

NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES

Handover of the 'Australian Law Librarian'

The Queensland Division has now handed over responsibility for the *Australian Law Librarian* to the Western Australian Division of the ALLG. I commend them for the tremendous task they have done, particularly in the face of considerable adversity. They have maintained a very high professional standard for the publication and also established control of the financial side of the operations.

The two-year commitment is a considerable effort when the journal is published quarterly: it must be remembered that the team's work is all voluntary. So thank you very much Joanna, Cathy, Sue and all the Queensland members who have contributed - Well done!

Conference Scholarship Programme

The notice announcing ALLG's sponsorship of one of our members to attend the BIALL Conference and Exhibition has been sent out to the anz-law-librarians email list. It is being held in Bristol, England, 9-12 June 2000. The sponsorship is to the value of \$4000.

Symposium News

By now you will most likely have seen the notice that the 2000 Law Librarians' Symposium is being held at the University of Technology in Sydney, 19-21 July. It promises to be a most interesting symposium. Among the speakers are **Vicki Bourne**, Democrats Senator from NSW, **Nick Cowdery**, Director of Public Prosecutions, **Richard Ackland** and many more. The subjects range across a wide variety of topics including preservation of electronic materials copyright, stolen children, knowledge management, law enforcement in the electronic age, the new image of librarians, and point-in-time legislation. Tours will be held on the afternoon of the 19 July, as well as the opening reception at Clayton Utz in the Sydney CBD. The dinner will be

held at Parliament House. Registration forms may be accessed at the ALLG website www.allg.asn.au - just follow the links to the symposium page.

Incorporation

Christine Johnston has been gathering information regarding the pros and cons of ALLG incorporation. Christine's email address for questions (or useful information) is christine@knowledgecentre.com.au.

Publishers' Liaison

On 21 February I visited CCH, Butterworths and LBC with **Greig Williams**, **Anne Gardner** and **Niall O'Driscoll**. The publishers each received a list of issues in advance, and we were most hospitably received by all three. It provided us with the opportunity to talk to them about particular issues of concern, about the ways in which improvements can be made in the communication between the ALLG and the publishers and it also provided the publishers with the opportunity to tell us about issues of concern to them. It was a most productive, if exhausting, day.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Law Librarians' Symposium

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