ANZSI News

ANZSI Annual report
A full annual report was presented at the Annual General Meeting of ANZSI on 14 September, during the 2011 ANZSI Conference Indexing see Change at the Brighton Savoy, Brighton, Victoria; it is available on the website at <www.anzsi.org/site/council_mins.asp>. To try to ensure that the complete range of activities of the Society is covered in this report I sought and obtained input from all Council Officials, Committee Chairs and Branch Presidents. This is the first time that ANZSI has prepared an annual report and it will be a useful historical document for the future.

2010–11
This year marked the 35th year for ANZSI and the year we became incorporated. Both significant events for a professional organisation and cause for celebration. Becoming incorporated now means officers and members are legally protected. There have been other key events during 2010–2011 and I will highlight just a few:
• Branches held a wide variety of events for members that included:
  • NSW and ACT Region Branch joint conference on ‘Cooks who index; indexers who cook’.
  • Victorian and Queensland Branches visited their respective MBS Classical Radio Stations.
  • The VIC, run by Victorian Branch, talked about indexing anything from nursery rhymes to art books and even wine.
  • Branches continued to run training at both the basic level and in more specialised areas. These were often attended by members travelling from interstate and even overseas.
  • The benefit of peer review type training is being recognised with opportunities for members to participate, no matter where they live. Courses were run by both NSW and Victorian Branches.
  • New Zealand Branch published their first book indexes completed as part of their mentoring program.
• ANZSI Newsletter developed a new look and is now available in full colour via email.
• Promoting indexing and indexers has been done in a number of ways:
  • ACT Region Branch held a joint meeting with the Canberra Society of Editors and has plans for this to become a regular event.
  • New Zealand Branch conducted a workshop at the annual conference of the Archives and Records Association of New Zealand.
• Advocacy for indexes in ebooks took a positive turn with submissions by both Council and NSW Branch to the federal government’s Book Industry Strategy Group.
• The distribution of ANZSI bookmarks continues. They have been being included in satchels at various editors’ and writers’ events and ten have been sent to each member for distribution.
• Indexing your annual report was published.
• ANZSI was represented at meetings and conferences run by overseas indexing societies in Shanghai, China; Middleburg, The Netherlands; Frankfurt, Germany; Providence, USA; and Vancouver, Canada.
• The full Council meeting in March was such a success it will become an annual event.

2011–12
Early in 2012 Council will send out a survey to members. This is a great opportunity for members to tell Council what they would like from ANZSI in the future.

Thank you
Thank you to all Council members, Council Officials, Council Committee members, Branch Committee members, State/Territory Representatives, members and non-members who volunteer their time to the Society and without whose help the Society would not exist.

Your details on ANZSI database
When was the last time you checked your entry in the ANZSI database? Are they up to date? If you are on Indexers Available does that need to be updated? Why not take a moment to check your details?

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Queensland Branch
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Invitation

You and your partner are cordially invited to attend our
2011 Christmas dinner party
Tuesday 22 November
6.00 pm – till late
The Salisbury Hotel Restaurant
668 Toohey Road, Salisbury, Brisbane
Dress: smart casual - Lucky door prizes
RSVP by Friday 18 November
Hon. Secretary – Beryl Macdonald
Tel: 3821 6276 or <bayorst@bigpond.net.au>

NSW Branch social lunch
Bowral, Sunday 11 December, 12.30 pm
NSW Branch is holding an end of year informal get-together.
Everyone (and their spouses or partners) is welcome to lunch
at Sue Flaxman's house in Bowral.
RSVP to Sue at <sueflaxman@bigpond.com>
or 0423 197 044 by Friday 2 December.
Lunch provided but please BYO drinks.
Spouses/partners are also welcome.
Bowral is accessible by train, but we will need to pick you up
from the station so please let us know if you are coming by train.
If you are coming by car, the journey should take about an hour
and a half from the CBD – Sue will provide directions when you
RSVP.
This will be a great opportunity to network and generally catch
up with each other and what has been happening in our indexing
world.
We hope to see you there!
Mary Coe

Apology
The report ‘Indexing see Change – ANZSI 2011 Conference (2)’
in the October newsletter was written by Sarah Anderson, one
of the participants sponsored by Victorian Branch. Sarah’s name
was inadvertently dropped from the end of the report, which was
therefore distributed without acknowledgement. The Editor
offers his unreserved apologies to Sarah for this unfortunate
omission.

