

ANZSI Newsletter



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President's Report

ANZSI Council has met twice since my last President's Report. This report covers the teleconference meetings on 5 December 2013 and 23 January 2014.

Our electronic meetings are working well apart from occasional problems with sound quality. We are now taping meetings so that members who are unable to attend, and the Secretary who is writing the minutes, can listen later to what was said. If you have ever been on a conference call you might enjoy this video, and if you haven't you'll be warned:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYu_bGbZiiQ.

John Simkin

We have received the sad news that John Simkin died on January 24. He had been in hospital for some months at the time of his death. John served AusSI/ANZSI for many years in different capacities, including as President. A fuller story of his life and contributions to indexing will be published in the March issue of the newsletter.

The branchless

Tasmanian indexers held an informal meeting at Clodagh Jones' house on 12 January. Clodagh, Chris Brennan (the Tasmanian contact), and Mei Yen (ANZSI Secretary) attended.

Committees and officers

Appointments

Council has appointed or re-appointed people to all ANZSI positions now except the Education Coordinator. These appointments will run to the first meeting after the next AGM to ensure continuity of service until the new Council can make new appointments.

Jane Oliver is continuing as the South Australian contact and Frieda Evans as the Northern Territory contact.

Tricia Waters and Frances Paterson have both stepped down from the Board of Assessors. Council has welcomed Sherrey Quinn's suggestion of Madeleine Davis as a new member, and will later be appointing a second new member. Thank you to Tricia Waters and Frances Paterson for their contributions in this role.

Membership Secretary

Karen Gillen provides Council with regular updates on membership. On 31 December we had 55 members listed on Indexers Available, 170 personal memberships and 181 total memberships (personal, life and corporate). All members are treated as 'financial' until 30

March 2014; after that date members who have not paid their dues will be removed from the database, so this number might go down.

Karen has worked with Mary Russell to ensure that the ANZSI Members Register complies with the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic). This required work by our website development company, Link Digital, to change the membership database.

WebManager

In addition to her work on the membership area, Mary Russell has organised website changes with respect to payments (including GST) and email redirection.

Council is investigating the Discussion section of the website, including the best way to use and monitor it. Where possible, policies will be developed to be applicable to a variety of information sharing and social media environments (eg, mailing lists and Twitter).

Promotions and Publicity Committee

Two papers by the Promotions and Publicity Committee are awaiting comment from branches. In addition, the committee is planning to promote the publication *Indexing Your Annual Report* to accountants, with Ernst & Young as their initial target.

ICRIS representatives

Member societies can have one liaison person and one or two email list recipients on ICRIS (International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies). Council earlier appointed Mary Russell as the liaison person, and has now appointed Max McMaster as an email list recipient. In addition, Council has decided that the President, ex officio, should be one of the email list recipients. I have therefore joined the ICRIS list, and look forward to sharing ideas with indexers from around the world.

Special projects

Newsletter

You should all have received an email from Denise Sutherland explaining changes to the delivery and format of the *ANZSI Newsletter*.

We have moved to electronic-only delivery of the newsletter, largely to save costs. There are also other benefits, such as the ability to provide live links to websites and more colour. At the same time we have moved to a simpler layout, which will work well on portable reading devices.

The newsletter will still be available in PDF format, and in the future we are aiming to also provide EPUB and Mobi (Kindle) formats.

Working Party on the Redevelopment of Indexers Available

Work is progressing on the redevelopment of Indexers Available. Meetings have been held with two website development companies. Both companies have submitted quotes and a third one is being sought.

The quotes are based on a wish list of data elements for a new IA online, drawn from discussion, reporting and comment by the Working Party, the P&P Committee, individual ANZSI members and the NSW, ACT and NZ Branch Committees.

A survey of editors will also be undertaken, to make sure we understand what clients want to get from indexers, as well as what indexers want to offer their clients.

We are approaching the end of our first four months on Council. I am grateful for the good will and hard work of all Council members, past and present, including those who have undertaken special projects. In addition, I have realised how much ANZSI runs smoothly because of regular tasks undertaken by many officers and committees. To everyone, thank you.

