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Staff Movements

The new Subject Librarian (Law) in Information Services at the National Library of Australia, succeeding Roy Jordan, is **Anna Skurowski**. Anna took up her position on 19 August. Anna's contact details are – Ph: 02 6262 1608; Fax: 02 6273 5081; Email: askurows@nla.gov.au

Patrick O'Neill, who acted in the position of Subject Librarian (Law) for six months, is now acting in charge of the Newspaper/Microform Reading Room at the National Library of Australia.

The Australian National University Law Library says goodbye and best wishes to **Georgina Buckley** who has held the position of Information Access Coordinator in the library for 18 months. Georgina has accepted a promotion and is joining the Institute of the Arts Library on campus. Georgina will be able to indulge her passion for the visual arts in her new position as well as share her research expertise with the students by conducting electronic resources tutorials.

Sue Milne, who is on maternity leave from the High Court of Australia, had a son, Fergus Andrew, on 30 August, a brother for Callum.

Araleen Taylor who was previously with the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority is now in the Library at the Department of Communication Information Technology and the Arts.

Functions

Phil Teece, Manager, ALIA Industrial Services spoke on "The Changing Workplace and the Labour Market" at a lunchtime meeting on 1 September. The talk outlined changes in the IR system, work intensification, changes to working time, job shedding and cost cutting, linking these issues to the library and information industry.

The ACT ALLG has organised two legal research sessions for librarians and technicians who are either new to legal research or who would like to brush up on their skills. **Petal Kinder**, former law librarian and now lecturer in Computerised Legal Research at Monash will be conducting the sessions, which are based on her excellent interactive web-based course. The original full-day session, to be held at the High Court of Australia library on 3 November, proved to be so popular that a second session was scheduled for 4 November. A total of 24 have registered for these hands-on sessions.

The ACT ALLG is also off to the theatre! Yes, a group of law librarians and their partners are off to the Canberra Repertory production of Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" on Thursday 18 November. The evening will begin with dinner at Chats restaurant near Theatre 3 where the production is being held. All are looking forward to an evening of sleuthing!

A Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 8 December in the Drawing Room at University House at the Australian National University.

New South Wales

Year 2000 Symposium

The Year 2000 Symposium Sub Committee has been holding regular monthly meetings. The date for the Symposium is 20-21 July 2000. Several speakers have already been booked including the author of the Stolen

Generation report. The dinner will be at NSW Parliament House and the opening reception at Clayton Utz. Several sponsorships have also been organised.

30th Anniversary Dinner

A dinner to celebrate 30 years since the foundation of the ALLG has been arranged for 11 November at the University and Schools Club. Several foundation members will be attending the dinner.

Christmas Party

This has been organised for 15 December with twin themes of a naval leitmotif and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" – the venue being HMAS Vampire at the Australian Maritime Museum.

Meetings

Digital Agenda Bill

A meeting of the executive was held on 20 September to discuss the implications of the bill. Members were invited to forward information about how the proposed changes would affect their libraries. A joint meeting of the Sterling Committee and the ALLG to discuss the issue was addressed by Craig Grimison.

Publishers Forum

Held on 12 August 1999, the 4th Annual Publishers' Forum was a sell out attraction with representation from all the main publishers and a capacity audience.

Northern Territory

Staff Movements

Leslie Murray has left the Supreme Court Library to take up a position with Parliamentary Counsel as Manager of the Legislation Unit. Interviews for her old position at the Supreme Court are currently being held.

Queensland

Staff Movements

Margaret McDermott has left McInnes Wilson and **Julie Lloyd** is now working there Monday and Friday. **Linda Cooke** has left Clarke and Kann and **Sandra Tucker** has taken over her position. **Margaret Daly** is working two days a week at Shand Taylor Lawyers. **Helen Thurlow** has taken up the position of Headquarters Librarian / System Librarian for Library Services, Queensland Police Service. **Helen Demack** is working at Murphy Schmidt Solicitors on a Tuesday and her contact details are: Ph: 3303 9800 and her email address is: hdemack@murphyschmidt.com. **Jane Phillips** from the Law Institute (Victoria) is relieving for **Kristine Goodin** at the ASIC. Welcome Jane, hope you enjoy Queensland weather.

Functions

At our Annual General Meeting in September we welcomed two new committee members, Louise Stephen as Newsletter Editor, and Elizabeth Clouston as a Committee Member. In conjunction with our

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November meeting we had John Taylor from Orli-Tech speak to us about technical issues that we may be facing as we set up Intranets or as we participate in the development of our firms' website. We are also holding two professional development workshops with Dott Hall from Potent Professionals at the end of November. Dott is focusing on client relationships, marketing and change management. Our Christmas function is to be held on 16 December at the Court Terrace Restaurant.

South Australia

Staff Movements

Finlaysons

Peter Wildenauer has been appointed as the Reference Librarian replacing Iris Major who resigned earlier this year.

Fisher Jeffries

Fishers Librarian Virginia Wybrow (previously Sarah) has resigned from her role as Librarian and Kate Francis has filled this position.

Minter Ellison

Barbara Coat is on maternity leave until March 2000, after recently giving birth to her first child Maxwell. Jo-anne Thompson is Acting Manager, supported by Jayne French (Assistant Librarian) and Heather Filmer (Library Officer).

Piper Alderman

Ursula Feltell is Acting Librarian while Josephine Timcke is in the Solomon Islands.

Professional Development Sessions

Post Conference Feedback – 1 September 1999, Butterworths

Speakers included Helen Culshaw, Jennie Speirs, Elizabeth Ashely-Brown, Amanda Kaczmarek and Amanda Nixon. Summaries and commentary were provided on papers of interest, resulting in much debate and enthusiasm. Thanks to Helen for co-ordinating the forum.

