Records of the South Australian Museum
Cumulative Index Volumes 1–27, 1918–1994

Susan Rintoul, AusSI, SA Group

The Cumulative Index for the 'Records of the South Australian Museum', which covers the first 27 volumes, has just been published. It took six years to achieve: the work began as the 'Records' reached their 75th year of publication.

Background
The South Australian Museum began in 1856 as part of the South Australian Institute (containing also the Library and, later, the Art Gallery) at the urging of the Adelaide Philosophical Society. The 'Records of the South Australian Museum' includes original work based on material collected mainly in South Australia and the collections of natural history and anthropological items held by the South Australian Museum since 1918.

The project
The compilation of the cumulative index was initially undertaken by the late Stanley J Edmonds (1909–1995), Honorary Curator of (Lower) Marine Invertebrates, who worked on it part time. At the time of his death he had completed the bulk of the subject index, a remarkable achievement for a man of eighty-six years. Soon after, our small business, Indexers, Professional (a division of Seaview Press) was asked by Jennifer Thurmer, Publications Manager at the Museum, to assist with the Index.

It seems hard to believe in the year 2001, but when we began our task, the first job was to transfer the information from cards handwritten by Stan Edmonds. After that came the laborious job of checking the accuracy of the keying, followed by the various indexing tasks of deciding on preferred subject entries, creating duplicate entries, cross-references and so on.

At all times it was a team effort. The three of us, Bill Phippard, Miranda Roccisano, and myself, worked with each other and with Museum staff. The job could not be done consecutively. For at least five years, drafts passed backwards and forwards between us. We would work on it intensively and then send a draft to Jenni Thurmer for further checking and rechecking. Some of the drafts were better travelled than we were as they winged their way after curators who happened to be overseas.

I understand every entry in the Index was verified. Jennifer herself did an enormous amount of detailed, meticulous work on the Index, and was really the backbone of the work.

All current curators, or collection managers, read at least one draft version to check their areas of expertise, with the result that there were inconsistent expansions of topics which nevertheless were relevant to the various disciplines. The Museum staff made decisions on the level of detail and subdivision of the subjects covered.

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Australian Society of Indexers, Victorian Branch, presents a three-day The Back of Book Indexing course — see details on page 69.

UNSW Indexing

Workshops

Indexing Technical Material
This course is a two-day course similar in content, and outline to the Introduction to Book Indexing course but designed for those who are producing technical documentation, manuals and technical reports. Dates in 2001 to be scheduled.

Indexing and storing
images and multimedia
This workshop consists of three sections, each of which is a half day. There is a twenty per cent discount for persons enrolling in two of these sections; enrolment in all three sections brings a discount of thirty per cent. The course includes indexing photographs, indexing moving images, and indexing CD-ROMS. Dates in 2001 to be announced.

Synonyms and taxonomies:
thesaurus design for
information architects
Data smog? The solution is to standardise the vocabulary, and to develop a taxonomy structure for navigating the system, categorising in a logical manner all the information the organisation chooses to track so that it can be reliably accessed by anyone in the organisation. This is a one-day workshop in specially thesaurus construction. The theory behind thesaurus construction will be examined and a large practical component will also be included. During the workshop, time will be set aside for demonstration of computer software packages for thesaurus construction. Date 14 September. Cost $225. Go to http://cpd.sisrt.unsw.edu.au/ to register expressions of interest, for more information, or to download registration forms.

American Society of Indexers
34th Annual Conference
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The American Society of Indexers is a national membership organization promoting excellence in indexing. Our technological society confronts us with chaotic and unorganized information. Professional indexers use creative intellectual analysis to provide efficient tools — indexes in many shapes and forms — to allow seekers to access this information and turn it into knowledge.

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ASI is looking for topics of interest to indexers and information specialists of all kinds and levels of expertise, from beginners to veterans. In addition, this year ASI will be offering an editorial track, aimed at both indexers and editors, in order to further our appreciation and understanding of each other’s work.

