
- Ombudsman's Office
- Anti-Discrimination Commission

Agencies will enter into service level agreements with DCIS during the year.

Queensland

Staff Movements

Erica Bolto is retiring from the Criminal Justice Commission Library and **Susan Oag**, previously of Carter Newell, will be taking over her position. **Christine Johnston**, previously of Gadens Lawyers, has embarked on a new venture with the commercialisation of Gadens Brisbane Library which is now called The Knowledge Centre. **Cameron Rodgers** has moved from Minter Ellison to join Christine at The Knowledge Centre. **Ann-Maree Eames** is now working as Library Technician for Dunhill Madden Butler four days a week.

Functions

At our last meeting on the 23 June we held a chaired discussion on the changing role of the law librarian, and at our August meeting we are having a chaired discussion on the changing direction of Butterworths.

Evan Predavec and **Micahel Bell** from Butterworths are coming up to speak to us on where Butterworths is headed, and a general discussion will be held on strategic and directional issues. Some of the upcoming seminars will include a discussion on technical issues or problems such as java script and front page. We are hoping to hold a Commonwealth legislation workshop and a Moys workshop in the near future

South Australia

1999 ALLG Executive Committee (SA Division)

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Library News

Finlaysons

Peter Wildenauer is the new Reference Librarian at Finlaysons, replacing Iris Major.

Contact details:

Phone: 8235 7433 ; Email: paw@finlaysons.com.au

Piper Alderman

Ursula Feltell will be replacing Josephine Timcke (while Josephine is in the Solomon Islands) until the end of the year. Contact details: Phone: (08) 8205 3456.

Supreme Court Library

Wanda Dillon has resumed her position as Senior Librarian at the Supreme Court Library after spending some months at the Registry. Contact details: Phone: 8204 0486 ; Email: wanda.dillon@courts.sa.gov.au

Professional Development Sessions

For the last half of the year the ALLG (SA Division) has organised several interesting professional development and social functions. These include a post ALIA Conference rundown plan for early September at which members will be able to share their opinions and experiences of the conference

In September a seminar on "Dealing with Difficult Clients" will be held. Later in October we will be hearing from Professor Larry Amey, the newly appointed head of the School of Library and Information Management at the University of South Australia.

Tasmania

Staff Movements

Welcome to **Mary Swanton**, the new librarian at the Australian Taxation Office in Hobart, and welcome back **Meredith Curtis** in the DM Chambers Library in the Department of Justice and Industrial Relations

Functions

Congratulations to **Merrilyn Evans** on the great job she has done for Trade and Sponsorship for the 8th Asia-Pacific Specials Health & Law Librarians Conference

The June meeting of the Group was addressed by **Kath Kinsella**, Head Transcriber for the Supreme Court. Kath gave a very informative and often amusing account of the work done by the transcribing section. Members were able to satisfy their curiosity about such things as the machines used to transcribe proceedings in the courtroom (particularly as seen in films)

Preparation for the August Conference is almost complete and Tasmanian members are looking forward to welcoming their colleagues from interstate and overseas to Hobart at the end of the month.

Victoria

Staff Movements

Shaunagh Harte at Minter Ellison has assumed the role of Manager, Library Services. **Jenny Wood** has taken on the newly created role of Training and Research Coordinator. **Anna Hewitt** has also joined the firm as a Reference Librarian.

Middletons Moore & Bevins' Library has had a few changes of late. **Emma Wall** has been promoted to Reference Librarian and **Donna Dansick** has also joined the reference team, coming from Coltmans Price Brent when the two firms were recently merged.

Marie Stratton of Hunt and Hunt has now moved to Harwood Andrews in Geelong. **Sue Edwards** has moved from the Law Institute Library to work at Ernst & Young

Functions

The ALLG (Vic Division) has been very busy of late. June saw a meeting to discuss the impact of recent planning law amendments. In late July, the new Federal Court and Family Court libraries were on display during a social function kindly sponsored by Butterworths. We all admired the wonderful new libraries with their vast amounts of space and

empty shelves – what a luxury! It was a very pleasant evening with great food and company.

A mentoring programme has now been put in place due to the fantastic efforts of the Mentoring Subcommittee of **Michelle Bendall** and **Peter Cotter**. Eleven pairs of mentors and mentorees have now been matched up, with the mentors offering informal guidance and advice to their mentorees. A review of the programme will take place in December to ensure it is on track.

“Finding the Law” workshops are to be run again in September with the generous assistance of many law firm libraries and the University of Melbourne in providing venues. We are still to enjoy (at the time of writing) a discussion about “Information Technology and the Law” by **Victor Perton**, MP, and in October we will hear about the impact of the GST generally and on libraries specifically.

Western Australia

News from the Western Australian branch of ALLG

ALLG (WA) President, **Marie Luffman**, says the main challenge for the Western Australian group is the responsibility for the publication of the *Australian Law Librarian* for the years 2000 and 2001

Anne Gardner from Minters was awarded the Oceana Publications US Conference Scholarship 1999. Anne attended the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Law Librarians' Association held in Washington in July.

Anne Greenshields from Murdoch University Law Library has been awarded the ALLG (WA) Bursary to attend the “Strait to the Future” conference in Hobart in August.

A very successful Moys seminar was recently held in Perth by **Joanna Fear**. **Angela Bromfield**, Librarian at the Aboriginal Legal Service (WA) who attended the seminar, expressed her appreciation of the professional way in which the workshop was presented. All those who attended the workshop agreed it was of great value. Thanks to Joanna for coming to WA to hold the seminar.

In the Movers, Shakers & Baby Makers section

Shelley Campbell and husband Martin are proud to announce the arrival of Kyle Michael on 8 March, weighing in at 8lb 4oz. Congratulations from the group.

Lisa Kadir is now at Mallesons Stephen Jaques. **Elizabeth Norvill** has taken over from **Lisa** at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. **Monica Smith** has left the Industrial Commission to go to Dwyer Durack. **Marina Cusan** has also left the Industrial Commission to take up her new position with the Judges and Masters Library at the WA Supreme Court

Congratulations to **Lorna Mathie** of Freehills on her marriage to John on 1 May 1999.

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