

## STATE NEWS

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### ***New South Wales***

#### ***Functions***

At the Annual General Meeting (20 February 2001) office bearers for the year were settled, with no positions being contested. **Vanessa O'Meara** accepted the nomination as Convenor taking over from **Niall O'Driscoll**.

Committee membership:

**Convenor:** Vanessa O'Meara

**Minutes Secretary:** Karen Maher

Barbara Ferris

Pru Jessep

**Treasurer:** Janet Gray

**Web Coordinators** Shirley Carpenter

Vanessa Lewis

**Members:** Mary Greenfield

Janet Gray

Niall O'Driscoll

Emma Joneshart

Jean Pritchard

The Treasurer reported that the Symposium had returned a profit of approximately \$21,000

which is shared between the State and National groups.

A programme of events for 2001 was discussed including a day trip to visit Canberra law libraries, legal research training on specific subject areas, a Moys workshop and mentoring.

Contributed by **Imelda Payne**.

#### **Note:**

*Many thanks to Imelda Payne for her news from NSW over the past few years. Future NSW contributions will be coordinated by **Karen Maher**. Updates can be forwarded to Karen at the following email address:*

*[karen.maher@holdingredlich.com.au](mailto:karen.maher@holdingredlich.com.au)*

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### ***Northern Territory***

#### ***People***

We will miss **Bev Foreman** who has retired from the law library at the NT University. Bev is continuing her legal studies and lecturing at the University in legal research. **Sonya Pennington** has replaced Bev at NTU. **Barbara Keogh** is the new librarian for the combined Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions and Attorney-General's Department in Darwin.

### *Functions*

A farewell lunch was held for **Bev Foreman** at Guiseppes on 4 April 2001.

**Tony Delauney** (The Law Shop, Perth), **Peter Ivkovic** (Butterworths, Adelaide), **Bruce Smith** and **Jasmine Person** (LBC, Brisbane) all made visits to Darwin. Jasmine conducted a number of workshops on LBC's online service.

Contributed by **Lorraine Martin**

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## *Queensland*

### *People*

**Christine Johnston** has been appointed National Information Services Manager for Clayton Utz starting on 17 April 2001. **Jasmine Person** has moved from Orli-TECH to LBC/Thomson as the Queensland trainer. **Carmel O'Sullivan** has relocated to Perth for two years. Carmel will continue her role as National Training Manager with Blake Dawson Waldron.

### *Functions*

At our last general meeting there was a demonstration of litigation support software by **Deborah Coram** from Summation Legal Technologies.

The Queensland Division of the ALLG has also been investigating ways of defining work level guidelines for people employed in

Queensland law libraries. A focus group has been formed to work on these guidelines and will hopefully have some results in July or August.

A talkfest on Intranet content management was held on 28 March hosted by **Julie Woodyatt** (Macrossans Lawyers). This was very well attended and very informative.

At the general meeting held on 27 April, **Dr Charles Lawson** from the Australian Government Solicitor's Office spoke about 'Biotechnology and the Law'. This was a very interesting session and we appreciate Dr Lawson's generosity in providing us with such a fascinating overview of this hot topic.

Contributed by **Helen Gambley**

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## *South Australia*

### *Functions*

After many months of hard work by a small group of dedicated South Australian law librarians the web-based *SA Legislation Subject Index* was launched on 24 April 2001. **Elizabeth Ashley-Brown** of Finlaysons Lawyers, as Project Manager, launched and demonstrated the index to approximately 25 law librarians. The celebrations included drinks and nibbles.

**Richard Griffiths** from Capital Monitor ([www.capmon.com](http://www.capmon.com)) spoke to a group of

approximately fifteen librarians on the 11 April 2001 at Minter Ellison Lawyers about how to manage government information monitoring and dissemination. As always, Richard raised some interesting issues, particularly in relation to how far we can filter the information that we send to our legal practitioners.

The Australian Law Librarian's Group (SA) presented a Moys Seminar on 18 May at the Law Society of South Australia. The presenters for this seminar were **Jacqueline Elliott** and **Margaret Hutchison** from the High Court of Australia Library.

Contributed by **Carol Prey**

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## *Tasmania*

### *People*

**Juliet Scaif** is presently Acting Parliamentary Librarian. The Parliamentary Librarian **Terry Newman** has been seconded to write the history of the Tasmanian Parliament.

### *Functions*

The Tasmanian ALLG held its first meeting on 1 March 2001. Members discussed possible speakers and events for the year. It was decided that a seminar or workshop on accessing Tasmanian legal resources should be organised later in the year.