The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2001. For additional information about possible topics, what to include in your proposal, and publication of conference proceedings, check our website at http://www.asindexing.org and click on ‘annual meetings’, or contact Kate Mertes, VP/PE of ASI email kmertes@hotmail.com

Launch of Subject Index to South Australian Legislation
SA law librarians have long bemoaned the lack of a subject index to our legislation. Some eighteen months ago a group of hardy souls decided to apply for a Law Foundation of South Australia grant to enable us to create such an index.

Somewhat to our surprise, I recall, we were successful in obtaining a grant and we began on the project in June 2000. As you can imagine there was an amazing amount of work involved but the ALLG (SA Division) is now delighted to announce that the Index is complete and is available to the public at www.slsa.sa.gov.au/legislation/index.

We invite you to look at the Index and would appreciate any feedback you may have in terms of format or content. Please bear in mind, however, that all work on the Index is now being undertaken voluntarily by the members of the ALLG (SA Division). We are aware, for example, that subject access to subordinate legislation and private Acts is desirable but we had to look at what was reasonably achievable with the funding available and decided, therefore, to use it to employ an indexer to create the first draft of an index to SA public general Acts only. Finalising the Index, designing the website and various updating tasks were undertaken by the Project Team who will also now be responsible for quarterly updates.

As the Project Manager, I would like to take this opportunity to thank, in particular, the Project Team for their wonderful commitment and also to express our appreciation of the support provided by the Law Foundation of South Australia, David Grainger of SCALEplus, the State Library of South Australia and of course the membership of the ALLG (SA Division).

Elizabeth Ashley-Brown
Library Manager, Finlaysons
New members
We warmly welcome the following new members:
Ms Joanne Baines, WA
Ms Helen Hookey, ACT

News from the ACT Region Branch
'Mining the Archives' is the intriguing title for our next meeting, which will be held at the Friends Lounge of the National Library on Tuesday 4 September from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The 'archives' are the back issues of The Indexer, and several people will be discussing some of the many topics to be found in them. We hope there will be time for those who attend to have a look at the journals for themselves, and talk about what they find.

Edyth Binkowski
AusSI ACT Region Branch Committee

Australian Thesaurus of Education Descriptors
The Australian Thesaurus of Education Descriptors (ATED) is now freely available for online searching at the website of Cunningham Library, ACER. The second edition of the thesaurus was published in 1996 but a number of new terms have been added to the online edition recently and further new terms will be added on an ongoing basis.

You can access the thesaurus at http://www.acer.edu.au/library/index.htm. Please feel free to make web links to the thesaurus or pass on this message to other interested people.

Stuart Hughes
Librarian, Cunningham Library
Australian Council for Educational Research

ALIA 2002 Biennial Conference (Sydney)
Please mark these dates in your diary now and watch InCite for announcement of speakers. Note that the dates for this conference are earlier in the year than usual. The Conference will be held in Library & Information Week and this — combined with a Colloquium Research Library Futures: Strategies for action, hosted by the State Library of New South Wales — will ensure that the conference is the premier event to be staged by the profession in 2002.

Dates: 20 to 22 May 2002 Title: Powering our Future: Contribute to the Information Agenda. Venue: Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour Conference chairperson: Dagmar Schmidmaier

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email: fdriver@tourhosts.com.au

URLs
These URLs might be of interest:
- 'Librarians' Index to the Internet' at http://www.lii.org can be searched by all fields, subject, title, description, URL.
- The Library of Congress Online Catalog has a number of search methods and is particularly useful for name searches. It's at http://catalog.loc.gov.
- A surnames index 'Surnames — Sources of Surname Information', has collected some interesting links to Italian, Polish, German, Icelandic, Irish names, among others, with information on the origin of names, time lines, and so on. It's at http://digiserve.com/heritage/surnames.htm.

