

ALLG (Qld Division) - Presidents Report

Over the past 12 months, the Committee has committed to 2 key priorities:

1. To consolidate our activities and functions within the incorporated framework.
2. To offer our members with an exciting calendar of professional development and networking events

The incorporated framework has seen a number of changes to the internal working mechanism of the Group where rules have been added or amended; new policies developed and guidelines established to enhance the effectiveness of the Committee in meeting membership obligations.

In particular, Claudia Davies has worked tirelessly as the Secretary in documenting activities and in guidance the Committee on our legal obligations. Susan Oag has committed many long evenings tackling our financials including bank accounts, GST and taxation issues.

Lead by Louise Stephen, the membership was offered an excellent calendar of CPD events. The Committee endeavoured to offer events that were informative (workplace relations) relevant to our profession (Negotiation skills) and a fun way to network (Trivia night). We also consciously decided to subsidise these events of which many were very well attended. We have certainly hit the mark with CPD.

Other exciting developments are the launch of the BLOG developed and managed by our technological guru Jeannine Goasdoue. We strongly encourage members to contribute towards this wonderful way of sharing information.

ALLG Qld Division also dabbled with sponsorship where we sponsored the 1st Annual Web Content Management Symposium, C3 (QUT).

In Jan 2006, the QUT Course – Law Librarian's Course (library management and legal research) was launched which involved ALLG members responsible for delivering various modules. The students came from the NT, Vic, NSW and ACT and was a huge success. The next course will be run in July 2007 and Gillian Hallam, Associate Professor, QUT will be working with the Division to prepare and deliver the course. We will be inviting volunteers to participate in the course.

Membership

121 active members of which 68% have renewed their membership and 32% are yet to renew. Please get those renewals in otherwise you may miss out on some CPD events.

We have been very fortunate to have Richard Vankoningsveld from the Qld Law Society who is managing the Union list. Richard has been researching ways in which the union list can be made electronically available for live updating functionality.

AGM

The ALLG(Q) AGM was held on Wednesday 6th September and I wish to advise you of the changes to the Committee.

Incoming Committee for 2006/2007:

President:	Lise Aldridge (Thynne & Macartney)
Immediate Past President:	Leanne Cummings (Deacons)
Vice President:	Sue McAuley (UQ Law Library)
Treasurer:	Susan Oag (Crime & Misconduct Commission)
Secretary:	Sally Manser (Clayton Utz)
CPD Coordinator:	Susan Stockwell (Legal Aid)
Membership Coordinator:	Sandy Liddle (Hickey's Lawyers)
Website Coordinator:	Richard Vankoningsveld (Queensland Law Society)
Employment Coordinator:	Helen Gambley (Hopgood Ganim)
Publisher's Liason:	Barbara Flowers (Department of Justice/QUT Law Library)
Newsletter Coordinator:	Kirsten Harte (Dept. Mines, Water & Natural Resources)
Committee Member:	Michelle Phillips (Australian Taxation Office)
Committee Member:	Melissa Smith

It is with great pleasure that I formally introduce Lise Aldridge as ALLG(Q)President to the National Executive Committee. Lise brings to the position a wealth of experience working in the information management industry including legal and accountancy practices. Lise is highly proactive within the profession where her enthusiasm, energy and professional standing within the community equip her with skills and leadership qualities to drive ALLG directives on a state and national level.

I wish to thank the outgoing Committee for all of their efforts and support in managing governance issues and in providing an exciting CPD calendar of events of which were beery well attended. The Outgoing Committee is:

President:	Leanne Cummings (Deacons)
Immediate Past President:	Sue Rigney (Queensland State Archives)

Vice President:	Jeannine Goasdoue (Blake Dawson Waldron)
Secretary:	Claudia Davies (Clayton Utz)
CPD Coordinator:	Louise Stephens (Clayton Utz)
Membership Coordinator:	Lise Aldridge (Thynne & Macartney)
Website Coordinator:	Jeannine Goasdoue (Blake Dawson Waldron)
Publisher's Liaison:	Stel Podias (Minter Ellison Lawyers)
Newsletter Coordinator:	Loretto Crowley (Queensland Law Society)
Committee Member:	Lesley Stabler (Allens Arthur Robinson)
Committee Member:	Julie Woodyatt (McInnes Wilson Lawyers)

I have very much enjoyed my experience in working with the National Executive Committee and I look forward to continue to work with ALLG(Q) as Immediate Past President. Many thanks for your support and a special note of thanks to James and Susan who have assisted me in the role of ALLG(Q)President and in understanding National ALLG(Q) processes and directives.