

Melbourne Indexers Bulletin

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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

Wed 1 July	<i>From rags to riches and back again. Indexing an audio tour</i>
	<p><i>From rags to riches and back again</i> is an audio tour of St Kilda available on Culture Victoria's website at http://www.cv.vic.gov.au/stories/built-environment/from-riches-to-rags-and-back-again/</p> <p>This tour is a mix of audio, full audio transcriptions, maps and images. How would you index it? What would you use as locators for you index? What would you need to include in you index?</p> <p>Bring your thoughts and possibly your index and join a friendly discussion on the various approaches taken to index the audio tour.</p> <p>We will arrange to take the tour one Sunday and conclude with afternoon tea to sample the cakes and/or ice creams on offer in Acland Street.</p>
Sat 8 August	AGM and High tea
2.30–4.30pm	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.
Wed 2 September	Corporate bodies
	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.
Wed 7 October	Indexing and editing in the UK
	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.
Wed 4 November	Studying indexing at University of Berkeley, CA
	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.
Wed 2 December	Indexing for the festive season
	Get into the mood of the festive season with indexing a related topic.

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!

http://online.wsj.com/public/resources/documents/wonderland_quotes.pdf

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/alice-in-wonderland-turns-150-1433953629>

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

Bettington, K (et al.) (eds) 2008. *Keeping Archives*, 3rd ed. Australian Society of Archivists Inc: Canberra ACT.

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.

Stauber, Do Mi, 2004. *Facing the text: content and structure in book indexing*, Cedar Row Press: Eugene, Oregon.

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.

Zafran, Enid L. (ed), 2014. *Index It Right! Advice from the Experts, Volume 3, Information Today/ASI: Medford, NJ.*

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.

Wellisch, Hans H. 1995. *Indexing from A to Z*, 2nd edition, H. W. Wilson: New York.

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.

ANZSI VICTORIAN BRANCH LIBRARY

Collection Listed by Category and Subject

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INDEXING GUIDES: GENERAL

Books

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

Browne, Glenda and Jermey, Jon 2007, *The indexing companion*, Cambridge University Press, Melbourne, VIC.

Browne, Glenda and Jermey, Jon 2009, *The indexing companion: your indexing mentor in a book*, G. Browne & J. Jermey, Blaxland, NSW.

Leise, Fred, Mertes, Kate and Badgett, Nan 2008, *Indexing for editors and authors: a practical guide to understanding indexes*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

- Perlman, Janet and Zafran, Enid L. 2010, *Index it right! Advice from the experts v.2*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.
- Stauber, Do Mi 2004, *Facing the text: content and structure in book indexing*, Cedar Row Press, Eugene, Oregon.
- Wellisch, Hans H. 2000, *Glossary of terminology in abstracting, classification, indexing, and thesaurus construction*, 2nd edn, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.
- Wellisch, Hans H. 1995, *Indexing from A to Z*, 2nd edition, H. W. Wilson, New York.
- Wheatley, H.B. 2002, *How to make an index*, Facsimile edn, Elliot Stock; Sheffield, UK.
- Zafran, Enid L. (ed.) 2005, *Index it right! Advice from the experts v.1*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.
- Zafran, Enid L., (ed.) 2014, *Index it right! Advice from the experts v.3*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Seminars – Electronic copies

- Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers (Victorian Branch) 2010, *Nuggets of indexing*, Seminar, Ballarat 4–6 June, 2010 [CD]
- Mertes, Kate 2008, *Indexing: creating and maintaining speed*, American Society for Indexing [DVD], Wheat Ridge, CO.

INDEXING BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

- Leach, Anne (ed.) 2011, *Marketing your indexing services*, 3rd edn, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.
- McMaster, Max (ed. & comp.) 2015, *Quiet Achievers in Indexing*, ANZSI, Lawson, NSW.
- Perlman, Janet (ed.) 2001, *Running an indexing business*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.
- Zafran, Enid L. and Shapiro, Joan (eds) 2009, *Starting an indexing business*, 4th edn, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

INDEXING SPECIALTY AREAS

Annual Reports

- Russell, Mary & McMaster, Max 2010, *Indexing your annual report*, Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers, Melbourne.

Archiving

- Bettington, K., Eberhard, K., Loo, R., & Smith, C. (eds) 2008, *Keeping Archives*, 3rd edn, Australian Society of Archivists Inc, Canberra, ACT.

Biography

Bell, Hazel 2004, *Indexing biographies and other stories of human lives* (Occasional Paper 1), 3rd edn, Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Children's books

Blackwell, K.G.B. and Williams, Paula 2000, *Indexing children's books* (Occasional Paper 5), Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Cookbooks

Nicholson, Alexandra, Leise, Fred and Hudoba, Terri (eds) 2009, *Indexing specialties: cookbooks*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Genealogy

Spaltro, Kathryn (ed) 2003, *Genealogy and indexing*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

History/Local History

Adams, John D. 2010, *Indexing for historical societies*, Revised edn., Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Melbourne, VIC.

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

Towery, Marcie (ed) 1998, *Indexing specialties: history*, Information Today/ASI, Medford, NJ.

Journals/Periodicals

Beare, Geraldine 1999, *Indexing newspapers, magazines and other periodicals* (Occasional Paper 4), Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Law

Kendrick, Peter and Zafran, Enid L. (eds), 2001, *Indexing specialties: law*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Moys, Elizabeth M., Coles, Anne P., Greenhalgh, Moira and Wynne, Ben 1993, *Indexing legal materials* (Occasional Paper 2), Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Magazines

Beare, Geraldine 1999, *Indexing newspapers, magazines and other periodicals* (Occasional Paper 4), Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Medical sciences/Medicine

Blake, Doreen, Clarke, Michèle, McCarthy, Anne and Morrison 2002, *Indexing the medical sciences* (Occasional Paper 3), 2nd edn, Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Wyman, L. Pilar (ed) 1999, *Indexing specialties: medicine*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Names

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

Bridge, Noeline (ed) 2012, *Indexing names*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Newspapers

Beare, Geraldine 1999, *Indexing newspapers, magazines and other periodicals* (Occasional Paper 4), Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

Psychology

Hornyak, Becky (ed) 2002, *Indexing specialties: psychology*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Scholarly books

Towery, Marcie and Zafran, Enid L. (eds) 2005, *Indexing specialties: scholarly books*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

Websites

Hedden, Heather 2007, *Indexing specialties: websites*, Information Today in association with ASI, Medford, NJ.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Electronic – CD

Russell, Mary (ed) 2007, *The indexing life. Proceedings from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers conference, Thursday March 15 – Saturday March 17, 2007 (Melbourne)*, Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers, Melbourne, VIC.

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.

Gillen, Karen (ed) 2005, *Indexing: engage, enlighten, enrich. Proceedings from the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers conference, Thursday March 17 – Saturday March 19, 2005 (Melbourne)*, Australian and New Zealand 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/>

INDEXING JOURNALS

The Indexer: the international journal of indexing. Society of Indexers, Sheffield, UK.

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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>

NB: A full list of contents by category for all volumes of this journal can be viewed at <http://www.theindexer.org/contents/categories.htm>

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