Megan Hender – Dealing With Difficult People – 14 September 1999, Minter Ellison

This session included a lot of participation and group exercises. ALLG (SA Division) members who attended were faced with some self-assessment aimed at understanding how we relate to those "difficult" ("different") clients. Megan presented an interesting and informative session.

Larry Amey – Head of the Library and Information Management School at the University of SA – 12 October, ASIC

Larry talked to the Group about the value of reading business literature to keep abreast of trends in the information arena. He gave some interesting examples of the increasing use of "jargon" and talked about some innovative roles of librarians in special libraries.

Norman Waterhouse Electronic Tour – 25 October 1999

Norman Waterhouse librarian Michelle Smith gave a fascinating tour of her InMagic Databases and Web interfaces.

Tasmania

Well . . . there was this Conference on in Hobart!

August saw the culmination of planning and organisation for the *8th Asia Specials Health and Law Librarians Conference* held at Wrest Point in Hobart from 22 to 26 August 1999. Tasmanian ALLG members all contributed with suggestions and ideas.

The Trade exhibition, organised by **Merrilyn Evans** of the Commonwealth Law Courts Library, was opened by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, **Damien Bugg**, on Sunday night. The Exhibition attracted many delegates over the five days of the Conference.

Kate Ramsay and **Dorothy Shea** were responsible for selecting papers for the Law section of the Conference. The first law paper was delivered by **Stefan Petrow**, Tasmanian University Law Librarian.

on the Monday morning, and was titled "The future of the past, the development of Australian legal history".

Monday afternoon saw a new venture in the introduction of Focus Sessions which gave delegates the opportunity to contribute. The Tasmanian ALLG organised a Law Forum on "Legal Resources in the New Millennium: Tardis or Domesday?". A Report on the Forum is included in this issue of the *Australian Law Librarian*. The other specialist Law Focus Session was on Tuesday and dealt with the subjects of Australian legal research textbooks and indexing legal periodicals.

The law papers were of a uniformly high standard and the Tasmanian Group would like to congratulate all participants and delegates for their contributions to the success of the Conference.

It was a few months premature but we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the formation of the Australian Law Librarians Group at the Law Dinner on Tuesday night at the Royal Hobart Yacht Club in Sandy Bay. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania was the guest speaker and gave an entertaining account of how the Courts deal with the offence of "mooning". **Stefan Petrow** delivered a toast on behalf of **Rob Brian**, New South Wales Parliamentary Librarian. Special guest **Farapo Opa**, from Papua New Guinea Attorney-General's Library, thanked those who had helped fund her attendance at the Conference, and presented gifts as part of her appreciation at being able to participate in the Conference.

Alison Jekimovics (who at one stage was so overwhelmed that she introduced herself as the Librarian from the Department of Injustice) organised the string quintet who entertained dinner guests with some delightful music. Alison also informs us that she takes personal responsibility for the superb weather we had.

Things were very quiet in September! However in October we were back to normal. On Wednesday 13th **Mr Justice Heerey** of the Federal Court gave a talk to the group about the operation of the Federal Court, looking at the history of its formation and the types of cases that come within its jurisdiction. This was an

interesting session and members were able to ask questions on particular points at the conclusion of the Judge's talk.

The final event for the year will be our Christmas lunch, when we gather at the All Bar One on the 6 December.

Victoria

Staff Movements

Sue Woodman is the new Law Institute Library Manager, and has also joined the ALLG (Vic Div) Committee.

Mallesons Stephen Jaques welcomes two new staff members – **Lyndon Lovell**, formerly of Mills Oakley, who joins the team as a Knowledge Assistant; and **Michael Marriott**, formerly of Arthur Anderson, is the new Knowledge Consultant. Also at Mallesons, **Jolene Purdie** has been promoted internally to the position of National Extranet/Portal Manager.

At Arthur Robinson and Hedderwicks, **Rebecca Shillington** has been permanently appointed to the position of Reference Librarian. **Caroline Knaggs** has been appointed to the position of Library Projects Manager, and **Sasha Roberts**, formerly of RMIT Business Library, has joined the team as Library Technician.

Functions

In August the Victorian Division heard from **Victor Perton** MP, who discussed the recent Victorian Law Reform Commission's report into Technology and the Law. It was a very entertaining speech with Victor incorporating words of wisdom from the likes of Bill Clinton, Al Pacino and the Beach Boys in his presentation!

During September, we were kept busy with the annual Finding the Law workshops – again a huge success, and many members attended the *8th Specials, Health and Law Librarians Conference* in Hobart. Our congratulations to the organising committee on a wonderfully successful conference. We look forward to seeing you all in Melbourne in 2001.

Issues relating to the GST were covered at our October meeting, and we are planning a discussion of information technology issues for libraries in November. And of course we are all looking forward to the traditional Christmas bash to be held this year at Hydra, a restaurant in the city.

Season's Greetings and best wishes to all from your colleagues in Melbourne.

Western Australia

Staff Movements

Kerry Latto has resigned from Deacons Graham James to take up the position of Library Technician at Phillips Fox.

Sharon Beccaria has resigned from Notre Dame University Law Library to replace Kerry at Deacons Graham James.

Rena Barham has relocated from Federal Court Library, Melbourne to work part-time at Minter Ellison and at Freehills as reference librarian.

Functions and News

Nominations for the 2000 ALLG (WA) Committee Elections close on 1 November 1999

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 30 November 1999 at the Central Law Courts Building. The meeting will be followed by the Annual Dinner at the Novotel Gazebo Restaurant.

Tonia Edwards from Clayton Utz has a new baby daughter called Isabelle. Tonia says "being a Mum is challenging but extremely worthwhile and wonderful".

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