How to check your details:
1. Go to the Member Log-in area and log in. If you have forgotten your password
   send an email to the Membership Secretary, Karen Gillen, using the link provided
   on the log-in webpage.
2. Select ‘Update Your Details’.
3. Check your details and update them as required. You can change your password.
4. Consider receiving the Newsletter via email and tick the box.
5. Advertising on Indexers Available is FREE so click the box and fill in the
   appropriate fields.
6. When you are happy with your entry, scroll down and click Save Changes.
   If you have any grumbles about Indexers Available or suggestions for improvement, please let me know, so that I can pass them on to the team
   that is working on improving it.

Mary Russell
Committee meetings

I wish to record my sincere thanks to committee members Eleanor Whelan (Secretary), Sherrey Quinn (Treasurer), Barry Howarth (Past President), Edyth Binkowski, Helen Frame and Tracy Harwood for their work and commitment over the past year on behalf of ACT members. Thank you particularly to Edyth for her hospitality in offering her home as the venue for our meetings.

In 2010 Geraldine Triffitt retired as a committee member after sixteen years of meritorious service to the Branch. Geraldine was instrumental in establishing the ACT Region Branch. ANZSI was established as the Australian Society of Indexers (AusSI) in Melbourne on 27 April 1976. In 1989 the NSW Branch was formed and on 22 October 1992 Geraldine organised the inaugural meeting of the ACT Branch. She was the first president from 1993 to 1998, with a second term as president from 2002 to 2006. She served as a committee member until 2010. I would like to record out thanks to Geraldine for the outstanding contribution she has made to the ACT Region Branch.

Membership
The Branch currently has 37 members.

Branch activities
The first activity for the 2010–11 year was the Christmas barbecue on 5 December. Usually this function is held at Lennox Gardens but following consistent rain the venue was changed to Edyth’s house and an enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

On 5 April eight members enjoyed a visit to the Parliament House Library. The Information Access and Research Section employs 12 indexers. The management of newspaper clippings is an urgent first job of the day for indexers who are responsible for quality control. ParlInfo Search was demonstrated to us. This is a major resource for Senators, Members and their staff - based in Parliament House or in electorate offices throughout Australia - parliamentary staff, and the general public. It enables everyone to search and obtain Australian Parliamentary information resources.

A joint meeting with the Canberra Society of Editors was held on 29 June 2011. This meeting brought together editors, indexers and technical writers and offered an insight into the editing and indexing role in the publishing process. Following a brief introduction by the presidents of each association a lively and interesting Q&A session followed. This revealed that holding this meeting annually would be beneficial to both editors and indexers.

Training
The committee again decided that running training sessions in Canberra was not feasible when excellent courses were offered by the NSW Branch in Sydney. The ACT Region Branch offers individual members a $50 subsidy if they fund their own attendance at a course in Sydney and as well the NSW Branch offers a 40% discount for attendees requiring an overnight stay. Three new members were subsidised to attend beginner and intermediate back-of-book courses.

Member Survey
Six responses to a survey of members were received covering areas such as training, topics for general meetings and visits. These responses provide valuable feedback to the committee and assist with future planning. It was gratifying to receive expressions of appreciation and encouragement.

ANZSI Council
The dates of committee meetings are set to precede Council meetings so that the committee can discuss items on the agenda with their accompanying papers for the forthcoming Council meeting. The committee has actively considered and responded to Council papers.

Council decided to publish an ANZSI Annual Report and canvassed Branches for suggested content. The first annual report was presented at the AGM held at the ANZSI Conference on 14 September 2011. The report includes reports from the President, Council, Treasurer and Membership Secretary; Branch and Committee reports (Awards Committee, Registration Committee, Education Committee, Promotions and Publicity Committee); website report and Newsletter report.

The highlights of the Council report are incorporation of the Society, a full Council meeting in Melbourne in March 2011 (including all ex-officio members), investigation of the feasibility of using the SI Course to prepare students to meet ANZSI’s educational requirements, redevelopment of Indexers Available, revision of the aims of the Society, and a review of the process and procedures for Registration.

Acknowledgements
I wish to acknowledge the outstanding contribution Sherrey Quinn has made to the Branch and to the Society this past year, particularly in her role as Chairperson of the Board of Assessors. In this role she has been the prime mover in reviewing Registration process and procedures.

