Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of *Melbourne Indexers Bulletin*. The Melbourne Indexers is a new regional group of ANZSI formed under the new arrangement following the disbanding of the Victorian Branch. It is a group based on the successful Victorian Indexing Club (VIC) model, which has been running for six years.

Benefits of joining

- Professional development and networking opportunities through attending the meetings and access to the Melbourne Indexers Bulletin (newsletter).
- In depth discussions on a wide variety of indexing topics with occasional guest speakers and visits to local institutions.
- Access to free one-on-one professional indexing advice at the Indexing Clinic held before most meetings.
- Opportunities to join other members over a meal at a near-by restaurant after most meetings (at own expense).
- Be kept informed of Melbourne Indexers’ events as well as other talks, training, exhibitions and events of interest to members, through the monthly email Bulletin. The Bulletin will also include write ups of past events, reviews of books of interest to members and tips and hints on indexing.
- Access to the extensive library of books on indexing from the Victorian Branch collection.

Meetings

The list of monthly meetings for 2015 is included in this Bulletin. I welcome suggestions for 2016.

Join

While we are called Melbourne Indexers we welcome any ANZSI members. Join for free by contacting Mary Russell (mruss@ozemail.com.au).

Mary Russell – Convenor
## Program for 2015

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<td><strong>Wed 1 July</strong></td>
<td><strong>From rags to riches and back again. Indexing an audio tour</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Sat 8 August</strong></td>
<td><strong>AGM and High tea</strong></td>
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<td>2.30–4.30pm</td>
<td>No usual Melbourne Indexers meeting as we mark the end of the Victorian Branch with a celebratory high tea at The Langham. Please note that booking for this event is now closed.</td>
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<td><strong>Wed 2 September</strong></td>
<td><strong>Corporate bodies</strong></td>
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<td>Company names, organisations and even military groups can pose a challenge to indexers. Michael Ramsden will lead a discussion on how to index the different types of corporate bodies.</td>
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<td><strong>Wed 7 October</strong></td>
<td><strong>Indexing and editing in the UK</strong></td>
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<td>Just back from attending the Society of Indexers first combined conference with editors in York, UK, Mary Russell and Max McMaster will report on the conference and things of interest to Melbourne Indexers.</td>
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<td><strong>Wed 4 November</strong></td>
<td><strong>Studying indexing at University of Berkeley, CA</strong></td>
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<td>The University of Berkeley, CA runs an extension course Indexing: theory and application. Past and present students of the course, as well as one of the tutors will form a panel to discuss the benefits and unforeseen negatives of studying indexing this way.</td>
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<td><strong>Wed 2 December</strong></td>
<td><strong>Indexing for the festive season</strong></td>
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<td>Get into the mood of the festive season with indexing a related topic.</td>
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**Meeting details:**
6.00–6.30pm Indexing Clinic
6.30–7.30pm Discussion
**Location:** Old Op Shop, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Cnr High St and Pakington St, Kew.

All indexers and friends from Melbourne and beyond are welcome to attend.
21st century Alice
If this is the image that pops into your head when Alice in Wonderland is mentioned, you probably haven’t caught up with the emoji translation yet. Follow the links below for a sample, as well as the full story on new translations to mark Alice’s 150th anniversary. And if emoji isn’t your thing, you might want to try Late Egyptian Hieroglyphics!


Library News

Following the dissolution of the Victorian Branch of ANZSI at the end of June, the Melbourne Indexers group will take over responsibility for the administration of the Library. From now on, all Library-related news and updated lists of the collection will be published in this newsletter.

Borrowing from the Library
The collection will be available for loan during the monthly meetings of the Melbourne Indexers (inaugural meeting 1 July 2015). The loan period is one month. To borrow items outside of meeting times, or to reserve or renew items, please contact Karen Gillen (kamgillen@gmail.com; mobile: 0413-222-109).

New Acquisitions: Journals

The Indexer, Vol 33, No 2, June 2015
The latest issue has just arrived! Indexing art books is the topic of this issue’s centrepiece:

- Words and pictures – indexing art books: some practical experience.

The journal also carries the following articles:

- Indexes as hypertext
- Retrieving a world of fiction: building an index – and an archive – of serialized novels in Australian newspapers in Australian newspapers, 1850–1914
- Politics and the art of indexing: teamwork in a legislative environment
- An ounce of prevention: intentional communication with authors
- Indexes in award-winning cookbooks
- Growing with indexing and the role of citation databases: ISAP shows the way

Shorter contributions include:

- Enigma and the indexer
- China Society of Indexers Conference, 20–21 November 2014
- ‘Let no damned Tory’ – bias and the indexer
In addition to the regular feature on indexes reviewed, there are book reviews of Ann Hudson’s *Indexing for Editors*, and Bill Johncocks’ *Mind change*

**The Indexer, Vols 15–16, 1986–1989**

Michael Ramsden has generously donated these early issues of the journal. Thirty-years on, they make fascinating reading. Many of the contributions, such as the article on indexing Welsh place names (Vol 15, No 1), are timeless. Others have great historical interest, such as the article on indexing *Women of Ideas* (‘Sisterly Indexing’, Vol 15, No 3). This piece captures beautifully that heady time when feminist indexers were confronting the (then mammoth) conceptual challenge of making the previously invisible (i.e. women’s experience and viewpoint) visible in index headings and subheadings.