Seventh International ISKO Conference, Granada, Spain, 3-6 July 2002
'Challenges in Knowledge Representation and Organisation for the 21st Century: Integration of Knowledge across Boundaries'. Call for papers. Researchers and practitioners involved in knowledge representation and organisation are invited to submit abstracts between 500 and 1000 words by September 15 with ISKO in the subject line to Professor Maria J Lopez-Huertas email mlopez@ugr.es.

Treasurer
Penny Whitten has become the Honorary Treasurer of the Society, at the invitation of the National Executive, following the resignation of Susan White. Penny is also the Treasurer of the ACT Region Branch, and was a member of the organising committee for the successful Canberra conference earlier in the year. As Treasurer, Penny becomes a member of the National Executive, and we welcome her and look forward to working with her.

Alan Walker, President

Conference in 2003
The New South Wales Branch has accepted the National Committee's invitation to organise a conference of Indexers in 2003. A meeting of representatives of the affiliated societies (from UK, US, Canada, China and southern Africa) will be held during the conference, to revise the international agreement. We also expect to welcome other overseas visitors.

Members of the New South Wales Branch are invited to volunteer to join the organising committee for the conference, which is now being formed. We need people to work on all aspects of the conference, including venue, program, social arrangements and finance. If you are interested in contributing, please contact me as soon as possible.

Alan Walker, President
**Dates for your Diary**

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<td>ASI 34th Annual Conference deadlines for submissions. See website <a href="http://www.asindexing.org">www.asindexing.org</a> and click on 'annual meetings' or contact Kate Mertes at <a href="mailto:kmertes@hotmail.com">kmertes@hotmail.com</a>.</td>
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The Great AusSI Post-Conference Sale

If you missed the opportunity to purchase Society of Indexers (Great Britain) publications during the April ‘Partnerships in Knowledge’ Conference in Canberra, now is your chance to grab the last of this material at a special price. The following items are available from the Conference Committee until the end of November 2001. Stocks are limited, so be quick!

- **Anthology for the Millenium (1999)** - a collection of writings about the past, present and future of indexing at the turn of the year 2000. 66pp, 5 copies left, each $20.00.
- **Book Production and the Indexer (1999)** - an overview of all stages of the production process, setting the indexing in context. Includes a glossary of book production terms. 15pp, 3 copies left, each $8.00.
- **Breaking into Indexing (2000)** - practical advice on setting up a business, the equipment you will need, and how to find work. 23pp, 1 copy left, $8.00.
- **The Indexer**, vol 22 no 2, Oct 2000 - feature articles include indexing Scottish tartans; usability studies for indexes; e-book and e-indexes; the new field of reference science; and much more. 112pp, 2 copies left, each $8.00.
- **Indexing as a Career (2000)** - covers what sort of person makes a good indexer, training, qualifications, and setting up as an indexer. 15pp, 1 copy left, $8.00.

**Occasional Papers Series**

- **Indexing Legal Materials**, edited by Elizabeth M. Moys (1993) - Occasional Papers, no. 2. 86pp, 1 copy left, $8.00.
- **Indexing the Medical and Biological Sciences**, by Doreen Blake et al (1994) - Occasional Papers, no. 3. 61pp, 2 copies left, each $38.00.

**Unbound Information Leaflets**

- **Buying a Computer for Indexing (1999)** - reproduced with updates from Sidelights, covers hardware, software, and health and safety information. 7pp, 4 copies left, each $4.00.
- **Computer Networking for Indexers (1999)** - reproduced with updates from Sidelights, discusses how and why to set up a network under Windows (current to Windows 98). 5pp, 6 copies left, each $4.00.
- **Dealing with Late-paying Clients (2000)** - all you need to know about how to recover your money. The focus is on the British scene, but the principles still apply. 5pp, 6 copies left, each $4.00.
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Prices include postage and handling at Australian postal rates, which represent considerable savings in cost and time to receive your material. A complete list of Society of Indexers Publications is also available free of charge, on request.

To secure your publications, send a cheque in Australian dollars to the Australian Society of Indexers, c/ACT Region Branch, GPO Box 2069, Canberra ACT 2601. Please make cheques payable to Australian Society of Indexers.

