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From the President



April has been another busy month for ANZSI Council and branches, with new executive members in Queensland, and a search starting for a new *Newsletter* editor.

Newsletter editor

Please look at the ad for an editor elsewhere in this *Newsletter*, and if you think you have the skills and experience, consider applying. If you are unable or unwilling to take on a committee role, this is an excellent way to be involved with ANZSI, to get to know other ANZSI volunteers, and to keep up-to-date with indexing matters. If you think you could take on just part of the role, let us know that too.

Membership and IA subscriber numbers

On 31 March each year, members who had not renewed their subscriptions are deleted from the membership database. We now have 169 members, made up of 159 personal members, 5 corporate members, and 5 life members. This compares with 195 members at the same time last year. Some of the decrease is probably due to non-renewal by people who joined to get membership registration for the New Zealand conference.

All three of the larger indexing societies (SI, ASI, ANZSI) have seen some decline in membership figures over the last few years. The smaller, newer societies (DNI and NIN) are growing, but as they charge no fees their membership trends are not directly comparable. Links to our sister societies (with expansion of their acronyms) can be found at www.anzsi.org/site/indexing-soc.asp.

Thirty-one per cent of ANZSI life and general members have subscribed to Indexers Available (IA). The proportion varies by branch, from a low of 14 per cent to a high of 39 per cent.

Branches

Following the resignations of Moira Brown, Beryl Macdonald and Vicki Law, Jane Douglas is now President of ANZSI Queensland Branch, Franz Pinz has taken over as Secretary and Cate Seymour-Jones has taken on role of Treasurer. Thanks to continuing committee members, and to the new members who have quickly stepped up to fill the gaps. We look forward to working with Jane Douglas on Council.

Members of the Vic Branch will be catching up with the Hobart indexers next month, including a new Tasmanian member (who has timed her joining well).

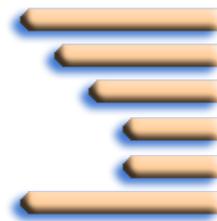
Recommended rate

Thanks to Nikki Davis for preparing a paper on the Recommended Rate for Indexing. This rate is revised by Council every two years, and the paper has gone to branches for discussion.

Archives

I briefly mentioned the ANZSI archives in the last Newsletter. Alan Eddy's report has now been considered by ANZSI Council, and we have approved the recommendations that copies of all records be added to the collection at State Library of Victoria, and that Council ask all branches to lodge a copy of their records with the library. As a first step, Alan will find out the procedures for lodgement of papers and electronic records, and the library's preferred frequency of submission.

Thank you also to life member Joyce Gillespie, who sent me a note about the work she and Jean Hagger had done with initial lodgement of the archives.



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ICRIS

The China Society of Indexers (CSI) has changed its name to China Index and Database Society (CIDS).

John Simkin memorial

Council agreed with a submission from Victoria Branch that a fitting memorial to John Simkin would be to name the ANZSI medal after him. We want to include John's name, and also clearly promote ANZSI and indexing. We have yet to decide on the exact wording, but it may be along the lines of 'John Simkin ANZSI Indexing Medal' (or it may end up being something completely different). If you have any ideas, please let your branch know (or if you have no branch, contact me).

National Learning and Teaching Resource Audit and Classification

I am on the reference group for the National Learning and Teaching Resource Audit and Classification project, commissioned by the Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT), and led by Phillip Hider from Charles Sturt University <www.olt.gov.au/project-national-learning-and-teaching-resource-audit-and-classification-2013>. The other indexer in the reference group is Anna Gifford, whom some of you will know from ANZSI conferences.

The project aims to improve access to the OLT's project resources through a review of the metadata currently provided (available at <www.olt.gov.au/resource-library>), and the development of a new schema, taxonomies and guides to support the use of the database.

The results from this systematic approach to the evaluation and creation of metadata should be of value for other web-based indexing projects.

Index mash-ups

There is an interesting discussion about the idea of using a flexible controlled vocabulary for consistency and inspiration in book indexing on the Indexer Network group on LinkedIn. The original paper is at <scribenet.com/blog/2014/02/27/indexing-across-titles/39>.

