From the President

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

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The new ANZSI Council is off to a good start! We met for the first time on 10 November 2015. We approved new position descriptions for several roles (Vice President, Group Coordinator, Education Officer), reviewed reports from the new Communications team, and agreed to investigate investment options for ANZSI funds. We also decided to pursue a reciprocal arrangement with the Society of Editors NSW Inc that could allow ANZSI members to attend the society's courses at their member rate and vice versa.

Similar arrangements already exist with other regional groups and their publishing colleagues, and we hope to continue to make more agreements such as this in the future that will benefit ANZSI members and broaden the reach of our events and courses.
Glenda Browne has taken on the role of Education Officer, which will involve liaising and assisting with groups regarding training events, maintaining a list of ANZSI-sponsored training events and trainers, and promoting ANZSI training generally. Glenda brings a wealth of educational experience to this role, and I think it is a great example of playing to our strengths in allocating volunteer effort. Glenda is also the convener of the Education Interest Group, which provides members with an informal means to discuss issues related to education in indexing.

Regional groups that have been formed since the ANZSI restructure include the Aotearoa/New Zealand Indexers, Canberra Region Indexers, Indexers SA, Melbourne Indexers, and NSW Indexers. Special interest groups include the Education Interest Group and Conference Ideas Group. You can read more about all of these groups and join any of them (there are no restrictions on group membership) through the Groups section of the ANZSI website. Regulations for forming new groups can also be found here. If you are interested in forming a group and would like to submit an application to Council, please contact the Group Coordinator, Daphne Lawless, for more information.

ANZSI Council’s meeting schedule for the next year is now available on the Events calendar on the website. Group meetings are also advertised on this calendar. After meeting on 8 December 2015, Council will be taking a break over the holidays and will meet again in February. Please feel free to contact us throughout the year with any concerns or suggestions that you would like us to include on our meeting agendas for discussion. If you would like to catch up on what Council has been doing, you can find our minutes and reports on the website at http://www.anzsi.org/member-area/official-documents/council-minutes-and-reports/.

As we bring 2015 to a close, I will be pausing to reflect on how much we have accomplished over the past year – an organisational restructure, a new website, the formation of new groups, and much more. I look forward to jumping back into ANZSI work again in 2016 with renewed energy after the break.

Warm wishes to all ANZSI members and their families for a joyous and peaceful holiday season!

Mary Coe
ANZSI President

ANZSI Council Profile – Daphne Lawless

My training consisted of reading through Nancy Mulvany and Do Mi Stauber a couple of times before being given my first indexing task for production in two weeks, I’m not sure how I survived my baptism of fire - but I did.

With a PhD in English Literature and a strong interest in writing electronic progressive-pop music, in 2008 I was staring down the barrel of long-term unemployment. However, I was fortunate to be hired by an Auckland book production firm as a digital typesetter; and even more fortunate that a far-sighted boss decided I could be trained as an in-house indexer.
Indexing appeals to my strong general knowledge and my interest in teasing out the logic of a text, as well as allowing me to read a vast number of very interesting books free of charge.

When my employers went out of business in 2011, I bought my work computer and took as many old clients with me as I could. Over the next couple of years, I added a Post-Graduate Diploma in Translation Studies to my repertoire, and my METATEXT brand now offers indexing, translation and copyediting services, on-time and on budget, to clients in New Zealand, Australasia, Europe, North America and India.

I was very honoured and flattered to be suggested by my colleagues as this year’s Vice-President of the ANZSI Council, and I hope I don’t mess it up.

I live in Auckland, New Zealand with my wife and cat, and play soccer and Gaelic football on the weekends.

I am also the convener of ANZSI Group – Aotearoa New Zealand Indexers.

(http://www.daphnelawless.com)

Daphne Lawless
ANZSI Vice President

IDPF against terrorism

The recent attacks in Paris took the lives of at least two people from the French publishing industry. We feel this deeply, as ANZSI members are connected through personal and organisational ties with indexers and others in the publishing industry around the world. We condemn this and all other attacks against peace in all societies.

ANZSI was a member for two years of the International Digital Publishing Forum (IDPF), and participated in its EPUB Indexes Working Group. IDPF is a wonderful example of international cooperation and cohesion, and has many French members. We back the message by George Kerscher that has been posted on the IDPF website (http://idpf.org) and is reprinted below (with permission).

Mary Coe
ANZSI President and

Glenda Browne
past member IDPF Indexes Working Group

“The IDPF condemns the outrageous and tragic attacks in Paris which have taken the lives of at
least two members of the French publishing industry. We stand in solidarity with our many friends, colleagues and members in France. Access to information and knowledge is the single most powerful tool available to promote world peace. IDPF supports this wholeheartedly through its mission to increase access to information and content on a global basis by fostering open standards. We can not and will not let terrorism prevent the advancement of global knowledge, peace and prosperity so we will continue to promote these ends as one element of the fight against barbarism. The IDPF grieves for all the victims and we extend our sincere condolences to their families.”

George Kerscher
President, International Digital Publishing Forum; Secretary General, DAISY Consortium

Quick look at legal indexing

When I index law books I compare my index with previous editions. Sometimes I learn from the wording and structure other indexers have used. At other times I am appalled by the lack of indexing sensitivity that has been applied.

I often notice that law book indexes miss out in two areas: they don’t check for consistency in double entries, and they fail to add alternative entry points (double entries or cross references).