Glenda Browne, President ANZSI

Council bios

ANZSI Secretary – Mei Yen Chua

I like to think of myself as the ‘accidental indexer’. During my time at a publishing house I was asked to complete an emergency job. An indexer had pulled out of a job for a second edition of a book last minute and the editor was desperate for help. Would I look up keywords and rematch up the pages? I had read the first edition and thought why not, how hard can it be?

The process wasn’t just about rematching pages and keywords, I started to think about what the reader would look up, and came up with more headings than the editor had anticipated. The rest, shall I say, is history.

I’ve always loved books and for as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to work in publishing. I’ve spent a period of time working in the magazines and book publishing industry writing, reviewing, researching, editing and administering contracts and rights. I’ve eaten my way around the suburbs of Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast for various food guides, including my own food publications.

I see indexing as another facet in that book journey. I enjoy the challenges of indexing and relish interesting projects that come my way. I’ve been on the freelance roller coaster ride since late 2007 and have not looked back. It has been a challenging, frustrating, exciting and fulfilling career. I’ve been a QLD ANZSI committee member since 2008 and have recently moved to Tasmania. I am interested in seeing how dynamic and fluid indexing will become in order to keep up with our ever-changing technologies.



Mei Yen Chua

The Treasurer – Michael Wyatt

During the first half of my career I worked in libraries, mainly as a cataloguer at the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington, New Zealand, and then at TAFE NSW in Sydney. I have always had an interest in structured information and information access.



I joined AusSI in 1986, the year I began indexing, under the mentorship of the legendary Alan Walker. This was an exciting time as indexing was starting to take off in NSW. Shortly afterwards Alan and I helped establish the NSW Branch, and I served on the Branch Committee each year. I have always been active in promoting professionalism, first through the NZLA, then the ALIA Cataloguers Section and finally AusSI/ANZSI.

For a number of years I taught book indexing at UNSW, and as part of the publishing courses provided by Macquarie University and Macleay College in Sydney.

I was awarded a Life Membership of the Society in 2003, but took a break from the publishing industry between 2004 and 2012 to help manage a café.

I live in the beautiful Blue Mountains west of Sydney with my partner and my cat PK. In my spare time I work in the garden or attend classes in French and Spanish conversation.

Michael Wyatt

ANZSI Members Register and Member Directory

Background to recent changes

All Victorian incorporated associations are required to keep and maintain a register of members. The *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Vic) (AIR Act) specifies what must be included in this register, who can inspect it, how the information can be used, and procedures for members to apply to have access to their information on the register restricted.

ANZSI currently maintains a Membership Database which contains all the details recorded by ANZSI about its members. In addition to contact details and qualifications, it includes information relating to a member's subscription history, accreditation history, and *Indexers Available* listing. The information recorded in the Membership Database includes all the details that must be contained in a member register for current members, but does not include the details of past members required by the AIR Act.

ANZSI also maintains a Member Directory in the Members area of the ANZSI website (at www.anzsi.org/site/memb_directory.asp). This list can be accessed by, and only by, current members of ANZSI. Until now, the Directory has included the names of all current members of ANZSI, as well as their telephone numbers and email addresses. This information is drawn from the contact information provided by members and recorded in the ANZSI Membership Database. These arrangements met some, but not all of the requirements of the AIR Act.

New administrative arrangements

Given the discrepancies noted above, a number of changes in the way that ANZSI collects and manages information about its members have been recently implemented in order to comply with the requirements of the AIR Act. These changes are detailed below.

Members Register: This is a complete list of current and former members of ANZSI. The Membership Secretary will have the responsibility of compiling and maintaining the register. The register will list only the details required by the AIR Act, i.e. (a) the names, dates of membership and contact details of current members, and (b) the names and dates of membership of former members.

Member Directory: The Member Directory of current members (on the ANZSI website) is to be treated as a subsection of the official Members Register. To bring it into line with the requirements of the AIR Act, in addition to displaying the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of current members, it will now also show the year a member joined the Society.