Pilar Wyman noted that the mash-up index of ASI/ITI books is growing as more titles are converted to e-book format. This index was created as a demo, and is a work in progress, but it's great to see the exploration happening: <<http://www.asindexing.org/publications/asi-books/>>.

'Tiberius with a telephone'

In my first weeks as ANZSI President I was on the phone to committee members a fair bit, and Jon said I was like 'Tiberius with a telephone'. This was a reference to Gough Whitlam's comment in 1971 that McMahon 'sat there on the Isle of Capri plotting [Gorton's] destruction—Tiberius with a telephone' <www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/cabinet/by-year/1971-events-issues.aspx>. (But I was plotting construction, not destruction, I should add).

In later months, the ANZSI website was my constant companion; credit to those who over the years have established and maintained the many documents that guide our decisions.

Now I feel that I am Emmeline of the emails. Or, perhaps, more like Bartholomew Cubbins, as for every email I deal with, two more arrive. In *The five hundred hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*, by Dr Seuss, Bartholomew is unable to show his respect for the King by removing his hat, as every time he removes one, another appears, <en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_500_Hats_of_Bartholomew_Cubbins>. At least the punishment for a growing inbox is not having your head cut off.

Margaret Findlay Commemorative Lecture

During March, Victoria Branch was pleased to host a commemorative lecture in honour of Margaret Findlay, who gave so much to our branch over a period of many years. Members and visitors, including Margaret's husband Kevin Hughes, gathered at the State Library of Victoria's Conference Centre for our guest speaker Lynette Silver's talk entitled 'Sleuthing military history'.

Some years ago, Lynette's mother suggested to her that she would be the best person in the family to compile the family tree. Little did she realise that this would lead her down the path to becoming the 'history detective' that she is today, as one branch of her family tree found her researching Australia's worst tragedy of World War II—the Japanese prisoner-of-war camp at Sandakan in Borneo. Of the 2434 Allied soldiers incarcerated, 1787 were Australian—only six, who managed to escape, survived.



Lynette Silver

Lynette, who has since visited Borneo many times, is now a recognised authority on this period of history, publishing a number of books,, of which she has indexed all but one. Military authors commonly index their own books because, as Lynette explained, of the in-depth subject knowledge required. She cited one example where an indexer had mistakenly read 'LC' as 'Lance Corporal' instead of 'Lieutenant Colonel'. Unfortunately the demotion in rank was applied to Weary Dunlop!

A wonderfully engaging speaker, Lynette's accounts of her experiences had us firmly gripped. One poignant story was of digging up numerous buckles neatly planted in the ground by Australian soldiers, who undoubtedly would have been aware of their impending and awful fate. Lynette described the emotion of finding a little metal object covered in dirt—one big spit onto it revealed it to be a soldier's button, distinctively detailed with a map of Australia.

Another extraordinary experience for Lynette was being introduced in 2009 to Arthur 'Rex' Crane, National President of the Ex-POW Association. This would be the bogus veteran's undoing after almost 50 years of claiming hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of veterans' pensions, to which he was not entitled. Lynette's years of research in her area means that she is very familiar with names. Unfortunately for Crane, who would receive a prison sentence, she didn't recognise his.

More about Lynette and her work can be found at <lynettesilver.com>

Nikki Davis

Seeking a new ANZSI Newsletter Editor

Are you the one? We are looking for an ANZSI member to become our new *Newsletter* editor. While we have temporary stand-ins at the moment, ANZSI needs the stability of a dedicated editor for our *Newsletter*.

This is a volunteer position. We are open to the possibility of you sharing it with a second editor to reduce the workload (for example, one to gather content and do the copy-editing, and the other to do the layout and production).

If you have some experience as an editor, you could be who we're looking for! By taking this on you would support ANZSI, gain professional experience, build your resumé, and earn our undying gratitude! Learn about EPUB creation and interactive PDFs, and dip your toe into the world of e-books. Broaden your professional network, and get your finger on the pulse of indexing in Australia.

