

NATIONAL CONVENOR'S NOTES



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BIALL Conference Scholarship

The ALLG has awarded this year's scholarship to attend the BIALL Conference to **Helen Wallace**, Law Librarian at the University of Western Australia and Editor of *Australian Law Librarian*. The 32nd Annual Study and Conference and Exhibition, *Keeping the Customer Satisfied: The Delivery of Legal Information*, is being held at the Silversprings Moran Hotel, Tivoli, Cork, Ireland, June 8-11

2001. I am sure that both the people at BIALL and Helen will benefit from the experience.

Constitution and Incorporation

I am pleased to report that the issue of incorporation is on track to be voted on at the Biennial General Meeting in August at the Special, Health and Law Libraries Conference in Melbourne. The ALLG National Executive has sent the information out to the State and Territory Divisions to be taken to their respective members. The New South Wales Division held a meeting in May. Feedback is required from the Divisions in time for the final draft to be prepared prior to the distribution of voting papers. Members will be able to vote in person or by proxy at the Biennial Meeting

anz-law-librarians list

There continues to be much discussion on and about the *anz-law-librarians list* (I mention it in just about every column!!). Issues change, new ones arise, and I don't think that this will stop for some time. The issue of hosting the list is still high on the agenda: we are waiting for new developments and more information before deciding what to do. I am pleased to see that there is ongoing discussion about issues related to the code of conduct, content and relevant matters as they arise.

Conference and Symposium

Keynote speakers have been finalized for *Rivers of Knowledge* (see the web site which is listed in the 'Conferences' page at the back of this issue). The Welcome Reception is at the Melbourne Aquarium, the Conference Dinner is at the Crown Paladium on Monday evening, and the Law Dinner will be at the Grand Hyatt on Tuesday evening. The ALLG Biennial General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday lunchtime. The ALLG will have a stand at the Conference and we are seeking volunteers to look after it for short periods.

The 4th Law Librarians' Symposium will be held at the Brisbane Conference and Exhibition Centre, 18–20 September, 2002. Watch this space!!

Dick Finlay retires

After more than 30 years as Law Librarian at the University of Adelaide, and a member of the ALLG since its inception, **Dick Finlay** retires at the end of June. He has been described to me as a 'leading light' in the South Australian Division of ALLG, someone always happy to lend support. Dick was instrumental in the development of standards for university law libraries. On behalf of all the members of ALLG I wish Dick all the best in his retirement, and issue a heartfelt thanks to him for his contributions to every area of the profession.

Publishers' Liaison

Greig Williams has recently stepped down from the position of National Publishers' Liaison. She is taking another career path for the moment, motherhood, but I am sure we haven't heard the last of her amongst our professional ranks. Greig has worked tirelessly, first as Publishers' Liaison for the Victorian Division, and since 1997 for the National body as well. She has established a great working relationship with the publishers, has dealt diplomatically with sensitive issues, has provided the Group with extremely valuable feedback and has brought a useful and workable structure to the position. On behalf of myself, previous Convenors and the Group as a whole, I want to thank Greig for all that she has done for the ALLG and wish her all the best with her interim career.

ALLG Web Site

Since the ALLG web site was first set up by HarvestRoad the technology has changed, as have our requirements. The National Executive is in the process of reviewing our contract with HarvestRoad and deciding the future of the web site. No decisions have yet been made, but I hope to be able to report to members at the Biennial General Meeting in August.