**New Acquisitions: Books**


This classic text was donated to the Library as part of the John Simkin bequest.

McMaster, Max (ed. & comp.) 2015. *Quiet Achievers in Indexing*. ANZSI, Lawson NSW.

This new publication brings together the ‘Quiet Achievers’ series of articles published in the ANZSI Newsletter between 2012 and 2014. The profiles of individual indexers provide interesting insights into the indexing life, and glimpses into the varied backgrounds and lives of those who have chosen to become professional indexers.


According to the publisher’s promotional material:

*Facing the Text* is an in-depth guide to real indexing practice. The book discusses such standard topics as subheadings, cross-references and indexability, in the context of particular texts and indexes. Hundreds of examples illustrate the many practical strategies that Do Mi has drawn from her own practice in social sciences and humanities indexing.

The book goes beyond abstract rules to confront the unique needs of each text and index, and provides guidelines to help novice and experienced indexers alike make common-sense, flexible, and reader-centered decisions. Strategies are provided for:

- addressing the main topic of the book in your index structure
- pinning down the elusive main argument of a scholarly book
- using local main topics to understand the structure of the text
- deciding which topics should be indexed
- understanding subheadings with a new typology created by Do Mi Stauber and Nancy Mulvany
- choosing subheadings for long spans and locator strings
- deciding when to use the author’s wording, when to modify it, and when to create a new wording
- connecting topics in the index through double-posting and cross references
- distinguishing among indexing strategies for scholarly books, textbooks and reference books.

According to the American Society of Indexing (ASI) website:

The third installment in ASI’s popular *Index It Right* series offers a range of current and practical coverage—from ebook indexing (Glenda Browne and Mary Coe), taxonomy construction (Fred Leise), and meta-tagging (Chuck Knapp) to indexing in niche areas such as literary criticism (Martin White), science (Anne-Marie Downey), and math (Cynthia Landeen). The book also includes chapters on history indexing (Connie Binder), the challenges of indexing multicultural texts (Celeste Newbrough), advice on how to handle Chinese names (Lai Heung LAM), indexing as art (Frances S. Lennie), the logic and use of patterns (Scott Smiley), and teaching indexing (Lucie Haskins). For many indexers, the thorough chapter on periodical indexing (Linda Dunn) will be all that’s necessary to recommend this expertly edited volume from series creator Enid L. Zafran.


Michael Ramsden has generously donated this classic text to the library.

**Full Collection**

An updated list of the full collection, listed by category and subject can be found on page 6. It will also be available on the ANZSI website shortly.

Karen Gillen

**Around Melbourne**

**Melbourne Rare Book Week** is on from 16 to 26 July. As in previous years, the offering is full and varied, but here is one event with loads of appeal for indexers. The full program can be found at http://www.rarebookweek.com/

**SAMUEL JOHNSON AND HIS DICTIONARY**

The Johnson Society of Australia

Professor Kate Burridge and John Byrne

Saturday 18 July, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Professor Kate Burridge, prominent Australian and international linguist, and John Byrne, a Governor of Doctor Johnson’s House, London, and current President of the Johnson Society of Australia Inc., will engage in a fascinating discussion about Samuel Johnson, his dictionary and its place in society as one of the most influential dictionaries in the history of the English language. John will show books from his extensive Johnsonian collection.
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INDEXING GUIDES: GENERAL

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Badgett, Nan  2015, The accidental indexer, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

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Perlman, Janet and Zafran, Enid L. 2010, *Index it right! Advice from the experts* v.2, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.


**SEMINARS – ELECTRONIC COPIES**

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**INDEXING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**


McMaster, Max (ed. & comp.) 2015, *Quiet Achievers in Indexing*, ANZSI, Lawson, NSW.


**INDEXING SPECIALTY AREAS**

**ANNUAL REPORTS**


**ARCHIVING**

Biography

Children’s books

Cookbooks

Genealogy

History/Local History

Stokes, Lorraine 2007, *Discovering Portarlington’s history: a driving trail*, Portarlington History Group, Portarlington, VIC.


Journals/Periodicals

Law


Magazines

Medical sciences/Medicine

Names

Price, Fiona Swee-Lin  2007, Success with Asian names: a practical guide to everyday usage, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest, NSW.

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Psychology


Scholarly books


Websites


Miscellaneous

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Conference Proceedings

Electronic – CD


Books

Findlay, Margaret (ed) 2000, The August indexer. Proceedings from the second international conference, Friday August 27 to Sunday August 29, 1999 (Hobart), Australian Society of Indexers, Melbourne, VIC.


McMaster, Max (ed) 1995, Indexers: partners in publishing. Proceedings from the first international conference, Friday March 31 to Sunday April 2, 1995 (Marysville), Australian Society of Indexers, Melbourne, VIC.
NB: Papers presented at other ANZSI conferences can be read or downloaded at http://anzsi.org/publications/conference-papers/

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1986 Vol. 15, No.1 – 1988 Vol. 16, No. 2
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NB: A cumulative index for all volumes of this journal can be viewed at http://www.theindexer.org/contents/onlineindex.htm#xref23

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