

STATE NEWS

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Australian Capital Territory

Yen Musgrove has been appointed to the position of Librarian at the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office. Previously Yen worked at the A.C.I. Legal Aid Office Library and had been acting in the position of Librarian at the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office. Yen has also worked part time as the Librarian developing and organising the Vietnamese collection in the ANU Library. In 1996 she was awarded a Graduate Diploma in International Law from the Australian National University.

The Australian National University Library has had a review of the Library and as a result is restructuring along subject cluster lines. **Helen Roberts**, who was previously Manager of the Law Library at the Australian National University, has been appointed to the upgraded position of Law Cluster Manager.

Joanne Pentony, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, will not be standing for the position of Convenor at the Annual General Meeting in March. At the National Convenor's meeting it was decided that no convenor should stand for more than two years. We thank Joanne for all her work as Convenor and are grateful she will continue to produce the ACT ALLG Newsletter.

The second meeting of the ACT Butterworths Lexis User Group was held on 29 January 1997 in the Canberra office of Butterworths. In attendance were:

Tania Kemenes of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Chris Zegelin of Blake Dawson Waldron, Aileen Weir from ANU Law Library, Pareen Reynolds from Lionel Murphy Library, Attorney-General's Department, Hugh Malcolm of the University of Canberra, Mary Hallaj, the Butterworths State Branch Manager for the ACT and Evan Predavec, the Butterworths Director of Electronic Publishing. The meeting concentrated on electronic publishing and Evan Predavec gave a demonstration of the new version of Folio Views software. He also demonstrated the new online system Butterworths has developed, which will be accessible via the Internet. It is anticipated that this system will be available on a subscription basis by 3 March 1997.

New South Wales

The NSW Division of the ALLG held their Christmas party in the Skeleton Room at the Australian Museum. Many attended and it was a great success.

Lesley O'Loughlin is now the Librarian in Charge at the Law Courts Library. Lesley was previously at the DPP Library (NSW).

Meryl Charleston, Regional Office, ASC, is on maternity leave. **Marie Slacksmith** is acting Librarian in Meryl's absence.

New Address

William M Mercer Library has moved to:
Level 5, 75 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000
PO Box 3479, Sydney NSW 2001
Librarian Janette Smith can still be contacted on
Ph: (02) 9229 0883
Fax: (02) 9229 0999

Northern Territory

Staff Changes

Trish McFarlane from the Australian Government Solicitor has had a baby girl and has been replaced for two years by **Pauline Antill**. Pauline comes to Darwin from Defence in Townsville.

Mary-lyn Griffiths from the NT Legal Aid Commission has commenced articles and **Karen Bowley** is her replacement. Karen also works part time at the staff library in the Faculty of Law at the Northern Territory University.

Ravi Sharma of the Supreme Court has left Darwin to settle in Brisbane. Ravi has worked in the Supreme Court Library as Legislation Clerk since February 1992. In Brisbane he will be studying towards a Bachelor of Business Management.

Meetings

The February meeting was held in the library training room at the Northern Territory University. It included a demonstration and workshop on various Internet sources. Of concern is the unreliability of some of the data in terms of currency and accuracy of the material.

The next meeting will be held on 29 April 1997 at the Police Library.

Office Holders

Elections for office holders were held at the February meeting. Those elected are:

Convenor	Frieda Evans
Supreme Court	
Publishers Liaison	Karen Bowley
Legal Aid Commission	
State News	Lorraine Martin
William Foster Chambers	

Queensland

Staff movements

Helen Gambley has replaced **Elizabeth Qualye** at Hopgood & Ganim.

News

The Christmas dinner on 23 November 1996 was a resounding success. More than 20 members and partners attended a great dinner at a Paddington restaurant.

Evan Predavec, from Butterworths visited the group on 24 February, to demonstrate the updated version of Folio Views, and to give us a preview of the new Butterworths Online service.

Committee members for 1996/97 are:

Cathryn Crowe - President

Wendy O'Meara - Secretary

Sue Green - Treasurer

Julie Woodyatt - Employment Co-ordinator

Gil Hallam - Workshop Co-ordinator

Helen Demack, Cathy Crawford, Joanna Fear, Jan Rees & Sue Rigney members.

The updated Union List of Serials for Qld ALLG will be available at the end of February 1997.

South Australia

Heather Layton, formerly the Librarian at the Federal Court, has been appointed Head Librarian at the Defence Science & Technology Organisation, Department of Defence, located at Salisbury in Adelaide.

