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***"FIRST IMPRESSIONS"***  
**ANZTLA Conference 2002**

*By way of encouragement of those ANZTLA members who never may have been able to attend a Conference, we have sought reflections from two 'newcomers'. This contribution is from Pauline Redman from South Australia.*

*In the next issue, we will include an article by Patricia Blatch from New South Wales.*

*Ed.*

Thank you Canberra committee for a great time! As a newcomer to the ANZTLA conference scene, I thought Canberra was a beautiful place to start. Not being sure just what to expect, I rolled up with high hopes and was not disappointed.

The keynote address was from Rev. Canon Dr. Graeme Garrett. He delivered a message that said amongst other things and in not so many words that libraries can be our connection between heaven and earth and that there are angels in libraries.

Friday morning Robin Holmes delivered an inspiring talk that had me thinking about the music we had in our collection and what we might collect in the future. She laid out the 'why and how' of the very important role of music in worship. I found her talk interesting. She also included the 'what': an introductory plan if beginning a collection of music. Good ideas to think about if your library is just getting off the ground.

Mid morning we travelled to the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture where we heard the Ven. John Parkes explain the background and current focus of the centre, and their plan for the future. It was obvious that his heart is with reconciliation as he explained the history of the site, the prayer room, the pilgrim walk and other details.

After lunch and a visit to the St. Mark's National Theological Centre Library, we travelled to the National Library of Australia and, for me, one of the highlights of the weekend. We heard about the range of reference resources available to us; digitisation of the big names and what has the most direct bearing as far as Australian history is concerned; PANDORA; and the CASL consortium.

After this we went on a tour of the Preservation Lab and Reading Rooms. To me, our National Library will always be a significant and interesting place.

There was much on the agenda about 'BUILDING':

- o Sue Cox from Charles Sturt University talked about building services to distance students;
- o Nina Waters discussed outsourcing the management of a library system with ASP and encouraged others to do the same.
- o Patrick McArdle talked about building the three-way relationship between students, academic staff and libraries and highlighted the importance of information literacy (or how to use a library to your best advantage) to all library users. He noted that when more marks were awarded students if they chose the Information literacy course options, the students achieved greater success, and at the same time, indicated much appreciation. It was good to be reminded that efforts at educating library users can make an impression.
- o Kim Robinson related to us how his library at Moore College went about the task of building a new library and why we should consult with the experts before doing so.
- o And finally, on Sunday morning Jocelyn Morris encouraged each of us to commitment firstly within our libraries and then to the other member libraries that make up the association; Tony McCumstie talked about how we could participate in AULOTS and the new electronic format that was on the agenda; and Nancy Clarke introduced the topic

which we discussed in small groups: how could the association work better for each of us and how we can better assist each other? The findings from this suggested more food for thought re future directions of the association.

- o All this and many more short 5 minute attention grabbing interest spots on cooperation between campuses, demonstrations of Blackwell's electronic library collection, and other topics.

For a library worker with not a lot of experience, there was much for me to think about when it comes to running a library. I appreciated the way the expertise among the many differing members was shared between those of us who are not quite as experienced. There were so many differing aspects, I had not thought that so much could be crammed into one weekend.

I will certainly consider what could and will be of real value to myself and House of Prayer's Resource centre in the future. I'm sure that I learnt much and hope to be able to put some of this into practice in the future. I was certainly enriched and hugely blessed over the four days of the conference and I very much appreciate the opportunity my library at House of Prayer has given me to attend. Thank you again ANZTLA.

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#### **NEWS OF ARI**

At the ANZTLA General Meeting held in Canberra at the beginning of July, it was agreed to set up a Management Committee to "ensure active production of ARI by the end of 2002, and then to manage ARI on an on-going basis."

The Executive has appointed Helen Greenwood ( St John's, Auckland) as the coordinator of this Committee. Other members are being appointed to the Committee and the hope is that they will begin work as soon as possible. The key tasks that have been identified for the committee are: financial planning, editorial and indexing, production, subscriptions and promotion.

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