

# Melbourne Indexers Bulletin

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## MI activities update

### April Meeting of Melbourne Indexers

Max and Hugh McMaster gave a fascinating presentation on accessing archived journal content directing from the index. Details of the project and their tips will appear in a future issue of the Bulletin.

### Melbourne Indexers 2016/2017

After a trial for a year Melbourne Indexers will continue with only one minor change. We will now meet bimonthly. The monthly newsletters will continue. After two meetings in May, we meet again in August at our usual location. Details of events in this issue.

### Indexing the first 20 years of the newsletters

Council voted that the censorship of the newsletters was unnecessary. As a result

the issues on the website will be as they were printed. Individual issues of the newsletters are now on the web. There are still a few issues that need to be re-scanned.

Editing of the index has begun. The Melbourne Indexers meeting in August will be an opportunity to decide how some things should be entered in the index and clarify some indexing decisions.

### Newsletters from other Indexing Societies

Members of ANZSI have access to newsletters from other indexing societies via the members' area of the website (<http://www.anzsi.org/member-area/international-newsletters/>). It is worth having a look at the Newsletters every now and then. For example, the April 2016 issue of *Sidelights* has tips on working with PDF page numbers.

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## Around Melbourne

### Melbourne during WWI

Following on from the 'Rags to Riches' walking tour of St Kilda, Heritage Victoria has a new walking tour 'Melbourne at War: Hidden Histories'. It has ten stops. Starting with Government House, moving to Victoria Barrack, you then wander down past Flinders Street Station and on to Speakers Corner. From here you pass Parliament House and go down Collins Street, where The Age and The Argus had offices. Down to the Town Hall and then

Melbourne Hospital's original site in Lonsdale Street. Heading to the Exhibition Buildings along Russell Street learn why it was known as 'Red' Russell Street.

It is probably no surprise as to why some locations were chosen, but some aspects of how the buildings or locations were used during the war may be a surprise.

Click on the stop number to read the transcript or listen to the audio at your computer or take the walk on a nice autumn day.

<http://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/get-involved/tours/melbourne-at-war-hidden-histories-1914-18-audio-tour/>

**Big book weekend Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May**

**Clunes Booktown**

All booklovers should go to Clunes Booktown Festival weekend at least once. While it is a challenge to return home without any books, it is a chance to have an enjoyable day in the country.  
<http://clunesbooktown.com.au/>

**Melbourne Art Book Fair**

National Gallery of Victoria International Great Hall is taken over by book stalls for the Melbourne Art Book Fair.  
<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/programs-events/art-book-fair/> Don't go expecting the usual book fair as these are art books. I'll spare you the mini thesis on the differences between books on art and artist books and suggest you explore the terms on the web, then go and enjoy the fair and associated events. One event is a chance to visit the NGV's Shaw Research Library to see its archive of posters.

**Events for 2016**

<p><b>Thursday 5 May 2pm</b></p> <p><b>Tour of Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library</b></p>	<p>For something different, how about a trip to Ballarat? We will join the weekly tour of the Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library. For further information about BMI see <a href="http://ballaratmi.org.au/education/tours">ballaratmi.org.au/education/tours</a> We need to confirm numbers, so please contact Mary Russell if you plan to join us.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 31 May 2–4pm</b></p> <p><b>Converting Word indexes to Cindex or Macrex or SKY using IndexConvert</b></p> <p><b>Malvern Library, High Street, Malvern</b></p>	<p>If you have you ever had to convert a Word index back into Cindex or Macrex or SKY, you know this can be a time-consuming task. This scenario arises when it is beneficial to use a previous edition of the index, e.g. for an annual report or a text where the changes are relatively minor, rather than reindexing the whole work from scratch. IndexConvert, created by UK indexer Barry Campbell, will be demonstrated, to show how well it works.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 3 August</b></p> <p><b>Editing the ANZSI Newsletter index</b></p> <p><b>6 for 6:30 Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Kew</b></p> <p><b>7:45 meal at Café La Q</b></p>	<p>Twenty years of newsletters, several indexers and what do you get? While it isn't a dog's breakfast, there is quite a lot of editing to be done. Most is obvious. Names need to be checked, typos, entries need to be in the form decided, etc.</p> <p>There is variation in how some types of articles have been indexed. Please come and provide guidance on how things should appear in the index.</p>

<p><b>Wednesday 5 October</b></p> <p><b>What was your most challenging index?</b></p> <p><b>6 for 6:30 Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Kew</b></p> <p><b>7:45 meal at Café La Q</b></p>	<p>What was your most challenging index? What aspects of the job made it challenging? Perhaps it was your first job, the clients were difficult or the book itself was massive or intellectually challenging. Come and share your experiences. Who knows what will be discussed?</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 7 December</b></p> <p><b>How are books constructed?</b></p> <p><b>6 for 6:30 Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, Kew</b></p> <p><b>7:45 meal at Café La Q</b></p>	<p>Have you ever made your own book? After a brief discussion on the process of how a book is bound there will be a chance to make your own simple booklets from sheets of A4 paper.</p>

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