Georgia Livissianos, former Librarian at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal is now the Librarian at the Federal Court. **Miriam Saunders** is the Acting Assistant Librarian at the Federal Court.

Meredith McBratney, former Reference Librarian at Minter Ellison, is now the Librarian at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. **Jo-Anne Thompson** is now the Assistant Librarian at Minter Ellison.

The Executive Committee for the ALLG (S.A. Div.) for 1997 are as follows:

Convenor	Heather Carine Ward & Partners
Secretary	Renée Amyot Supreme Court
Treasurer	Iris Major Finlaysons
Membership Secretary	Judie Cox Attorney-General's Department (S.A.)
Functions Coordinator	Georgia Livissianos Federal Court
Publishers' Liaison	Dick Finlay University of Adelaide Law Library
Newsletter Editor	Michelle Smith Norman Waterhouse

Tasmania

The Tasmanian Union List of Legal Materials was launched at the Law Society in Hobart on 20 December 1996. **Tony McMahon** of the Law Society outlined the history of the project and wished the Group success in the continuation of this venture. Our thanks to Tony for agreeing to undertake this task. Copies of the Union List were distributed to all participating libraries in hardcopy and the disk versions should be completed by the end of February.

After the Launch ALLG members, along with **Tony McMahon** and **Richard Bingham** from the Department of Justice re-located across the road to the Savoy Room of Hadley's Hotel and had an enjoyable Christmas lunch.

The first meeting for the year is scheduled for 27 February 1997 when the program of events for the year will be decided.

Victoria

There has been some movement at the University of Melbourne Law Library. **Lisa Sukkel**, Collection Management Librarian, has been appointed to the new position of Architecture and Education Team Leader at IRD (Information Resources Division) for the University library system. Congratulations Lisa. **Prue Presser** has returned to Melbourne and has been appointed to the newly created position of (Law) Faculty Services Librarian.

Jo McPherson has been appointed to the newly created position of Law Librarian at Deakin University.

Gab Clements has left Minter Ellison, and the position of Library Assistant has been filled by **Amanda Surrey**. Amanda had been working in the Davis Law Library, University of Auckland.

Western Australia

Staff Movements

Chris Stevens has been appointed the new Law Librarian at Parker & Parker (of the Allens Arthur Robinson Group). Previously Chris worked in the Law Library at the University of Western Australia (she is the third staff member to be poached by one of the major firms in the past few years!) and she replaces **Terrie Gray** who retired at Christmas to follow a career path outside law libraries.

Helen Wallace has returned to the Law Librarian position at the University of Western Australia after fourteen months secondment as Associate Librarian. Helen recommenced duties in the week that the staff began moving materials back into the Library after vacating it in November while air conditioning and a new lighting system were installed.

Events

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held in December prior to the Groups Christmas function. At the conclusion of the State convenors report, the new executive and Committee for 1997 were announced and is as follows:

ALLG (WA Division)

State Convenor	Helen Wallace UWA
State Convenor Elect	Lorna Mathie Freehill Hollingdale & Page
Secretary	Wendy Ryan Supreme Court
Treasurer	Marie Luffman Bar Chambers
Committee	
Trixie Byrne	ASC
Diane Cooper	Mallesons Stephens Jaques
Jean Kotai	Murdoch University
Diane Martin	Australian Government Solicitors
Julie Richards	Phillips Fox
Vivienne Webb	Jackson MacDonald

Ex-Officio National Convenor:

Anne Gardner Minter Ellison

Christmas Function

Following the AGM most members adjourned to the new Duxton Hotel for dinner. We were interested to try the Duxton as it will be one of the venues for the Specials, Health and Law Librarians' Conference to be held in Perth in October. It proved very stylish and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

The first Committee meeting was held in early February and the Committee began planning functions for the coming year, as well as hearing about Conference developments from representatives of the Conference Programme, Exhibitions and Social sub-committees.

On the Edge: Asian Pacific Specials, Health and Law Librarians Conference 12 - 16 October 1997

The Conference will be a four day event with the opening cocktail party at the Art Gallery of WA on Sunday evening

The programme is almost finalised and looks both challenging and practical with some interesting overseas speakers, as well as papers from colleagues and members of the legal profession. There will be a full afternoon for the various categories of law librarians to hold specialist meetings and sessions. The Conference dinner will be included in the registration and on another night a separate law dinner is planned to be held in Fremantle. Perth in October is usually lovely; not too hot and wildflowers still in bloom.

The WA group is hoping many colleagues will be able to make the trip to Perth and members are looking forward to the opportunity to host this Conference