Eleanor Whelan is stepping down from the committee after serving five years as Secretary, a role she has carried out efficiently and with good humour. Tracy Harwood is also stepping down as a committee member due to her demanding role as Treasurer of the Canberra Society of Editors. We offer our warmest thanks to both these members and look forward to seeing them at Branch activities in the future.

Shirley Campbell, President

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NSW Branch President’s report 2010–11
Presented at the NSW AGM on 27 October.

Meetings

Thank you to every hard-working member of the NSW Branch Committee for their many contributions during the year: Glenda Browne, Vice-President; Mary Coe, Secretary; Sue Flaxman, Treasurer; and Madeleine Davis, Lorraine Doyle, Elisabeth Thomas and Helen Enright, Committee members.

The committee has met monthly by teleconference throughout 2010–11 and we thank Lorraine Doyle and Thomson Reuters for providing their teleconferencing system, which makes our meetings both efficient and also provides the possibility for rural or isolated members to participate.

This year the committee has used Yahoo Discussion Groups for email messages; and a DropBox site for storing correspondence.

At September 2011 our Branch had 51 members.

Branch activities

24 July 2010. (Also included in last year’s Annual Report). NSW and ACT Branches held a one-day conference at Craigieburn, Bowral in the Southern Highlands. ‘Recipes for Success’ was presented by Lynn Farkas and Sherrey Quinn. Participants combined to produce an index to a cookbook of recipes submitted by attendees. This was followed by a panel discussion on indexing aids indexers cannot do without, chaired by Madeleine Davis. The conference dinner, at Montfort’s, was attended by the 22 participants, with partners and friends. Special thanks to Sue Flaxman for organising the venue and to Elisabeth Thomas for organising a small cooking utensils exhibition and competition.

27 November 2010. We held our end-of-year social function at Frances’ house in Lake Heights, Wollongong, catered for and attended by ten members and friends.

10 March 2011. Frances together with State and national Presidents attended the full ANZSI Council meeting in Melbourne.

12 & 13 March. Glenda Browne presented an Introductory Book Indexing workshop at Thomson Reuters, Pyrmont, hosted by Lorraine Doyle. The course was fully booked and attended by ten students, mostly from interstate.

7 & 8 April. On 7 April, Frances Lennie conducted a CINDEX software training workshop at NSW Writers’ Centre, hosted by Helen Enright, with five participants. On 8 April, again at NSW Writers’ Centre, Jon Jermey conducted introductory and advanced SKY Index training courses, again hosted by Helen Enright. Many thanks to the trainers and to Helen especially for her generous contribution and the two celebratory cakes for CINDEX’s 25th birthday and the release of Version 7 of SKY.

18 May–18 June. Glenda Browne, with the assistance of Mary Coe as backup and co-moderator, ran her Intermediate Practical Book Indexing course, which she introduced in 2010. Students were asked to index a short book alone for a month, with support from a Yahoo discussion forum and feedback along the way. This was followed by a 3-hour face-to-face session at Thomson Reuters on 18 June. Nine people took part in the online component, and most attended the face-to-face session and the lunch which followed.

16 September 2011. NSW hosted a gourmet lunch at Hugo’s in Manly for members to meet international guests to the ANZSI conference. Many thanks to Mary Coe for organising the venue and lunch, attended by nine ANZSI members with guests, Maureen MacGlashan from the UK, editor of The Indexer, and Pilar Wyman, from the USA, president-elect of ASI.

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NSW Branch sponsorship
NSW offers sponsorship for branch members to attend meetings or events run by related professional groups. Sonja Goernitz was sponsored to attend Glenda Browne’s ‘Indexing for Editors’ seminar on 7 September at the National Editors Conference at Darling Harbour, organised by the Society of Editors. Carole Dent was sponsored to attend the Style Council Symposium in September.

Indexers Available
A NSW Committee, led by Madeleine Davis, has formed to consider possible changes to the Indexers Available pages on the ANZSI website, and begun to canvas ideas from all branch members.

NSW Webpage
NSW Branch minutes and end-of-year financial reports are posted to NSW webpage on the ANZSI website. The NSW Constitution has also been posted to the webpage and can be viewed by members.

International Conferences
Mary Coe represented ANZSI at American Society of Indexing Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, 28–30 April, 2011.

Book Industry Strategy Group
NSW Branch made a submission to the Book Industry Strategy Group in January.