What we're looking for

You need to:

- have experience as an editor
- be a good communicator, especially via email
- be organised, be able to track contributions and meet deadlines
- have an up-to-date version of Word (ideally 2010 or later), know how to use templates, styles, and to do basic layout

Nice but not essential

- knowledge of image file formats and processing. Ability to process photos for the newsletter (using Photoshop, Pixelmator, or a similar program)
- knowledge of and access to Adobe Acrobat Pro, along with the ability to add active email and web links to PDFs. Knowledge of file compression for PDFs
- ability to output to EPUB from Word
- experience with or willingness to learn how to use online mailing services (MailChimp in particular)

What to expect

Your tasks each month will be to:

- contact regular contributors to remind them of the newsletter deadline
- collect, select and edit submissions
- discuss the newsletter contents with the Newsletter Coordinator
- do the final layout in Word using a template that has been provided to you
- liaise with the Newsletter Coordinator for proofreading

All up this generally takes about 5–7 hours each issue.

After these steps, the newsletter is converted to PDF, active links are added in Acrobat Pro, and the newsletter is uploaded (by the web manager) to the ANZSI website. An email is then sent to all subscribers advising them of the upload. This production phase is currently carried out by the Newsletter Coordinator. Some of these steps could be taken over by the new Editor, but they can also remain with the Newsletter Coordinator.

If you have any questions about the role, and to apply, please email Newsletter Coordinator Denise Sutherland <denise@sutherland-studios.com.au> or Glenda Browne <glendabrowne@gmail.com> by 16 May 2014.

Etcetera

Say goodbye to the printed page?



Twelve months ago, publishing analysts seemed to be in agreement that we were rushing inevitably towards a world where print books would be an anachronism. However, evidence is emerging that print isn't quite done yet.

Amazon's figures from January 2013 showed that e-book sales—largely fiction books—were up by 70 per cent on 2012 figures, while sales of print books grew by only 5 per cent in the same period (Milliot, J., 'Amazon: e-book sales soared, print crawled', *Publishers Weekly*, 29 January 2014). However, more recent figures from the Association of American Publishers have revealed marked changes since then. Hardcover books have shown the greatest

greatest gains—up 10 per cent over first eight months of 2013 (hardcover sales jumped 50 per cent in August 2013 compared to August 2012). During the same period, growth in e-book sales fell to just 4.8 per cent (Greenfield, J., 'Hardcover sales growth outpacing Ebooks in 2013,' *Forbes*, 19 November 2013).

There is disagreement about what these figures mean, but a January 2014 survey by the Pew Research Centre concluded that print remains the foundation of American reading habits. With only 4 per cent of those surveyed identifying as 'e-book only', the Pew study argues that e-books are frequently purchased as an add-on by people already reading the print version (Albanese, A., 'Pew: e-reading surges, but print is hanging on,' *Publishers Weekly*, 16 January 2014). In Australia, e-book sales currently account for 20 per cent of the market, but overall book sales are in decline, no doubt because so many Australians purchase online from overseas booksellers (Summers, A., 'Fifty shades of bookselling,' *Anne Summers Reports*, 14 April 2014, p. 38).

Some former print mainstays such as Britannica's *Encyclopaedia* are no longer produced in print at all, but there are segments of the market proving resistant to making the shift to digital formats. Children's picture book publishing is one. Perhaps surprisingly, young adults, too, appear to prefer to consume their fiction in physical paperbacks (Brady, M., 'Why do young readers prefer print to ebooks?' *The Guardian*, 4 December 2013).

Another segment where print sales remain strong is academic texts. A recent study (Hawkins, D., 'Students and e-books,' *LibConf.com*, 9 April, 2014) found that even though students were heavy users of digital technology, 71 per cent of those surveyed preferred to read academic textbooks in print format. So long as the publishing industry continues to be willing to meet this demand, that has to be good news for indexers, many of whom work primarily on these kinds of texts.

No analyst doubts the publishing industry is undergoing seismic change but few are willing to predict what publishing will look like even in twelve months' time. The take-home message for everyone in the industry appears to be that we must stay abreast of changes and predicted changes, and boldly embrace the challenge of developing skills that will keep us relevant in the long term. But perhaps we shouldn't ring the death knell for print publishing quite yet.

Recommended reading: 'Fifty shades of bookselling,' a report on the Australian book industry by Anne Summers <www.annesummers.com.au/pdf/asr7/bookselling.pdf>.

