

## NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES



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### ***2000 Law Librarians' Symposium***

The 2000 Law Librarians' Symposium was held at the University of Technology, Sydney from 19-21 July. It was attended by over 200 law librarians from most Australian capital cities and several delegates from New Zealand and the UK. The programme was varied, the papers informative and most interesting. Topics discussed included digital television, the functions of the NSW DPP, the National Library's Pandora project, electronic materials preservation, stolen children, access to Pacific

legal information, knowledge management, and many more. The dinner was held at Parliament House, where a delicious meal was served, and where we discovered the singing talents of law librarians, not the least of whom was our host for the evening, the Convenor of the New South Wales Division, Niall O'Driscoll. Overall, the Symposium was a most successful event. The Queensland Division will be responsible for the next one which is to be held in Brisbane in 2002. The New South Wales Symposium Committee will be passing on useful information about symposium organization to them. On behalf of everyone who attended I would like to thank the Committee for organizing such an excellent event.

### ***Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 2000***

The *Copyright Amendment (Digital Agenda) Bill 2000* was finally passed in the House of Representatives in July. It is now before the Senate and by the time you read this it will possibly have passed the Senate as well.

### ***GST and the ALLG***

The National Executive Committee of the ALLG has applied for and received its ABN. The other sections that have applied are the NSW Division, the Western Australian Division, the 2000 Symposium, and the *Australian Law Librarian*. Each Division has the option of

applying for an ABN but is not required to do so. The National Executive Committee is in the process of investigating GST management packages with a view to purchasing one for all divisions to use as needed

### ***National Executive Committee***

The National Executive Committee met before the Symposium and delegates from most Divisions were able to attend. It was a lively meeting and much was achieved in a relatively short time. It was resolved to meet more than once a year, whether in person or by electronic means.

The issue of incorporation is a primary agenda item for the Committee. Several advices have been received and it is planned to put forward a recommendation to the general membership in plenty of time to make a decision at the 9<sup>th</sup> Special Health and Law Libraries Conference, *Rivers of Knowledge*, in Melbourne next August. Members will be hearing more about this in the not too distant future.

### ***Looking back and looking ahead***

This year has been an extremely busy one, particularly for the NSW Division, due to the organization of the Symposium. A number of issues of national interest, some discussed above, have come up. I have been Convenor for a year already and am looking forward to another year of lively discussion and the resolution of issues confronting us. There are

also new challenges, especially those posed by the increasing sophistication of electronic means of communication.

I also look forward to another year of cooperation with a very supportive and active National Executive Committee.

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