Members agreed that **Debbie Bowring** should go ahead and distribute a circular to all Tasmanian legal practitioners asking whether they would be interested in having a Tasmanian Civil Procedure publication produced. Results of this survey will be presented to the next meeting.

Contributed by **Dorothy Shea**

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## *Victoria*

### *People*

News from Minter Ellison is that **Jenny Wood** has taken up the challenge of working as Events Coordinator, **Anna Hewitt** will be Acting Library Manager in her absence. **Johanna Ratcliff** will be Acting Reference Librarian in 2001 and **Helen Rowe** has recently taken on the position of Library Assistant. **Shaunagh Harte** has given birth to a baby boy, James, about 7.5 lbs. **Carolyn White** has ventured beyond the University Library world to join the Minters team as Technical Services Librarian. **Ian Edwards** has moved from the Supreme Court to take up the position of County Court Librarian. **Miroslav Brmbota** has commenced at Middletons Moore and Bevins as a Research Consultant. A special mention of congratulations to **Moyra McAllister** from Blake Dawson Waldron on her election to the Board of ALIA.

## *Functions*

The Victorian ALLG Division commenced its lunchtime seminar sessions with an insightful presentation by **Cindy Tschemitz** from Tellmenow Research & Information on 'Marketing and Promotion for Beginners'. It was the first of a two-part series. The second seminar was held in May and provided a case study of one library's marketing experiences.

The Victorian Division has appointed a sub-committee working party to guide us through the years' planning requirements to maintain a fresh programme for the lunch time seminars and other functions. With active feedback and participation from our members it is shaping up as a great year.

The ALLG (Vic) will continue to be busy throughout the year with incorporation issues and with involvement in the 2001 Special, Health & Law Libraries Conference, 'Rivers of Knowledge'.

Contributed by **Ian Edwards**

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## *Western Australia*

### *People*

A big welcome to **Carmel O'Sullivan**, the National Training Librarian at Blake Dawson Waldron. Carmel has moved to Perth for two years while her husband studies at UWA. She can be contacted by phone (08) 9366 8024 or

email at [carmel.o'sullivan@bdw.com.au](mailto:carmel.o'sullivan@bdw.com.au). Carmel is Treasurer of the ALIA WA Mentoring group, so if any law librarians are interested in being mentors for new graduates, please get in touch with Carmel. **Diane Cooper** has joined the Minter Ellison Information and Research Services team. She is available on Tuesdays only and can be contacted on (08) 9429 7530 or email at [diane.cooper@minters.com.au](mailto:diane.cooper@minters.com.au). There have been some staff changes at the Federal Court of Australia. **Jenni Cornish** has been appointed Acting Director of Court Services (WA) for a period of twelve to eighteen months and commenced this position on 5 March 2001. **Fiona Archibald** is Acting Manager of Library and Information Services (WA) during Jenni's absence from the Library. **Kelly Clarke** is currently on temporary transfer from the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions as Library Assistant.

**Marie Luffman** and **Andrew Lavender** at the Bar Library have new email addresses:

- [mluffman@francisburt.com.au](mailto:mluffman@francisburt.com.au)
- [alavender@francisburt.com.au](mailto:alavender@francisburt.com.au)

News from the Supreme Court Library is that **Lyndal Jeffery**, now Mrs. **Lyndal Varischetti** is due to have a baby in June. Lyndal has been with the library for 11 years and is the longest serving staff member. She took maternity leave in April. Congratulations to **Jodie Fagence**, Library Technician at the Supreme Court, on her engagement to Jim Bowen. Jodie and Jim are planning their

wedding in April 2002. **Brendon Copley**, Legislation Officer, has been with the library for twelve months already. **Mandy Cheng** is the new Technical Services Clerk. Mandy joined the library in January. **Alice Horan-Anderson** has been Acting Library Manager for the past twelve months. Alice joined the team from the Family Court Library.

### ***Functions***

The annual Icebreaker was held on March 7 in the courtyard at Parliament House. Sponsored by The Law Shop, the event was a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other law librarians and have a brief tour of the House.

A tour of the Central Law Courts was held on 6 April and was well attended by about 30 people. The tour was originally supposed to include the District Court but a strike by prison guards prevented any hearings involving prisoners. The group was given an interesting overview of the Courts' procedures before sitting in on some cases before the Court of Petty Sessions.

Contributed by **Clare Steele**



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