EXTRA EXTRA - the Committee also have limited stocks of the Conference satchel for sale at a discounted rate of $9.00 each, payable as above. The satchels are made of sturdy unbleached calico, imprinted with the 'Partnerships in Knowledge' Conference logo. Short and long-handled satchels are available, please note your preference. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to own a piece of AusSI history (and they make great peg bags, too!)

The Back of Book Indexing course

Australian Society of Indexers, Victorian Branch, presents a three-day The Back of Book Indexing course with Max McMaster at ACER (Australian Council for Education Research), 19 Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, from 1 to 3 October. Please note change of dates from previous issue of the AusSI Newsletter.

This course assumes no prior knowledge of indexing and is appropriate for anyone within the library and information management professions who has to prepare indexes to books or reports, advises authors about Indexes or is just interested in what is involved in the indexing process.

An additional course with Max McMaster, a Half Day Journal Indexing Course, will also be presented at ACER on 12 November 2001. For further details, contact Max McMaster, Course Co-ordinator, phone/fax (03) 9500 8715 or email mindexer@interconnect.com.au.
ACT Branch Mid-Winter Dinner

Nothing beats the printed word

Jack Waterford of The Canberra Times

The AusSI ACT Branch held its annual mid-winter dinner on 10 July, enjoying an Indian banquet and an after-dinner speech by Jack Waterford, editor of *The Canberra Times*, the main newspaper for Canberra. We had asked him to continue the themes of the April conference keynote speakers, the future aspects of the knowledge and information industries.

Mr Waterford spoke off the cuff, saying that he felt we were living in the golden age of the information industry, with possibly another revolution still to come.

He described his days as a copyboy, thirty years ago, when his job was to tend the telex machines, put together related snippets of paper to make each separate story and assign them to the relevant journalists. Even then, he said, there was more material coming in from the outside presses, for example AAP, than could be used in any one edition of the newspaper. Journalists used to do their daily rounds, visiting contacts and finding out about the latest stories. Now all this information comes to the paper by many different means, including fax, email and the Internet.

He saw the photocopier and the fax machine as part of a revolution in publishing, since material that previously had to be transcribed could be copied so much more easily. Now, Mr Waterford says, the newspaper receives millions of words each day, from many more sources, including the Internet, and these have to be sorted, collated with related material, summarised and decisions made as to what small percentage will be used. Yet some readers are not satisfied with the amount of information in a paper, and will look for more detail. People, especially many in Canberra who are interested in academic or political topics, will read the newspaper, now two-and-a-half times larger than when he started; they also listen to current affairs radio programs and, in the evenings, watch TV current affairs.

For immediacy, nothing beats radio, although TV comes close, but for detail, analysis, criticism, nothing can beat the printed word. Already there is interaction between various media and the Internet, for example the ABC on-line current affairs forums, and he foresees the possibility of specialised Internet newspapers designed for specific customers who may want more information on some subject than the editor feels the general public will want.

Mr Waterford also mentioned classified advertisements, which have a local basis, and can inform people about what is available in houses for sale, jobs, second-hand goods and other items. The Internet can give you access to these things, but the information is not necessarily local. The classifieds pay for the cost of a newspaper — about $8.00 to produce the Saturday edition of the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

To summarise, Mr Waterford can see changes ahead, including in the ways of educating and training journalists, but is optimistic about the newspaper industry's abilities to deal with any problems.

Edyth Binkowski
AusSI ACT Branch Committee

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From the Editor

Our August issue is well overdue and my apologies if this causes anyone any inconvenience. I can only plead too many indexes and not enough hours in the week.

In this issue we present the first of the papers from the successful AusSICanberra Society of Editors joint conference in April 2001, beginning with our guests from the United States, Frances Lennie and Dave Ream. Edyth Binkowski has contributed a report on an after-dinner encounter with the editor of *The Canberra Times*, and Susan Rintoul starts us off with an account of her involvement in a mammoth five-year indexing project for the South Australian Museum.