Jane Douglas
Queensland

Quiet Achiever—Bernadette Vaughan

Who has been the greatest influence on your career?

I'm conscious that a number of people might suggest that I am not actually 'an indexer' in the sense that I have not yet produced a back-of-book index for commercial purposes, that is to say, delivered a 'finished product' with a distinct start and end, so to speak. As I see it, however, indexing skills underpin so many other tasks required of us in different information management contexts, so I very much value having undertaken the ANZSI training courses.

I have worked for several years in the broader information management industry, and in each of my roles, I've found my ongoing ANZSI (and before it, AusSI) membership to be enormously beneficial. Why? It's the way it helps 'hone the mind' to consider and analyse possible solutions appropriate to a particular information management challenge. That may be creating or modifying a thesaurus, designing an overarching taxonomy for a web-based directory, input into a Records Authority, devising a corporate classification scheme for in-house documents, or populating search engines and so forth. There are many contexts in the information management landscape which benefit from an indexing perspective!

In terms of influencing my career, well, I had to think a lot about this question as many subtle instances came to mind. One thought that I do remember clearly, is my first placement in a library where the librarian-in-charge said (in reference to selecting subject headings for a catalogue record), 'Whatever you choose has to make sense to the user, and if the heading doesn't exist in the list already, then consider creating it'. Of course, that ideal of putting the other person first is relevant to all professions and all walks of life, but the aspect worth remembering in her advice to me is making sure the language we choose in our varied indexing tasks is relevant—meaningful, and expressed as simply as can be.



How did you come to an indexing career?

I gained qualifications as a primary teacher and as a librarian, and worked initially in the education system for more than 11 years, both as a classroom teacher and teacher-librarian. I then side-stepped into corporate libraries, which included working for a global food manufacturer, a statutory authority of the Australian government focused on urban development and social infrastructure, and also a global engineering consultancy. When I side-stepped again out of corporate libraries, it was into the broader information management field where my responsibilities and tasks diversified to include search engine population for web-based directories and products, content mapping for web-based feeds, designing taxonomies for web-based products, creating metadata schemas and taxonomy structures for client's digital image collections, sentencing electronic records by applying a Records Authority and Business Classification Scheme, controlled vocabularies, and reviewing filter options for SharePoint. I was also a participatory voice in intranet reviews, product development, and customer surveys.

What do you see as your greatest achievement?

I really don't have a 'greatest achievement—sorry!

What has been your biggest challenge?

In terms of work-related challenges, I'm finding my current role as Manager of what's deemed a 'Knowledge Management Team' very uphill—I'm hands-on for all library operations, plus responsible strategically across records management, web publishing issues and library services, as well as involved in enterprise-wide content management projects such as the intranet review and re-development. It's not the subject matter that's difficult, but spreading myself across the three very active capability areas of the team, and the project work as well as the business-as-usual tasks. Better resourcing would make it all so much more manageable (and I hear you all say 'and for us, too!').

How do you try to achieve work-life balance?

Not very good at this at all. With the exception of one relatively short-term role that lasted less than two years (and which was a breath of fresh air), I can't recall a job where I've thought there was a realistic work-life balance, so it's obviously an area in which I need much remediation.

What do you like most about your work? What do you like least?

I enjoy filling the 'stop gap' and connecting people with that 'little chunk of info' required, for example delivering that obscure bit of information such as a German article request translated into English that's been fulfilled from the other side of the world, or having the marketing department happy with the arrangement and labelling of its corporate digital image collection, or the IT Manager deciding that 'the

indexer' (or whatever job name is linked to your role) is worthy of being introduced to visitors of the organisation—that is, it came as a pleasant surprise!

