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Recent Developments in New Zealand Judicial Libraries

by Dougal McKechnie

ABSTRACT: A number of reviews of judicial libraries in New Zealand highlighted the need for improvement in the quality and availability of library services to judges throughout New Zealand. With advances in technology and changes in the information industry, it became obvious that a new approach in judicial library management was necessary. This article describes what the Department for Courts is doing to address current issues and to develop a cooperative judicial library system for New Zealand.

Information for the new Zealand Legal Profession: The Law Society Libraries

by Helga Arlington

ABSTRACT: New Zealand law society libraries have been an extremely important focus for the societies for all of their history; many still are, and are the main information source for many of the practicing profession. This article describes the cooperative approach taken by the law society libraries in information provision for the profession.

The University of Canterbury Law Library Focus Groups

by Margaret Greville

ABSTRACT: The teaching of elementary legal research skills to law students encompasses a wide variety of methods. The University of Canterbury Law Library has undertaken to teach the entire basic program in Term 1, and this discussion explains the procedure undertaken to develop and teach the program, and the decisions that were made as to what to include and how to carry out the process.

New Zealand Law Reports: A Bibliographic Survey

by Alan Edwards

ABSTRACT: This article aims to give readers outside New Zealand an overview of New Zealand Law Reports, old and new. Since relatively little has yet appeared uniquely in electronic form, the emphasis is on printed materials. The article does not deal with related finding tools such as digests, citators, indexes and databases.

Public Access to Legislative Information and Judicial Decisions in New Zealand: Progress and Process

by Judge David Harvey

ABSTRACT: This paper discusses a number of steps that are being taken towards making legal information available on the Internet in New Zealand. The first part of the paper considers steps that are being taken by Parliamentary Counsel Office to make statutory and legislative information available on-line and the rationale for that process in the New Zealand environment, along with the possible impact that this step may have on the production of print based legislative information. The second part of the paper discusses the process that is currently being developed for the electronic preparation and gathering of court decisions and the development of a central database of decisions, along with the issues that must be addressed in such a process as a preparatory step to making Court decisions available on-line. In both cases consideration will be given to the paradigmatic issues that arise in making legal information available on-line.

In Memoriam Betty Moys

by various authors, taken from the BIALL website.

A number of tributes to the late Elizabeth Moys.

Book Reviews

'Legal Referencing' By Anita Stuhmcke

Butterworths Australia, 2001.

ISBN 0409 31762 4

'e-Research for New Zealand lawyers'

By Bethli Wainwright.

Wellington, Butterworths, 2001.

ISBN 0 408 71627 4

'Parliament: the Vision in Hindsight'

By G. Lindell and R. Bennett (Eds)

Sydney, The Federation Press, 2001

ISBN 1 86287 406 9

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