In legal indexes this is often extreme. I expect it stems from the fact that legal textbooks are usually very well structured, and the law itself is very structured, so it is not always necessary to interpret the text as it would be in, say, a history. But that is not to say that no re-structuring is needed. And cross referencing is certainly crucial.

For example, a book on meeting procedure has no entries for ‘constitutions’ or ‘poll voting’; the user has to know to look under ‘company constitution’ and ‘voting’. In other cases, the content has to be sought under the broad category it belongs in. To find out about seconders, you have to look up both the subheading ‘proposers or seconders’ under the heading ‘motions and amendments’ and also the sub-subheading ‘movers or seconders’ under the subheading ‘amendments’ under the heading ‘motions and
amendments’.

A book on media law with over 700 pages has no entries at all for ‘t’. Where does one find out about television, then? The user has to skim the index and find the entries for ‘commercial television’, ‘digital television’, ‘subscription television’ etc.

Glenda Browne

Gallimaufry

Riddle dee dee

Following his popular appearance in May at the Write | Edit | Index conference, David Astle has been doing the rounds with his new book – *Riddledom: 101 riddles and their stories*.


Queen of commas

Another author recently featured on Conversations was Mary Norris, *The New Yorker*’s renowned copy editor – http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2015/12/03/4365059.htm.

Twist on a typeface

For something completely different – have a look at (and listen to) a clever spoof video *Neutra Face* – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHCu28bfxSI. See graphic designers in a whole new light!

Vale Kerry Webb

In November *The Canberra Times* announced the death of Kerry Webb, former ACT Government Web architect and Director of Systems for the National Library of Australia.

Kerry was central to getting the Australian Government on the web in the mid 1990s. He was a member of the informal ‘Internet Conspiracy’ of government, academic and industry people who helped formulate Australian Internet policy. His vision is set out in *Provision of Australian Government Information on the Internet* (1996). Kerry was a regular contributor to the ‘Internet Reality Check’, held in Canberra during the middle to late 1990s, with Tony Barry and Eric Wainwright.

A contributor to his profession, Kerry wrote the ’Webb’s web’ column in the Australian Library and Information Association magazine *Incite* from January 2005 to December 2012. Also he co-authored with Christine Frey (Goodacre) *Microcomputers in Australian libraries* (ALIA, 1991) and
Automating a small library (ALIA, 1992). The NLA also has the sound recording by Kerry Web based tools for libraries (2008).

(This tribute reproduced with permission – Tom Worthington, Net Traveller blog, http://blog.tomw.net.au/)

Kerry Webb brought his online talents to ANZSI as a judge of the Web Indexing Prize in the late 1990s.

Gallimaufry?!

“A confused jumble or medley of things”

Elisabeth Thomas

Amusements

Join the colouring-in trend...

go on...

you know you want to...
ANZSI events

Wednesday 2 December

Melbourne Indexers: Index surprise packages
6:00 - 7:30 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, 1 Pakington St, Kew, VIC 3101
Indexing Clinic – free indexing advice then discussion. Dinner afterwards.
For full details, see the ANZSI events webpage.

Monday 7 December

NSW Indexers: End of year dinner
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Upstairs bar at the Madison Hotel, 52 Devonshire St, Surry Hills, close to Central Station.
The group will be getting together for an informal dinner to network and share ideas, and maybe experiment with (voluntary) 5 minute 'lightning talks' in which we each talk briefly on some indexing-related topic - practical, funny, unusual - anything goes.
It’s not essential to RSVP, but if you may be coming, it will be helpful if you email Glenda. I can then send you a mobile phone number for contact on the night if required.
For full details, see the ANZSI events webpage.

Tuesday 8 December

National: Council meeting
6:30 – 8:30 pm, held via teleconference

Sunday 13 December

Canberra Region Indexers: Christmas brunch
10:00 – 11:30am, Oaks Brasserie, next to Yarralumla Nursery
The Canberra Region indexers welcome all ANZSI members, whether in our group or not, and associated hangers on (partners, children, and leashed puppies welcome) to our Christmas brunch.
For full details, see the ANZSI events webpage.

Wednesday 3 February

Melbourne Indexers: Indexing the ANZSI Newsletters
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, 1 Pakington St, Kew, VIC 3101
How do you tackle a task like indexing all the AusSI/ANZSI Newsletters? Following on from the large project to index the full back run of the Newsletters, there are still some gaps. We are going to try group indexing sessions to attempt to index the missing years. How will this work? After initial guidance, we
will start with the first ever *AusSI Newsletter* and work our way forwards.
BYO laptop with indexing software, if possible, and join in the group effort.
For full details, see the ANZSI events webpage.

**Tuesday 9 February**

**National: Council meeting**

6:30 – 8:30 pm, held via teleconference
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Christmas crossword

A holiday distraction. The solution will appear in the next *Newsletter*. 

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If you enjoyed Denise’s crossword, have a look at https://itunes.apple.com/au/developer/denise-sutherland/id568724648.

Denise and her husband Ralph have just developed their latest app – Wordburger – for David Astle.
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ANZSI Council

President: **Mary Coe**
Vice-President: **Daphne Lawless**
Secretary: **Kerry Anderson**
Treasurer: **Michael Wyatt**
Council members: **Shirley Campbell, Terri Mackenzie** and **Elisabeth Thomas**

Branch and regional contacts

Branch and regional contacts for ANZSI Inc. are being restructured, with the dissolution of branches and their replacement by informal regional and special interest groups. Branches and their presidents no longer officially exist.

Please consult the **ANZSI website** for details of new regional and interest groups.

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