In many workplaces, the least liked aspect of my work has been struggling to convince an immediate manager of the benefits in satisfying the face-to-face customer request (or today it's more likely to be an email-to-email workflow from the invisible customer or product stakeholder); that is, a boss often knows nothing about our discipline, and probably got reluctantly landed with the reporting line, anyway. It is so difficult to relay the depth of detail required when managing or re-working content to make it appropriate for a particular context and user group, whether that be a library service, a commercial product, drafting a classification scheme, or writing a knowledge management strategy—there is never enough time to do the job properly. Senior staff (the resourcing decision-makers) are not usually direct users of our services or skills, so it's the age-old argument of 'if you short-cut the details, you undercut the quality' over and over again (but trying not to whinge). A steely yet polite diplomacy is a skill worth cultivating! Another negative aspect is sore neck and shoulders, tired eyes and painful hands from long stints sitting at a computer (especially now that some 'enlightened' people argue we should only work from screen-based information and save paper, even when working from multiple documents).

What advice would you offer to indexers just starting out?

Avoid being hung-up or focused solely on your original area of subject matter expertise. Engage in any opportunity to hear or read about how other practitioners and other industries go about identifying, defining and arranging their own information assets. Some of the most enjoyable presentations I've attended have been focused on topics way outside my areas of subject expertise!

If you could dine with a famous historical figure, who would it be?

I'm thinking here of a political figure who will surely go down in history as a standout figure of the twentieth century—Nelson Mandela. On 8 September 2000 I was lucky enough to have bought a ticket to attend a special Melbourne Press Club (MPC) event at the Melbourne Convention Centre, where Nelson Mandela was interviewed by Neil Mitchell, the MPC President at that time.

The room was dimmed and black sheeting was hung around all the walls, apparently because his eyes found the bright lights painful (having been confined to prison for so many years). There was no announcement that he had arrived at the venue, but suddenly the large, chatting crowd spontaneously hushed and stood up as he entered the far corner of the room, standing for several minutes as he very feebly and very slowly made his way across the room to mount the stage steps. We were so used to seeing his strong face on the television screens, that it was such a stark contrast to see how frail and small he really was. People remained hushed because they were in awe of him, and it was very emotional, an atmosphere I will remember as very special for many years to come. When he spoke, it was with a complete absence of bitterness, and so very humbling.

If you were a letter of the alphabet, which letter would you be and why?

My thoughts are still with Mandela, so I'll stay with 'M' for what he is—'memorable' (stately, but utterly humble). From an indexing perspective, 'maintenance' (web-based indexing work is never 'launch and leave' but re-visiting, reviewing and re-working), 'marking' (as in marking up content to identify key terminology and the relationships between terms), 'mediation' (the connective link for reconciling how the content is sorted and labelled for access), and 'moulding' (shaping content into the required structure for easy retrieval).

Crowd indexing

Crowd indexing via the cloud is not new in genealogical circles, but *The Times Literary Supplement* (TLS) has managed to catch up with the phenomenon recently, without mentioning indexing at all. The issue of 17 January 2014 reports the following on page 3:

The National Archives hold about 1.5 million pages of “unit war diaries” from the First World War. This week Operation War Diary, a project in association with the Imperial War Museum and a “crowdsourcing” online platform, Zooniverse, has been launched, to digitize the material and make it available to researchers. The involvement of Zooniverse is aimed at using “citizen historians” to find and tag references to named individuals (of whom there are thought to be around half a million) in the diaries. This will apply techniques previously used in “citizen science” projects in fields such as astronomy, climatology and medical research.

I've looked up the project online, and there is more than just soldiers' names that are to be tagged, obviously the unit number and other locators, but also the weather, the tactics, special events, food and hygiene matters mentioned.

It would be a wonderful job or job-share, that I estimate would take at least two person-years full-time (based on having done an index of about half the size myself.) Obviously, doing it this way instead is much cheaper, and of course, very well-timed with the centenary (four years of it, alas), though possibly the output/input will be harder to control and less consistent, but full-time at this sort of work is not really recommended by me! It will be interesting to see the uptake of “citizen historians”: not “citizen taggers” I note, though the verb is used online. But to call them “historians” is to distort and dilute meaning as generally understood, I feel we would all agree. At least, TLS does put these coinages in quotation marks.

I will have to wait for my next batch of second-hand magazines to see if any of their correspondents wants to ask what happened to the concept of an indexer. At the project site, it is definitely indexes that are being compiled which will be of use to researchers, but it is silent on the matter of who are the indexers. Why? Is our term too Latinate or ivory-tower?

