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## *New Pacific Twins*

A November appeal on the anz list for twin libraries to assist in providing material for two law libraries in Fiji met a warm response from several of our colleagues. The result was that a week later there were two very happy law librarians in Suva. The new twins are:

1. **Institute of Justice and Applied Legal Studies, USP, Suva** (librarian: Ethel Morris) twinned with **CBA Legal Department Library, Sydney** (librarian: Barbara Ferris); and
2. **Attorney-General's Library, Suva** (librarian: Meena Shandil) twinned with **ACT Government Law Library** (librarian: Julia Butler)

The response of both Fijian librarians to the news that twins have been found for them highlighted the value of the ALLG Twinning Programme to the Pacific libraries. One library has only 700 books and in the other case the budget allows for the purchase of only 5 new books per year. Both librarians expressed their gratitude to the Australians who have offered to help them. Thank you to those law librarians who responded so positively to my request

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## *Australian Youth Ambassador for Development in Fiji*

In the June 1999 issue of *Australian Law Librarian* this column noted that Josephine Timcke of Adelaide had been selected to work on the above new government sponsored programme. Josephine was due to leave last July for her new position at the High Court of Solomon Islands Library. However, owing to the disturbances in Honiara, Josephine was re-directed to Fiji to spend six months assisting the Attorney-General's Library in Suva.

During her time in Suva Josephine has been able to show the librarian, Meena Shandil, how to join the anz-law-librarians' list and to inform her about the ALLG Pacific Twinning Programme which the library has also just joined. Ethel Morris at the IJALS library saw the messages on the list about the twinning programme and was then able to join up as well. These two simple bits of advice from an experienced law librarian have paid off handsomely for the Fijian libraries. It just shows how important communication is in this profession!

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## *Pacific Papers at IALL Melbourne*

At the IALL (International Association of Law Libraries) Conference in Melbourne in September there were several papers of interest for Pacific law. Sir Anthony Mason gave a keynote address entitled "*Reflections of an Itinerant Judge in the Asia-Pacific Region*" which included observations of his experiences as a judge on the Supreme Court of Fiji and the Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands, while Sir Daryl Dawson presented an interesting paper on the Sandline arbitration in Papua New Guinea. Copies of both papers are available from the High Court of Australia Library. The IALL Conference papers will be published in the *International Journal of Legal Information* in 2000.

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## *Pacific Materials on the Internet*

The USP Law School in Vanuatu continues to load primary materials from Pacific jurisdictions in full text. This is becoming a most useful database. The Web site is located at:

[www.vanuatu.usp.ac.fj/Paclawmat](http://www.vanuatu.usp.ac.fj/Paclawmat)