ANZSI Conference
A number of NSW members attended the ANZSI Conference in Brighton, Victoria, 12–14 September, 2011. Glenda Browne and Mary Coe hosted a Marketing, Networking and the Web workshop; Alan Walker presented his talk on Indexing Political Memoirs, an international comparison of three recent political biographies; and led a discussion on indexing Legal Material. Madeleine Davis gave a session on indexing Biographies.

ANZSI Council
NSW Branch responded to numerous issues raised by Council during the period and members were involved in Council committees: Glenda Browne on the Education Committee, Alan Walker, convenor of the ANZSI Medal panel; and Frances Paterson on the Registration Panel, now called the Board of Assessors.

Frances Paterson

The prize competition
You were asked to complete the sentence
‘The indexes that help you the most are those that ... ?’
We received only a small number of entries, which was disappointing. However our winner is Bernadette Vaughan for her entry:
‘The indexes that help you the most are those that quickly get you where you need to be’.
Bernadette will receive a book voucher.

Queensland Branch News

Indexing Challenge ONE : Biography
Queensland Branch started an online Peer Review indexing experience with an ebook on 10th September 2011. It was to be a 6 week course. Participants have access to either Jean Dartnall or Mei Yen Chua for any online queries or help.

Jean and Mei Yen are Queensland Branch members, who have considerable indexing training experience and substantial indexing expertise between them. Both Jean & Mei Yen are enjoying the new online training experience. We are heartened to announce that we have eight participants from all over Australia apply for the online indexing course.

Queensland Branch is running the peer review indexing experience to encourage new and older indexers, with a chance to gain confidence by indexing with less pressure attached to the situation. The aim is to build faith in one’s own indexing abilities, so that one might feel one’s professional edge.

Thanks to all who are taking part in the indexing challenge. We hope that it will give you the confidence in yourself that you deserve.

Please note: this online peer review Challenge ONE: Biography is to be continued in 2012, with more to follow. We are still taking applicants in the remainder of 2011 if you wish to apply for a 6 week indexing experience. And if the dates don’t suit you, we may be able to change them. Link to more details <www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=223>

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Jean Dartnall <jeandartnall@hotmail.com>

We have our own Branch in Queensland now, so keep in touch!

Moira Brown, President

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Indexing degustation

There is no denying that the book is in a state of flux. Hard copy or e-book? Buy online or in the bookshop? Booksellers and publishers are in a tizz and ignore the trends at their peril. Indexers, too, need to jump on the bandwagon, so it is good to see that societies are exploring the digital arena.

Sleeping with the enemy
The editor of Readings Monthly, Jo Case, remarked in the October issue that 2011 is a grim year for publishing due to the decline of print and its effect on the future of the book. One victim of the decline of print is the soon to be discontinued Australian Literary Review, The Australian’s monthly literary supplement. Another is Island, Tasmania’s only literary journal, which will fold because the Tasmanian government will no longer fund its operation. Lara Giddings, the premier and arts minister said the decision was ‘based on a “trend” towards online rather than hard-copy publications for literature’.

Readings, however, is embracing the new technologies. During October, Readings Carlton bookshop held an e-books information evening to talk about Readings e-books and how e-books could develop in the future. People were invited to bring any device with a browser so that the new medium could be demonstrated.

Readings Monthly, October 2011.

In Britain too the news is grim for the book industry. The Booksellers Association relates that in the past six years the number of bookshops has dropped by 20 per cent and independent bookshops by 26 per cent. The BA is lobbying the government for help with external costs such as rates because the issue affected not only the book industry but the retail diversity in towns. Perhaps the vendors should take a leaf out of Readings’ book.

The Saturday Age, October 1, 2011. Life&Style, 35

Digital Trends Task Force
In Britain the Society of Indexers has set up a working group to look at all aspects of computer indexing with an emphasis on e-books. The American Society for Indexing (ASI), has created a Digital Trends Task Force with the aim of educating and updating its members and others on the emerging e-book industry and e-content and the role of indexing therein. The ASI has developed a LinkedIn site to list resources and start discussions on the subject. There are articles, presentations, and news. If you have a LinkedIn account, you can search for the group by name, ASI Digital Trends Task Force, and ask to join. You can also try the link to see if you can get to the page to join: <www.linkedin.com/groups/ASI-Digital-Trends-Task-Force-4005509>.