*Julie Daymond-King
President, NZ branch*

The Indexer

The June 2014 edition of *The Indexer* is available now on Ingenta <goo.gl/filhje>. Subscribers can contact *The Indexer* team to get access to their online content at <www.theindexer.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=95&Itemid=60>

Included in this issue:

- ‘Indexing organizations’—Jean Dartnall
- ‘Text editing across cultures in a multilingual society: South African English as a case study’—John David Linnegar
- ‘Indexing as preadaptive advance: a socio-evolutionary perspective’—Alberto Cevolini
- ‘CSI Conference, Shanghai 2–4 November 2013’—Guo Lifang and Fu Anna
- ‘Highlighting text in PDF files with AutoRedact’—Jon Jermey
- ‘Adobe InDesign CC’—Jan Rayment
- ‘The Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland’—Nick Reddan
- ‘Tears, drama and meeting minutes: an indexing experience’—Kate Faulkner
- John Simkin (obituary)—Michael J Ramsden, Rosemary Nancarrow and Alan Walker

Nic Nicholas

USDA indexing course closes

Scott Smiley sent a message to Index-L (25 April 2014) informing readers that the Graduate School USA has decided to discontinue its Basic Indexing course. The course, first through the USDA (US Department of Agriculture) and more recently through the Graduate School, has been training indexers for about 35 years. Information about the history of the course can be found in an article by Shirley Manley and Norma Harwood in *The Indexer*, [Vol 20, No. 4, October 1997](#).

Glenda Browne



Queensland Branch

Treasurer

Vicki Law has regretfully tendered her resignation from the position of Queensland Branch Treasurer. The Queensland Branch would like to extend its sincere thanks for Vicki's help in competently managing branch finances over the past nine months. Cate Seymour-Jones has kindly volunteered to take up the Treasurer's position in Vicki's place. The Queensland Branch Committee is grateful to Cate for her support and looks forward to working with her in the future.

Sixth birthday dinner

Left to right: Moira Brown, Cate Seymour-Jones, Franz Pinz, Jane Douglas (President)

ANZSI social media sites

ANZSI has an official presence on Facebook and Twitter. There is a small number of posts on each and a small number of followers. If you would like to spread the word about indexing and ANZSI, these are easy ways to get involved.

Our Twitter home page is at <twitter.com/ANZSI_indexers> and our hash tag is @ANZSI_indexers. We are followed by 83 people including other societies (SI, ASI, ASTC), individual indexers, librarians, and people from the publishing industry.

Our Facebook Page is at <www.facebook.com/ANZSocietyIndexers>. The Page has 86 'likes' (i.e. followers). Most posts are seen by between 10 and 150 people. The more a post gets liked, shared or commented on, the higher it will rank. That means the more of us who are active on the site, the more promotion ANZSI will get. If you are already on Facebook, it doesn't take much time to look at the Page and add comments on the posts that interest you. Followers of the site include editors, librarians and indexers.

On my personal indexing Page at least half of the 'likes' are from people I don't know. This means Facebook is a way of spreading ideas beyond our usual contacts. (I can't see the names of people who 'liked' the ANZSI page unless they comment on or 'like' individual posts.)

ANZSI doesn't have a formal presence on LinkedIn, although some ANZSI members are active there. LinkedIn hosts some groups about indexing (e.g. Indexers Network and the ASI Digital Trends Task Force) and many others focused on editing and publishing that are relevant to indexers.

Social media participation is not for everyone. I enjoy Facebook, find some interesting discussions on LinkedIn, and largely ignore Twitter (unless I have a course to promote). Your preferences might be different. Perhaps it's time to dip your toes in the water and see what bites.