There are AusSI-run indexing workshops on offer in Sydney and Melbourne and don’t forget the Great AusSI Post-Conference Sale!

All the best,
Frances Paterson
Indexes found on the Web come in a variety of shapes and sizes; some stand alone and some link to text. In this paper we explore the different approaches that indexers (and their commissioning clients) have taken to provide effective and innovative access to information.

We will primarily be looking at and discussing indexes that have been prepared for a traditional print product and subsequently (in some cases both text and index) mounted on web sites, and one index that is prepared exclusively for web display. (Note: this index was demonstrated in Canberra, but has recently been removed and is not included in the handout content below).

We will not be discussing the indexing of web sites which not only requires a different approach entirely, but also provides active linking to text at the time an entry is made and involves periodic checking to ensure the link remains active.

Some of the indexes that we will demonstrate link to documents on the same web site, but several are regularly updated cumulative indexes which precede the less frequently produced print version. For example, journal indexes can be updated monthly with a print index produced annually.

Logic would seem to insist that there should be little or no difference between print and web-mounted indexes in terms of:

- indexing standards (accuracy, appropriateness, organisational consistency, etc.)
- speed and ease of access, regardless of medium.

Substantial differences may lie, however, both in the manner in which the index is displayed between print and web-mounted indexes and also in the ease with which one moves from index to text in the following three scenarios:

- print index to print text
- web index to print text
- web index to web index.

For example, multi-volume works with a single index require an additional step (to locate the individual volume) in the print medium whereas the same web index linked to web text does not require the user to take that extra step.

Before looking at technical and presentation concerns when preparing indexes for web display, and subsequent demonstration and discussion of the indexes on the enclosed handout (text attached below), we offer a few thoughts for your consideration:

- Is the potential audience wider with a web index? If it is, should we be adopting different indexing strategies than we currently use for traditional print products?
- Is it now time for a renaissance of the much-maligned, and under-appreciated, introductory note to the index? Now that the user always

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It was decided, when and whether to use common and/or scientific names, and whether to include *en passant* allusions.

During the second stage we also had help from Brett O'Donnell, employed under the JobSkills programme to assist. Much of the process was supported by the diligent proofreading and useful suggestions of Neville Pledge, Wolfgang Zeidler, Philip Jones and Helen Tolcher. Other assistance from outside the Museum came from Leslie Warner of Central Queensland University, Ian Beveridge of University of Melbourne and Sylvie Pichelin of the University of Queensland, who checked the parasite entries. We also thank Debbie Churches for her patience and careful keying-in of the initial Author Index drafts.

**The Index**

The Index is in two parts: the Author Index; a numerical list of all papers arranged alphabetically by author, and providing the relevant volume, part number and page details; and the Subject Index; which refers the reader back to relevant papers by number. Where possible or necessary, subjects have been cross-indexed. This seems to apply mostly to anthropological subjects because of the numerous and broad categories they cover. Scientific species names are listed in italics, higher categories in roman script, fully capitalised only for Family level. No attempt has been made to update scientific nomenclature: names are entered as they were published, except in some very rare cases of demonstrable typographical errors.

The Key to the Author Index was:

- Note
- Obituary
- Review
- Abstract

**Publication**

Bill and I are partners in a small press called Seaview Press, and a few months ago Seaview also produced the Index for the Museum. It has come out initially in print, as an addition to the Records which are published twice a year. The Index has no volume number. The covers of other Records had been two-colour, a light maroon colour, with white printing. To make the Index stand out, the colours were reversed, but otherwise it was identical.

**Summary**

While we're glad it's all over, in some ways the Index had become a part of our office, a job that was always coming in or going out, or needing intensive work right now. I found it interesting that as I looked back at one or two indexing decisions (style only) that I had made six years earlier, I realised that my own preferences had shifted over the years. I changed one or two, and with one at least I decided to leave well enough alone. None were significant.

