

SA Division – Report to National Executive – September 2006

As at 31 August 2006 the SA Division had 40 full financial members and 5 Associate or Limited members. There are also 8 Life members. Quite a large proportion of our members work on a part-time basis. SA runs on a calendar year with our AGM held in late November or early December.

Activities September 2005 to December 2005

Following on from the Hobart Symposium the group held a Conference Feedback session in October.

A Binding Roundtable session in November saw representatives of two Adelaide bookbinders talk about the services they offer, their turnaround times and prices.

The Group's AGM was held in December in conjunction with a tour of the new Roma Mitchell Commonwealth law Courts Building

The 2006 Committee, comprising:

- President: Di Thompson (Legal Services Commission)
- Secretary/Public Officer: Renée Amyot (Courts Library Service)
- Treasurer: Helen Culshaw (Flinders University Law Library)
- Membership Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Roz Davidson (Fisher Jeffries)
- Publishers Liaison: Cindy Martin (Piper Alderman)
- Website Coordinator: Georgia Livissianos (Federal Court of Australia)
- Member: Vicki Richardson (Finlaysons),

decided to try something new and hold their first meeting in December rather than waiting until February as was the custom previously. This proved to be a wise decision, providing the opportunity to discuss activities for 2006 prior to the Christmas/New Year holiday period, and to make plans for a session for January.

January – September 2006

Professional Development

Several functions have been held this year:

- January - The new WorkChoices reforms (Professor Andrew Stewart)
- May - Legislation and the Legislative Process in South Australia (Shirley Fisher, Assistant Parliamentary Counsel)

- June – Let’s Join In : Technology and Community (joint ALLG/ALIA Information Science Group function). Six speakers from various library sectors shared their knowledge about blogs, podcasts, RSS, social tagging and wikis, and talked about how they can be applied in the library context.
- July – Interesting Cases in the Federal Court (including the ‘stolen generation’ case, the ‘Nippy’s fruit juice’ case, ASIC v Vizard, the ‘Tampa’ case and a fascinating look at the role of the Admiralty Marshall in ‘arresting’ a sheep ship off the SA coast)
- Pizza and SA Courts Libraries - New Courts Library Manager Sue Carter outlined the changes to the Courts Administration Authority libraries implemented as a result of a recent review
- September - A ComLaw Information Session provided members of the group and the legal profession with an opportunity to raise issues of concern with Mark Carpenter and Simon Hine of ComLaw.

Social functions

Apart from regular social lunches members also had the opportunity to catch up and have a bit of fun with a tour of the Haighs Chocolate Factory, a Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast and a Christmas in July lunch.

Bursaries

The ALLG (SA Division) has provided funding for one member to attend the joint ALLG/NZLL Conference “Southern Currents” in Melbourne. Kelly Gruenwald from the Family Court was the successful applicant.

Other Activities

The SA Holdings List was updated and distributed early in the year. The list is available free of charge to participating libraries.

The Subject Index to SA Legislation Sub-Committee continues to meet regularly and update the web site. Elizabeth Ashley-Brown, who has been the Project Coordinator since the project’s inception, has left the Committee. The new Project Manager is Ros Emms from the Legal Services Commission.

Di Thompson