Inspection of the Member Register: All members of ANZSI have the right to access the Members Register if they have an appropriate reason for doing so (see below). At present, all current members are able to access the Member Directory of current members on the ANZSI website. Existing members can also view their own details in the Member Database by viewing their Member webpage at 'Update your Details' in the Members' area of the website. Access to the complete Member Register of current and former members may be granted at the discretion of the ANZSI Council, upon a written application to the Secretary, ANZSI Council, stating the reason for the access request.

Use of information in Member Register/Member Directory: The information contained in the Member Register and Member Directory may only be used if it is directly related to the management, activities or purposes of the Society.

Restricted access to a member's details: While the names and dates of joining of all current ANZSI members will be listed on the Member Directory, members have a choice over whether their contact details are also listed. If a member does not wish to have their contact details displayed on the Member Directory this option is available on membership application

and subscription renewal forms. Members may also select this option at any time by updating their details in the Members Area of the ANZSI website. ANZSI does not make any judgement on a member's decision to choose not to make their contact details public, and members are not required to specify why they wish to withhold their contact details.

Checking your details

Please take a moment to login to the Members' Area of the ANZSI website to check that your contact details and year of joining ANZSI are listed correctly in the Member Directory (see www.anzsi.org/site/memb_directory.asp).

Telephone numbers and email address: If either your telephone number(s) and/or email address are incorrect, or if you do not wish to have your contact details displayed, please update your details (at www.anzsi.org/site/update_details.asp).

Year of joining: If your year of joining ANZSI is incorrect please contact the membership secretary (for contact details see www.anzsi.org/site/officials.asp).

*Karen Gillen, Membership Secretary
Mary Russell, Webmaster*

Enhancement of Indexers Available

As part of ongoing modifications and improvements to *Indexers Available*, subscribers may now list up to five (rather than three) examples of publications they have indexed. This recent enhancement allows subscribers to demonstrate their experience across a wider range of subject areas, or to emphasise their expertise in a particular area of specialisation.

Adding details of publications indexed

To add extra examples of publications you have indexed to your *Indexers Available* entry, please login to the Member's Area of the ANZSI website and select 'Update Your Details' from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen (or click on this link: www.anzsi.org/site/update_details.asp).

Then follow these steps:

1. Scroll down to the section headed 'Recent Publications Indexed'.
2. Add details of recent publications indexed.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and save changes.

Advertising in Indexers Available

If you are not currently listed on *Indexers Available*, but would like to advertise your services there, please login to the Member's Area of the ANZSI website and select 'Indexers Available Advertising' from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen, or click on this link www.anzsi.org/site/IA_advert.asp, for further details and methods of payment.

*Karen Gillen, Membership Secretary
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News from Tasmania

There are currently five members of ANZSI in Tasmania, namely, Daniel (John) Archer, Christopher Brennan, Mei Yen Chua, Clodagh Jones and Vivienne Wallace. Since this time last year, Clodagh, Mei Yen and Chris have met informally to discuss indexing matters.

At our meeting on 12 January, we discussed *advertising* for indexers, how we might increase this and make it more effective; *pay* rates in the face of authors' and publishers' general desire to add value to their publications by including indexes yet their reluctance to offer satisfactory remuneration for their preparation, and in the face of indexing jobs being

sent offshore; and *billeting* for ANZSI members when they travel interstate to attend indexing courses – often, for Tasmania-based indexers to attend indexing courses on the mainland, we need to stay overnight, and having to stay at hotel or at B and B accommodation increases the cost of attending. *We were wondering if any mainland ANZSI members would be willing to billet us when we travel interstate for such courses?* Clodagh, on the other hand, is happy to welcome any indexers visiting Hobart; she has plenty of accommodation. Similarly, Mei Yen has accommodation for visiting indexers, although she is in the country near Hobart rather than in Hobart, where Clodagh is. Finally, we are eagerly awaiting the combined editors-indexers conference in Canberra, 6 to 9 May 2015.

