

# STATE NEWS

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## ACT

Yes, free lunches still do exist! On 10 March 1994 US law publisher **William Hein** held a delightful lunch for 25 people at the Pavilion. The lunch combined a little business with a lot of pleasure



Diane and Bill Hein, Jacqui Elliott, Lorraine Weinman and Averill Edwards at the lunch Bill Hein gave for the ACT law librarians

On Tuesday 15 March 1994 CCH sponsored a lunch for law firm librarians in Canberra. CCH representatives included the Divisional Manager for Southern NSW and ACT, **Ian Hall-Brown**, and three Area Managers. Ian gave us an informative talk on the reasons for CCH's closure of its Canberra Office, and the new "one stop" system. Basically the "one stop" approach entails a "one" 008 phone call to Sydney for all our needs from missing pages to complicated legal questions. Depending on the nature of the need, Sydney Office will give on the spot help, or refer it to the Canberra Area Managers via email. Dalton's Bookshop is now the bookshop front for all CCH books, with a specialised display area. We were also treated to a demonstration of CCH's electronic summaries, which

are the summaries/flyers delivered in an electronic format, not to be confused with an electronic product

**Roy Jordan** will be giving a reader education talk on Australian case law at the National Library on Wednesday 11 May 1994 at 12.30 - 1.00pm in the Reader Education Room, Foyer Mezzanine Level. The talk will cover how to access court decisions and transcripts of proceedings as well as commentaries on court cases. A newly prepared readers' guide to the National Library's collections of law reports will be distributed at the end of the talk. Patrons and staff from law libraries in the Canberra region are welcome to attend. No bookings are necessary. For more information contact Roy Jordan on (06) 262 1608.

**David Toll** has been appointed Director of Reader Services at the National Library of Australia. This new position oversees collection development policy and the provision of services from all the National Library reading rooms, which include the Asian Services, manuscript and Pictorial areas. **Averill Edwards** continues as Principal Librarian of the Newspaper/Microcopy, Maps, Petherick and Main Reading rooms.

The ALLG (ACT) held its first 1994 meeting on Tuesday 22 February 1994 at the High Court. The current committee members were re-elected unopposed:

President	<b>Lorraine Weinman</b>
Treasurer	<b>Greg Jones</b>
Secretary	<b>Dale Heslin</b>
Events Organiser	<b>Parveen Reynolds</b>

Other matters discussed included:

- The forthcoming publication of the *Law Librarians' Directory* by LBC at no cost. Arrangement will be alphabetically by name.

- **Rob Brian's** review of the National Library's Law Collection. [The *Review* has now been completed and a copy of his recommendations distributed to all ALLG State Convenors].

News from Lionel Murphy Library: Congratulations to **Rebecca Robinson** and **James Claremont** on their recent promotions within the Lionel Murphy Library. There have been several other staff changes during the last few months. **Ruth McJannett** has transferred temporarily to another area of the Portfolio for 12 months, **Karen Davis** from Sydney is acting in the position. We are delighted to welcome **Roz Dawson**, **Sarah Walker** and **Fiona Bright** to the permanent staff.

**Lorraine Weinman** spent a week in Nauru during April establishing a law library for the Department of Justice. Watch Pacific News for another fascinating tale from the South Pacific!

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## *New South Wales*

Law Book Company hosted another very enjoyable Christmas Cocktail Party, which was followed by the Christmas Party at a Spanish restaurant in the city. We were all in a great party mood by the time we reached the restaurant, and it was a very successful evening.

The first meeting for 1994 was held on 25 February. **Prue Jessep** was elected as Convenor, and a sub-committee to assist her. **Peter Sme** of Trimag Software demonstrated the Inmagic Imaging software.

The next meeting will be held at Parliament House 28 April 1994. The meeting will feature a demonstration of the *Australian Digest* on CD ROM, and a demonstration of ILANEI.

Planning is underway for the 1995 Asian Pacific Specials Health and Law Librarians' Conference. If you have any suggestions for

speakers, social events etc please contact the following people:

<b>Colin Fong</b>	Programme Ideas
<b>Linda Gatfield</b>	Trade
<b>Janet Hansen</b>	Public Relations & Marketing
<b>Prue Jessep</b>	Social and Hospitality

**Catherine Bollen**, Henry Davis Yorke, had a baby girl, Lucy, in March 1994. **Louise Levido**, Australian Law Reform Commission, also had a baby girl, Kara, in December 1993 - congratulations to the new parents. **Anna Peden**, formerly of the Australian Police Staff College, is replacing Louise at the ALRC while she is on maternity leave.

The Family Court Library will be moving mid-April to the new Family Court Building in Goulburn Street. The Australian Law Reform Commission Library is moving to the Piccadilly Building also in mid-April, and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission will also be moving to the Piccadilly Building in June/July of this year.

