

ALLG-NSW Executive Committee as at September 2006

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Committee members: Melanie Adam (*Blake Dawson Waldron*), Vanessa O'Meara (*Law Courts Library*), Larissa Reid (*Law Courts Library*), Niall O'Driscoll (*ASIC*)

October 2005 – March 2006

Julia Robertson, from the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand (London), who came to Australia to attend the Hobart Conference, spoke to an informal ALLG-NSW meeting about what it is like to work there. About 15 people attended, and there was much discussion about the differences among everyone's working environments in the UK and Australia.

In November, a second round of legal research sessions was offered, and again, was fully subscribed. It was run by Robert Watt and Francis Johns from UTS, and was extremely well received.

The Christmas party was held at the Waterfront Restaurant, adjacent to the Rocks and Circular Quay. It was well attended, and LexisNexis, Thomson and OneUmbrella provided door prizes.

The Executive met in early February. Items on the agenda for 2006 include, among other matters, completing the incorporation procedure and an expanded training program. Mary Greenfield, Vanessa O'Meara and Larissa Reid met with Rob Watt and Francis Johns, who will be putting together three training syllabi which will become part of the CPD process.

March – September 2006

Incorporation

In late March, a meeting of ALLG-NSW members agreed to proceed with incorporating the NSW Division. Chris Greiner from Blake Dawson Waldron, who advised the group about the pros and cons and procedures for incorporation is proceeding on behalf of the Division. It is hoped that the process will be completed in 2006.

2007 Law Librarians' meeting

The NSW Division will be hosting the 2007 ALLG meeting in Sydney, from 26-28 September. It will be held at the Women's College, University of Sydney. More information will be placed on the ALLG website as it becomes available.

Comlaw meeting

Mark Carpenter, Assistant Secretary of Information Services, within Attorney General's Dept and Nadaav Thivy, the Project Manager for Comlaw Website Development spoke to an ALLG meeting on Thursday 29th June about ComLaw,

and kindly answered questions from the members about their concerns and suggestions. The meeting was very well attended, at very short notice.

Marketing meeting

The Bar Association Common Room was the venue for the 23 August meeting entitled 'The mystery of marketing in law firms, presented by Sue-Ella Prodonovich from Prodonovich Tyrrell Binning and Debra Beck-Mewing of Buzzpool – Marketing & Communications. They presented marketing principles and concepts, their practical application to libraries and an outline of a basic marketing plan.

Legal Research Course

Rob Watt and Francis Johns of University of Technology Law School presented their introductory legal research course in late August and early September. They have developed several more courses covering other jurisdictions, including UK, US and Canada. These will be offered in 2007.

Bursary to attend Melbourne symposium

The NSW Division offered a bursary to attend the Melbourne Symposium, covering all costs. Unfortunately, nobody took advantage of the offer.

NL3 – ALLG sponsorship

The National ALLG has sponsored the above conference, and will have a stall at the trade exhibition. NSW members will be prevailed upon to assist in personing the stand and promoting the ALLG to potential new members.

Several further meetings are planned for the rest of 2006. The Christmas Party will be held in the Skeleton Room at the Australian Museum.

Mary Greenfield – Convenor
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