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Indexers Available updated

The Indexers Available web page has been updated with information provided by members.

Please check your entry at
<http://www.aussi.org/indexersavailable>
and email corrections to the Membership
Secretary at memsec@aussi.org.

Note that at present only those who responded
to the call for updates appear in the list.

Michael Wyatt.

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Noticeboard

New members

Ms Frances Paterson, NSW
Ms Joanna McLachlan, NSW
Ms Vessy Sayce, Vic

NSW Branch ABN

The NSW Branch is not registered for the GST.
Their ABN is 58 867 106 986.

Vic Branch meeting report: GST : Be ready for July 1, 2000

On May 16, Wayne Dawes, Chief Finance Officer of Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) spoke to the Victorian Branch on the components of the new tax system to be introduced into Australia on July 1, 2000.

He detailed the taxes which will go, for instance: provisional tax, company instalments and numerous other withholding taxes. He discusses the key components of the new tax system—the introduction of the Australian Business Number (ABN), which will be the Federal government's single business identifier for an enterprise; and the most important—the GST (Goods and Service Tax). GST will not apply to all goods—food will be exempt, but then, food from the restaurants will incur the tax.

Wayne's talk was supported by clear PowerPoint presentation and examples. ACER has contracts with many consultants and freelance professionals so he was able to discuss with those at the meeting the requirements for freelance indexers on contract with publishers. We all left the meeting well informed about our own requirements for July 1, 2000.

NSW Society of Editors

Meets monthly (usually first Tuesday of the month) at Judicial Commission Conference Centre, 5th floor Wynyard House (just above Wynyard Station) at 6.30 for 7.00. Cost \$15 including drinks and light eats.

Conference humour web address

The web address for the ASI conference humour printed in the last newsletter was missing the 'www'. The correct address for the Leverage Technologies site is <http://www.LevTechInc.com>. Hope you all found it by guesswork anyway!

Another honoured indexer

Elizabeth (Betty) Moys received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to classification and indexing. Details on the SI (UK) website.

Beatrice Davis Editorial Fellowship

The Beatrice Davis Editorial Fellowship is awarded biennially to an experienced Australian-based editor to enable them to have a 12-week attachment to the editorial department of a US publishing house or houses. It will be awarded in 2000 for travel in 2001.

Selection of the recipient is undertaken by a joint Australian Publishers Association /Literature Fund selection committee.

Closing date for application is 21 August 2000.

For application forms and guidelines, contact Fiona Moore, Administrator, APA, Suite 60, 89 Jones Street, ph: 02 9281 9788, fax: 02 9281 1073, email: fiona.moore@publishers.asn.au

Index-L archives via Google

Index-L participants recently expressed concern over the fact that the Index-L archives (at least from 1998) are accessible through Google and other search engines.

Of course nothing sent to a mailing list can be considered private, yet this is a reminder not to write anything that you would not say in person.

Dates for your diary

Soc. Editors (NSW) meeting	1st Tues in month
AusSI Newsletter deadline	31 Aug
WA indexing courses	18–23 Sept



Noticeboard

WA – Indexing short courses

Two short courses on Indexing are being offered in Perth in September. *Introduction to Book Indexing* and *Abstracting and Indexing for Databases and Pictorial Indexing* will be run in the week of 18–23 September.

The course presenter is Max McMaster, Vice-President of the Victorian branch of AusSI, past Chairman of the Panel of Assessors and freelance indexer. Max has extensive experience in teaching both back-of-book and database indexing.

Cost:

Introduction to Book Indexing (3 day course) approx. \$360*, including instruction, course materials, all lunches and morning and afternoon teas.

Abstracting and Indexing for Databases and Pictorial Indexing (1 day course) approx. \$120*, including instruction, course materials, lunch and morning and afternoon teas.

*Course organisers are currently seeking advice on whether attendance will attract GST. The final price will be notified when registration forms are distributed

Course numbers are limited to 18 per course, but a second course may be organised if there is sufficient interest.

Contact:

Please forward expressions of interest as soon as possible to either of the following:

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Claims for missing issues

Please send claims for missing issues directly to the newsletter editor as soon as you know that you have missed an issue. You can expect your paper copy within a fortnight after the web issue is loaded.

Seeking History specialists for book review

If any AusSI member would like to review *Indexing Specialties: HISTORY* for the AusSI Newsletter, Madeleine Davis is willing to lend her copy. Please contact Glenda Browne (newsletter editor) for more information.

APA seminars

Writing blurbs

Half day seminars on blurb writing will be held in Sydney on Tuesday 15 August and in Melbourne on Tuesday 22 August. Cost for nonmembers is \$269.59.

Defamation

Afternoon seminars on defamation will be held in Sydney on Monday 14 August and in Melbourne on Friday 25 August. Cost for nonmembers is \$165. Enquiries and registrations to Rachael Flamer-Caldera Australian Publishers Association 60/89 Jones St Ultimo NSW 2007 ph: (02) 9281 9788 ext 3 fax: (02) 9281 1073 email rachael.caldera@publishers.asn.au

Victorian web indexing course

Due to lack of space Jennifer Csorba's report on the Victorian web indexing course will be held over until next month.

From the editor

Correspondents on Index-L have written lately about novels they have read with indexers as characters. You'd think they'd be rare as circular cross-references, but it seems that when you start looking you find indexers and indexing all over the place.

In the book *Kitty and Virgil* (Overlook Press 1998) the major character Kitty is an indexer.

No fond return of love and other books by Barbara Pym also feature indexers. Others are listed on the ASI website.

Cheers, Glenda Browne



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Doreen Blake, 1999 Chairman on behalf of the members of the Wheatley Medal Panel

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Anzovin, S & Podell, J. *Famous first facts : thousands of first happenings, discoveries and inventions that have occurred throughout the world.* International ed. New York; Dublin: H. W. Wilson Company, 2000. ISBN 0-8242-0958-3. 837 p.

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