What stands out in this job is that I feel it is a useful one. Most of the copies have gone to libraries all around the world. I hope its users (nearly all scholars) will be delighted to do so, realising it may save them tedious unnecessary hours. If so, then that is our reward, and a good one.

I would like to commend the tenacity and patience of the other members of our team, Bill and Miranda. I will be entering the Index as a joint entry for the Indexers' Medal, this year, in recognition of this. As well, if we may be allowed a little parochialism, we felt a South Australian entry, undertaken for the South Australian Museum, might stand out in a field dominated (necessarily) by the east coast of Australia.

**Further information**

If you would like further information about the Index, please contact us at seaview@press.com.au or you can visit the South Australian Museum at http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au.

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**Wanted: new Webmaster for AusSI**

AusSI is looking for a new Webmaster to manage the site from January 2002. This currently consists of one main web and three subwebs, one of which (Indexers Available) is maintained by the Membership Secretary. It records about 700 visits a week. Maintaining the site requires about one hour's work a week with Microsoft FrontPage, plus about three hours once a month when putting up the newsletter. Some training can be provided by the current Webmaster, but applicants should be familiar with basic web design. Details of the Webmaster's duties can be found at http://www.aussi.org/administrations/webmasterguidelines.htm.

FrontPage can be supplied by AusSI to applicants who don't have their own copy. The position carries an annual honorarium of $300.
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starts at the beginning of the index (not the case in a print index), just think of the possibilities — perhaps a reminder at the start of each letter group!

And, finally, with the advent of e-books, particularly in the reference and textbook arena, we will probably see the development of a different kind of index: browseable yet layered, linked to the text and perhaps ‘back-linked’ from the text to like entries in the index.

The following web page contains a link from which the PowerPoint slides can be downloaded for a comparison of Print vs. Web Index display and creation criteria: http://www.levtechinc.com/ProdServ/Presentations.htm.

The text of the handout is shown in the box.

Frances S. Lennie is the owner of Indexing Research, Rochester, New York, USA (www.indexres.com).

David Ream is the senior consultant at Leverage Technologies, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, USA (www.levtechinc.com).

Web-mounted indexes

At the following locations you will find indexes prepared by CINDEX™ indexing software and ‘mounted’ for browsing. Some have been processed by HTMUPrep (indicated by *), developed and distributed by Leverage Technologies, Inc. (http://www.levtechinc.com/ — browse to Products and Services → LevTech Utilities → HTMUPrep).

Newspaper
The Darien News Review and The Darien Times

Local History Journal
Rochester History *
http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/~rochhist/index.html

Law
Labor Relations Reporter * (Index and Table of Cases)
http://www.bna.com/lrr/lrrindx.htm

Government Employee Relations Report * (Index and Table of Cases)
http://www.bna.com/current/ger/

Medicine
Psychosomatic Medicine
http://www.psychosomatic.org/journal_index200.html

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The Medal will be presented to the indexer responsible for the best index submitted, if it is of sufficient quality, and the publisher of the winning index will be presented with a certificate. The presentations will take place at a Society dinner.

To be eligible for the award, the index must be in print and must have been first published after 1998. It must have been compiled in Australia or New Zealand even though the text to which it refers may have originated elsewhere.

For the award, indexes are judged at the level of outstanding professional achievement, thus sufficient material is required, both in quality and quantity, for appraisal. The index should be substantial in size, the subject matter should be complex, and the language, form and structure of the index should demonstrate the indexer’s expertise, as well as serving the needs of the text and the reader.

Publishers, indexers and all interested persons are invited to nominate indexes which meet the above criteria, and which they regard as worthy of consideration. Indexers are encouraged to nominate their own works.

Please send recommendations, with bibliographic details, and if possible, together with a copy of the book/periodical (which will be returned), to: The Secretary, Australian Society of Indexers, PO Box 1251, Melbourne Vic 3000 as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 10 December 2001. For further information, please contact Jenny Restarick, telephone/fax 61 3 9528 2539 email jenny.restarick@enquiries.csiro.au.