Forthcoming events of interest

The Tasmanian Writers' Centre is presenting **Travelling-Writing-Tasmania: A two-day symposium**, and the **Festival of Golden Words**.

Travelling-Writing-Tasmania: A two-day symposium will be held on Thursday and Friday, 6 and 7 February, at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston. The symposium will explore Tasmanian travel writing and journeys in Tasmanian literature, and bring together scholars in travel writing studies, colonial and postcolonial literary and historical studies, and writers of fiction and travel to consider the heritage of Tasmanian journeys. The keynote speaker will be Prof. Tim Youngs, Director of Nottingham Trent University's Centre for Travel Writing Studies. Other guest speakers will be Assoc. Prof. Richard White, from the University of Sydney, and internationally renowned Tasmania-based author, Robert Dessaix. For more details, see:

<www.tasmanianwriters.org/calendar/travelling%E2%80%94writing%E2%80%94tasmania-a-two-day-symposium>.

The **Festival of Golden Words** will be held between Friday 14 March and Sunday 16 March, with both free and ticketed events, at Beaconsfield and nearby venues, northern Tasmania. The festival will feature the Richard Carlton Address and more than 70 authors, including two shortlisted for this year's Miles Franklin Literary Award: Carrie Tiffany (*Mateship with Birds*) and Romy Ash (*Floundering*). There will be sessions about children's writing, biography, and wine and food writing. The final festival program will be released in February. For more details, see:

<www.tasmanianwriters.org/calendar/festival-golden-words>.

Christopher Brennan
Tasmanian Contact

News from Queensland Branch

A small group of Queensland Indexers and their partners celebrated a successful year with a delicious Christmas Lunch at a local restaurant on 30 November 2013. Lucky door prizes were won by Catherine Tully, Beryl Macdonald, Cate Seymour-Jones and Richard Cox.

In January 2014, Franz Pinz and his wife visited our former Branch member, Mei Yen Chua, for her 'Surprise birthday party' thrown by her husband at their property in Tasmania. Queensland Branch sent a surprise gift via Franz.

The first General Meeting of Queensland Branch for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 25th February with Guest Speaker Susan Prior, an experienced editor who is also interested in the field of indexing. Come and support your branch and its guests; mark our evening meetings in your diary each month – 4th Tuesday of every month from February – November. The Branch

would love to meet you and why not bring a friend. All industry related colleagues and friends are most welcome.

The meetings are free and a delicious supper is provided for \$2.00. Come from 6.00 pm for networking and supper, with a 7.00 pm start. See you at 2/63 Annerley Road, Woolloongabba, Brisbane. Enter via Crown Street for free off-street parking behind the Brisbane City Council's Woolloongabba Ward Office.

Let 2014 be the most amazing year in your indexing career!

We have our own Queensland Branch – are you keeping in touch?



At the party on 30 November were (l to r): Vicki Law, David Muller, Beryl Macdonald, Catherine Tully, Cate Seymour-Jones, Moira Brown, Les Brown. Photo Richard Cox

Moira Brown, President, Queensland Branch

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Airbnb experience

Numerous friends have travelled in the last few years and all have had happy reports about using Airbnb (an online accommodation search engine for people with spare private rooms/cottages to let). I decided to try it for the Melbourne AGM held in October 2013.

I found a rambling old Federation house in St Kilda to stay in for \$55/night. The woman who ran the house was welcoming, warm and interesting. Most of the house, including the backyard was accessible to guests and I had the pleasure of sharing the space with a very friendly Labrador and a gorgeous cat.

The beauty about this service is there are lots of levels of accommodation available for all sorts of budgets. This had all the perfect ingredients for me – price, location and there was a fantastic sourdough bakery right across the street! I would definitely use the site again if I needed to look for budget accommodation for another event.

For more information, visit <www.airbnb.com.au>

*Mei Yen Chua
ANZSI Secretary*

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Happy New Year!

This column takes a more reflective tone,

I read with sadness about what is happening to public libraries and bookshops in recent times. It horrifies me to think that bookshops are dying out. In consequence, the local library should be the most important place in the community.