Glenda Browne

ACT/NSW Regional Conference

From B to E: Beginning to Experience

Peppers Craigieburn, Bowral NSW
16–17 August 2014

Program

Saturday

- 12.00–1.00 Arrival and lunch
- 1.15–2.00 **Taxes, Accounting and Indexing**—Anna Farncomb (Treasurer, NSW Branch Committee)
- 2.00–2.45 **The Empty Chair: Succession Planning for Indexers**—Judith Cannon and Jenny Wood (AIATSIS, Canberra)
- 2.45–3.15 Afternoon tea
- 3.15–4.00 Evaluating Indexes for Accreditation: What the Assessors Are Saying—Sherrey Quinn (Chairperson, Accreditation Committee)
- 4.00–4.45 **Petting Zoo**—Moderated by Mary Coe (NSW Branch President). Bring all your tech toys—Kindles and other e-readers, notebooks, tablets, smartphones, interesting apps and software etc for an informal 'show and tell'. (Note, this does not include indexing software.)
- 6.30 for 7.00 Dinner at Montfort's Dining Room, Peppers Craigieburn

Sunday

- 10.00–11.00 **Indexing Sins!** A group discussion of indexes with problems. Delegates will be asked to forward examples of bad indexes (or parts thereof) and groups of four or five sitting at tables will analyse these. Hopefully this will appeal to all levels of expertise present to pool their thoughts. The moderator will call on each table to comment on each index shown on the screen.
- 11.00–11.15 Morning tea
- 11.00–12.00 **Council Q & A**—Glenda Browne will chair a panel of Council members. Information presented will include an update on the redevelopment of *Indexers Available* online and an overview of Council activities this year, with the opportunity for attendees to ask questions. Members who have attended recent overseas conferences will be invited to present their impressions.
- 12.00 Conference ends

Attendance at the conference is free to all ANZSI members.

Accommodation may be booked at Peppers Craigieburn. The single delegate rate is \$219 per night, including full breakfast. Rooms cost \$239 per night for couples, if you want to bring your partner, or for twin share, including full breakfast. **All bookings must be made and paid for directly with Peppers Craigieburn. Phone: 1 300 737 444.**

Please mention the conference rate when making your booking. Peppers Craigieburn has a variety of rooms—upstairs/downstairs, some with balconies—and some are larger than others. Rooms are allocated on a first-come basis, so if you book early you will get a greater choice of the accommodation available. Please note that Peppers Craigieburn has advised that they will hold rooms for delegate accommodation only until six weeks prior to the conference (i.e. 5 July). After that date, rooms will be released to the public.

For more information, go to their website at www.pepperscraigieburn.com.au.

Bowral also has a number of other accommodation options—B&Bs, holiday rentals, hotels etc. For more information, go to:

www.stayz.com.au/accommodation/nsw/southern-highlands/bowral

www.wotif.com/hotels/australia-nsw-bowral-hotels.html

[http://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Hotels-g528928-Bowral New South Wales-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Hotels-g528928-Bowral-New-South-Wales-Hotels.html)

Trains stop at Bowral from both Canberra and Sydney and arrangements can be made for pick up from the railway station.

The **Conference Dinner** will be held in Montfort's Dining Room at Peppers Craigieburn and costs \$60 per person for two courses.

If you would like to register your attendance at the conference and book for the dinner, or if you have any questions, including sharing car travel, please contact Madeleine Davis on 02 4787 5583, 0417 040 598 or madeleinedav@gmail.com.

Introductory book indexing course

ANZSI NSW will be running a two-day introductory book indexing course in the Sydney CBD on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July 2014.

Details are on the ANZSI website at www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=358.

Please contact Glenda Browne glendabrowne@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Events

- 9 May: **ACT Region Branch** Committee meeting
 - 20 May, 17 June, 12 August, 23 September: **NSW Branch** Committee meetings, by teleconference. Contact Mary Coe coe.mary@gmail.com
 - 29 May: **Council** meeting, by teleconference.
 - 18–19 July: **NSW Branch** Introductory Book Indexing Course, at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact Glenda Browne glendabrowne@gmail.com or (02) 47398199
 - 16–17 August : From B to E (Beginning to Experience): **ACT Region & NSW Branches** Regional Conference, at Craigieburn, Bowral, NSW. Contact Madeleine Davis madeleinedav@gmail.com
 - 2 October: **Council and NSW Branch** AGMs. Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. Contact Glenda Browne glendabrowne@gmail.com or Mary Coe coe.mary@gmail.com
 - 6–9 May 2015: Write | Edit | Index: a **national conference** for editors, indexers, and publishing professionals, Canberra.
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