

## People News

- **News from Hans Arns (Life Member)**

Going through my mail last week after returning from another stint in Port Moresby I found the December issue of the Newsletter. I had wondered why issues had failed to materialise, but as I tended to read them at some theological library or other it seemed unnecessary to contact you. However I would be most grateful if you could add me again to the list. You may have heard that I am spending much time in Papua New Guinea, where I got the Catholic Theological Institute library in Bomana near Port Moresby Back on track again. It is now fully automated with an Athena system, staff are now reasonably trained and I have dragged a lot of books there to update the library. I also recatalogued the whole collection of some 17.000 volumes. Port Moresby is a place where nothing seems to work anymore and I nearly kiss Australian soil whenever I return. However it has been a satisfying experiment and one that opened my eyes a lot.

Currently I am back for a few weeks before embarking on a mission to Suva to change the library at the Pacific Regional Seminary from a Catalist to an Athena system. They have made little progress on the former, which, after many years in operation, needed updating at great cost. They have a Fijian and an Indian librarian, the place is in a great location (adjacent to Pacific Theological College, with which they do much together) and is very safe compared with Port Moresby. I had promised them six months after Maureen and I visited them recently but my left eye has been starting to give trouble two weeks ago and there is danger of a detaching retina. I will probably have to make the project of shorter duration therefore. Otherwise I am well and so is Maureen who still works part-time at North Shore Hospital, after retiring as Registrar at CIS Strathfield. We have our first grandchild since last year, which gives us much pleasure.

- Farewell to former colleagues: **Blan MacDonagh**, formerly Librarian at the (Catholic) Diocesan Resource Centre, sent a message of farewell in December, as her appointment came to an end. **Mara Goodall**, Librarian at Morling College, in Sydney, has just retired at Easter. We wish them both well as they step into a new stage of their lives.
- A new theological library has recently been opened, so ANZTLA has a new member. The **St Athanasius Coptic College** recently began operating in Coburg, Victoria. **Gehan Aboud** has been appointed Librarian, and has already joined ANZTLA.
- With the departure of Anne Morris-Bannerman from **St Mark's Library, Canberra**, we welcome another recent appointment, **Deveni Temu**. He is already actively involved in the committee planning ANZTLA Conference 2002. We look forward to meeting Deveni in Auckland.
- The Victorian Chapter has new office bearers : Chairperson, **Nina Waters** (Trinity College, University of Melbourne), Secretary, **Kathryn Duncan** (Ridley College). **LIAM** (Librarians of Institutions Associated with MCD) also has a change of Chair: **Lynn Pryor**. **Siobhan Foster** has agreed to continue as Secretary.
- A recent casualty of a library closure has been **Philip Stark**, Librarian at Regent College, Melbourne. Those who attended Melbourne conference 2000 would have met Philip. Let him know if you know of a position available!