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## *Northern Territory*

**Shirley Lavers**, Australian Government Solicitor's Library, is leaving Darwin and heading for Melbourne. She is going to set up the library at the Refugee Review Tribunal.

**Marie Stretton**, Law Library Darwin, is also leaving Darwin and heading for Melbourne - what's the big attraction in Melbourne? Maria is driving down via scuba diving in Queensland and touring NSW.

**Anne Wilson**, NTU Law Library, has been conducting tutorials for first year students in "Legal Research and Writing". Anne is also chair person for the Committee arranging the removal of the Arts-Law Collection from the Myilly Point Campus to the Casuarina Campus, and has been busy drawing up floor plans. The move is planned for the 1995 mid-year vacation.

The staff at the NT Supreme Court Library have won dinner for ten at the Hog's Breath Cafe, after winning the "Hot 100" competition on the local FM radio station. Easter Thursday has been set aside for the event.

A new library is being set up the NT Anti-Discrimination Commission. It already has a small nucleus of material, but initially will not have a full-time library position.

If anyone has spare copies of Commonwealth Acts 1989 - 1991 inclusive, please contact **Peter McNab** on (089) 813 813 or **Frieda Evans** on (089) 896 585.

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## *Queensland*

The past month has been comparatively quiet. Elections were held for office bearers of ALLG (QLD) and the following people were elected:

President	<b>Jan Rees</b>
Vice President	<b>Kristine Goodin</b>
Secretary	<b>Cathryn Crowe</b>
Treasurer	<b>Sarah Warner</b>

**Bruce Bott, Jo Douglas, Alison Wallace, Lynne Gleave, Gill Hallam and Diane Kemp** all agreed to be Committee Members.

On the job front, **Jean Wilkie** has been appointed Librarian at the Family Court; and both **Julie Woodyatt** and **Joanna Fear** are job sharing Reference and Research Librarian positions at the Library of the State Department of Justice and Attorney General.

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## *South Australia*

**Hermin Punitham** has been appointed Deputy Librarian, Sir Samuel Way Library, District Court of South Australia.

**Barbara Coat**, ASC Library Adelaide, has been relieving Librarian at the ASC in Sydney for three weeks in March 1994.

**Chris Miels**, National Crime Authority Library, reports that she is still operational, and can be reached on the same telephone and PO box number.

**Heather Layton**, Federal Court District Registry Librarian, acted as Director of Court Services for a two week period in January, and will continue as Director for another three month period ending in May 1994. She reports the experience is most interesting and that she is gaining a wider perspective of the Court and its role. **Amanda Hogg** is relieving Heather in her absence.

**Georgia Livissianos** has a new baby son, Connor James, born 28 February 1994.

**Philip Ludington** will relieve **Shelley Vidler** as Librarian at Australian Government Solicitor while Shelley is on maternity leave. **Julie Debreczeni** will relieve Philip as Assistant Librarian for three months from 26 March 1994. AGS will move on 26 April 1994 to Level 20, Grenfell Centre. The telephone and PO box number will remain the same.

**Louise Langridge** of Fisher Jeffries has also recently moved her Library. They are now on Level 13-15, SGIC Building, Victoria Square, Adelaide. Telephone and PO box numbers remain the same.

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## *Tasmania*

Two meetings have been held this year to plan activities which include a Moys Workshop if it can be arranged. Other issues discussed were a report on the Computerised Legal Research Conference held at the University of New South Wales in February, attended by two Tasmanian members. And, a discussion on the cancellation of funding for the Legal Practice Course Library; and an Inquiry into Tasmanian Reprints.

**Liz Bates** has left the Southern Law Library and Hobart for bright lights of Sydney. We wish her well in her new ventures.

**Kate Ramsay**, is State Convenor for 1994 ((002) 342 021), and **Dorothy Shea** is Representative on the Publishers Liaison Committee ((002) 336 483).

## Victoria

Renovations were recently completed at the Supreme Court Library, making it an ideal choice for our first social function. There were plenty of "oohs", "aahs" and finger-pointing at the recently restored gasolier. It was a well attended function.

March's meeting was very successful. **Trevor Gotham** from Total Development Group covered "Public Speaking". Many questions were answered, and the presentation was well worth attending.

**Shannon McCarthy** is Librarian at Wisewoulds, while **Michelle Collier** is on maternity leave until next year.

## Western Australia

**Lisa Southall** is the new Librarian for Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Lisa had been working part-time at Bar Chambers Library until her appointment at Corrs.

The WA Branch is now kept well informed of local and national legal library issues and events by its new Newsletter. **Anne Gardner** of Minter Ellison Northmore Hale was its instigator, and is also its editor.

**Meryl Carter** from Diskrom recently held a lunchtime demonstration at Philips Fox on Diskrom's ever-increasing range of products. The demonstration was well attended by law and related librarians.

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