In the US the recently opened Twiggs County Library in Atlanta closed its doors barely two weeks after welcoming its patrons. Its board of management decided that it could not justify the \$14, 000 it needed to keep the library open. In their wisdom the board decided that local convenience centres where people drop their rubbish took priority: <www.ajc.com/news/news/breaking-news/twiggs-county-library-closes-two-weeks-after-openi/nbzz6>

In Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, library funding may be transferred into the prison system, just because a city legislator does not approve of the library's programs. Is that money going into funding of a prison library??? Methinks not!

Lafourche Parish greatly needs its library since many of its clients do not have internet at home. The library offers free internet usage to its patrons, as well as a great collection of books and materials that the library community can borrow: <www.latimes.com/books/jacketcopy/la-et-jc-library-users-should-go-back-to-mexico-says-official-who-wants-to-divert-library-funds-to-jails-20131114,0,7474904.story#axzz2s92hlNdB>

Even in Australia, Bendigo TAFE has offered redundancy packages to several library staff members.

Demise of bookshops

More recently I went up to my local Westfield Shoppingtown complex only to discover that Dymocks was closing its store, due to high rentals and the inability to make enough sales throughout the year. I then went on to be told that Myer had got rid of its books section because of space reasons and that many people were reading e-books. This is sad. I enjoy browsing in bookshops and my local suburb now does not have a decent bookshop. I am simply left to browse online, or drive further afield, or visit my local library and let's hope that does not close!

I was pleasantly surprised, when I was in Wellington for last year's ANZSI conference, to find that a bookshop was midway between the hotel and the conference venue. What a pleasant distraction!

Vale John Simkin

I too wish to pay a special tribute to John. I really enjoyed my chats with him and will miss him coming to Vic Branch. He was a great reader, raconteur, extremely modest and simply one of nature's gentlemen. Rest in peace, John.

Terri Mackenzie

The Victorian Indexing Club (The VIC) – December 2013

The VIC's final meeting for 2013 paid homage to Arthur Wynne, the inventor of the modern crossword puzzle. Almost 100 years to the anniversary date of the publication of his original puzzle in the FUN section of the *New York World*, Vic Branch members got together to create a Christmas-themed crossword.

Here are the grid and clues that we came up with before sitting down to enjoy our end-of-year dinner. We hope you'll give it a crack before the solution appears in next month's *Newsletter*.

Nikki Davis



Nikki ready to fill in that grid ...

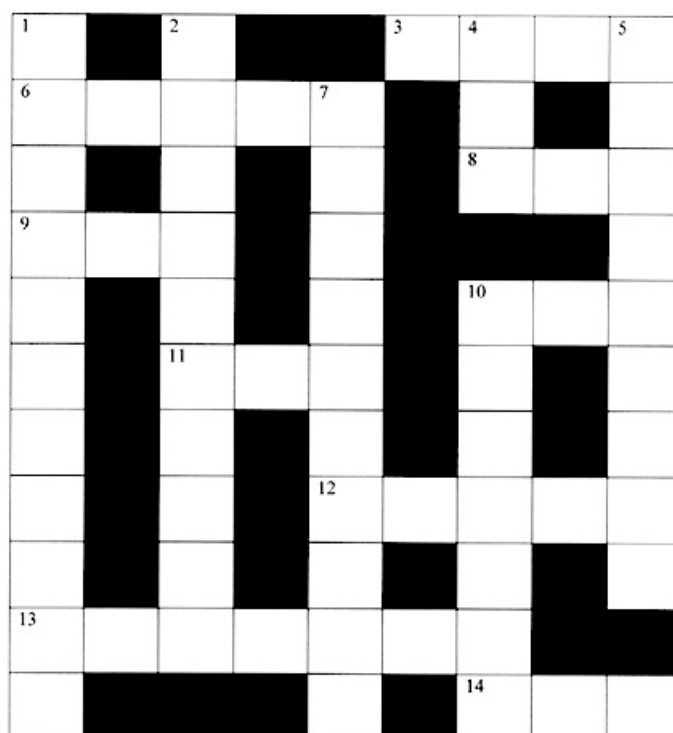
Vic Branch Christmas Crossword Clues

Across:

- 3. Tradesman has fruit and drops three at end of last month (4).
- 6. Beginning of vacation began prostrate but was prickly (5).
- 8. Rummy drink (3).
- 9. Keeps you alive in hospital, but why? (3)
- 10. Secret of something circular with the ending that you can eat (3).
- 11. Contains feline. (3)
- 12. Canned and confused, but without the middle one may lead us on a merry one (5).
- 13. In Paris, fuel for the heart of the matter (7).
- 14. Rainbow's edge (3).

Down:

- 1. Traditionally white, but not where people walk with their heads downwards! (11)
- 2. A person used without consideration for the gratification of another results from items added after the start of the game is called (10).
- 4. Record that burns (3).
- 5. Chopped up football club (9).
- 7. We say second person will rent identity in the end of MCG (10).
- 10. This reindeer hastened in trotter (7).



ANZSI group in SA enjoyed the last of 2013

Once again the ANZSI group in South Australia wrapped up the year at their favourite venue in Adelaide. Jane Oliver, Janet Wilkinson, Adele Walker, Margaret McDonnell and Silvia Muscardin met at The Apothecary on 29 November for drinks and nibbles. This is always an excellent occasion to catch up both professionally and socially.



A social dinner in August had achieved lower than expected attendance, but we plan to repeat this event next year.

We talked about our experiences of the past year: about migrating metadata in spread sheet form to dedicated library software, with a methodology that was considered innovative; about zoo librarians being co-opted as historians; and of the trepidation of indexing a book for the first time and the hard decisions faced in the process. We also shared personal stories of working behind the bar of a pub and of family Christmases. All made more convivial by some glasses of good wine because, as Benjamin Franklin wrote on the menu of The Apothecary: 'Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy'.

Silvia Muscardin, SA Group Member

Victorian Branch

Margaret Findlay Commemorative Lecture

'Sleuthing Military History': Lynette Silver, OAM

Saturday 29 March, 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Seminar Room 1, State Library of Victoria Conference Centre

Access is via Entry 3, La Trobe Street

ANZSI members free, non-members \$10, afternoon tea included



Lynette Ramsay Silver is a renowned historian and author of several acclaimed books on Australian military history, and was official Historian to the Australian 8th Division Association from 1995 to 2002. She became the first civilian to receive a Defence Forces Commendation and Medal from Special Operations Command Australia, for her work during the 60th Anniversary of Operation Jaywick in 2003. In 2004 Lynette was awarded an OAM for her services to Sandakan veterans and their families. She has also received a Minister's Special Award for her research work from the Sabah Government in 2009, an unusual honour for a foreigner.

Besides researching and writing and indexing her books, Lynette is also known for her detective skills. She is an expert on fraudulent claims made about military service, and undertakes work in locating and identifying war graves.

Join us for this look into the extraordinary world of the military author.

RSVP ESSENTIAL: <bookindexing@gmail.com> or 0414 758 712

Branch events

Date and time	Organiser	Name of activity	Venue	Contact details
Wed 5 Feb 6.00 -7.45 pm	Vic Branch	The VIC: Indexing clinic, then President Glenda Browne	Old Op Shop, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kew	Details at < www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=344 >
Tues 25 Feb 6 for 7.00 pm	Qld Branch	General meeting: Susan Prior, Editor	2/63 Annerley Road Woolloongabba, Brisbane	Details at < www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=336 >
Tues 25 March 6 for 7.00 pm	Qld Branch	General meeting: Dr Susan Turner	2/63 Annerley Road Woolloongabba, Brisbane	Details at < www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=342 >
Fri 7 March 10.30 am	Vic Branch	Visit to Vic Public Records Office for Uhl Index to Criminal Trial Briefs	99 Shield St North Melbourne	Details at < www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=343 >

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