I had a go and I can assure you it works. There is a lot of discussion and there are free webinars announced regularly. You may be able to contribute a gem which will set fire to some relevant issue. There are discussions on research, news, education and training, textbooks, volunteers needed, Cindex, Macrex, the digital book world, specifications, PDF issues, tools development, NISO, handhelds, and webinars.

Key Words, 19(4):111

Espresso
Angus & Robertson was the first book seller to install an Espresso printing machine in its shops, back in September 2008. The goal was to have 50 Espressos in its shops but it all went pear-shaped when A&R folded. However, the machine, which was developed by Jacob Epstein in America, is getting a boost in the US due to HarperCollins using it to make its backlist available. Brian Murray, head of HarperCollins, said he wanted more of its books available in traditional bookshops which may help local stores compete with online outlets.

The Saturday Age, October 1, 2011. Life&Style, 31.

Chicago Manual of Style
The 16th edition of the Chicago Manual of Style has been released, both hard copy and online. A few of the rules have changed, including titles that end in question marks or exclamation points, dividing URLs over a line, capitalisation of ‘web’ and ‘Internet’, names like iPod, abbreviation for ‘United States’, punctuation of foreign languages in an English context, quotation marks in poems, ellipsis points, note numbers with subheads.

<www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/about16_rules.html>

Elizabethan indexer
It was news to me that Abraham Fleming indexed eleven tomes between 1576 and 1587 and produced many books, and translations of Latin classics. Clare Painting-Stubbs has written a most interesting account of Fleming’s career which started when he was a poor student at Peterhouse, Cambridge, translating books into English. His first surviving work was a translation of Virgil’s Bucoliks in 1575. His first index was created for Barnabe Googe’s Zodiace of life in 1576 and in 1579 he indexed the intriguingly titled The beehive of the Romish church. This was a satire written by Isaac Rabbotenu (given an alternative title from 1580, The beebie of the Romish church) which could have been incompatible with Fleming’s Protestant faith (he was a clergyman).

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It was a popular book and the five editions printed by the Dawson family between 1579 and 1636 included Fleming’s two signed indexes. The first index was an alphabetical finding list of authors cited in Beehiue while the second was an alphabetical list of keywords. An index for Certaine sermons in defense of the Gospell (Thomas Cooper) begins thus:

Acknowledge
The way to acknowledge God in man. 192.

Means to make those acknowledge a God, which do not altogether deny him. 191.

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According to Clare Painting-Stubbs, Fleming took pains to furnish readers with instructions for using his ‘tables’. The ‘table’ he created for *A Godly and learned exposition upon the Prouverbes of Solomon* was 40 pages long and included clear guidance on his sophisticated approach to locators:

An ample and large Index or Table, comprising all the principal points of Doctrines, and circumstances, as well Moral as Divine, contained in this Booke, very necessary and beneficial for all estates, even from the highest to the lowest. The number noteth the leaf. A, standeth for the first side, and B, for the second side of the leaf.

One of Fleming’s most comprehensive indexes was for *The common places of the most famous and renowned divine doctor Peter Martyr* (Marten and Simler). Fleming’s tables are similar to modern indexes. The indexes have their own titles and in surviving copies of the book the indexes have been bound into the back of the book as they are today. A buyer in Fleming’s time would have bought the book unbound and would then be able to choose whether to bind it into the book or as a separate item. Fleming provided easily followed instructions for new users of indexes; in this case to the page, side, column and line they were looking for.


*Jane Purton*

**ACT Region Branch**

**AGM and dinner**

On Tuesday 25 October 2011 ten members met at The Brassey in Barton for the ACT Region Branch Annual General Meeting. The business of the meeting concluded with the election of the committee for 2011-2012. Shirley Campbell was re-elected President and Sherrey Quinn was re-elected Treasurer. Committee members are Edyth Binkowski, Helen Frame, Barry Howarth and Denise Sutherland.

Joan Merrell, a founding member of the Branch, and her husband Rob joined us as our guests at dinner following the meeting. Conversation flowed as we all enjoyed the opportunity to share one another’s company over a beautiful meal in delightful surroundings.

*Shirley Campbell*

**Missing, lost or strayed ...**

Did you post an item to ANZSI ACT in September? If you did and have not received a reply, please contact Eleanor Whelan on 02 6257 7749 or email <eleanor.whelan@bigpond.com>. Australia Post seems to have lost something for us, which is recorded as having been received on 25 September.
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