

In summing up the experience of my first ANZTLA Conference, I would have to say the best bit of all, was just meeting everyone! Being able to put a face to a name on an email, hearing about situations that are similar to your own, and getting advice and offers of future help were so gratefully received. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank every-

one I met on the conference for their helpful chats and useful insights.

And to those of you who haven't been to an ANZTLA conference yet – I encourage you whole heartedly to try to get to Brisbane in 2004 where I'm sure there will be another fantastic conference!

*Kerrie Stevens*

## **TALUA MINISTRY TRAINING CENTRE**

**Vanuatu**

**Cindy Vanuaroro**

**Librarian**

I would like first of all to express my sincere gratitude on this special occasion to be able to share with you some information about my library and the college. This is the second time I have been able to attend the ANZTLA Conferences. Thank you for the opportunities you give to extending my knowledge of what a library is about.

### **Brief History of the College**

Talua Ministry Training Centre is the amalgamation of two previous colleges namely, the Presbyterian Bible College and Aulua Theological Training Centre.

The Presbyterian Bible College was opened in 1971 on Tangoa Island, South Santo in the Northern part of Vanuatu. This was to provide a two year course to train lay people. The Aulua Theological Training Centre on the other hand was set up in 1977 at Aulua, on the island of Malekula, to train pastors for the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.

In 1986 the two colleges were combined to form the Talua Ministry Training Centre. The name Talua comes from Tangoa and Aulua, the sites of the two former colleges ('Ta' from Tangoa and 'lua' from Aulua). Talua takes up its mission from the former

colleges to train lay people and pastors, and now priests for the Anglican Church.

Talua is an accredited college of the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools (SPATS) based in Suva, Fiji.

In 1999 Talua offered its first one year Mission Training Course which offers a Certificate of Mission Studies. The mission emphasis is to train indigenous citizens to become mission workers in unreached areas of Vanuatu.

At the end of 1999, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed with the Church of Melanesia (Anglican Church) for the training of Anglican candidates at Talua. In 2000 the first Anglican lecturer was appointed to teach and the first intake of Anglican students commenced their studies.

The college enrolls about 70 students each year, married and single, and both male and female. Wives of students are also trained to be co-workers with their husbands in the church. The colleges employs nine fulltime faculty members who are specialized in different areas as theology, biblical studies, pastoral studies, church history, gospel and culture.

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## Library

The two previous colleges had their own collections which were quite small. These collections were part of the exodus to Talua, and are the basis of our collection today.

The present collection was established in 1990 as part of Talua Ministry Training Centre under the Librarian, Mrs Beryl Burke from the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW. I took over in 1997 after working alongside her for seven years and also doing library studies through the extension programme of the University of the South Pacific.

The primary goal of the library is to develop its theological collection in as many subject areas as possible which are relevant to the needs of Talua. The collection consists of some 9,000 volumes which includes books, audiotapes and periodicals. The library is using the Dewey Decimal Classification 21 Edition. Our collection is not yet computerized; therefore the catalogue cards are still in use.

The library primarily serves the students and staff, and other Talua community members. However, we also extend borrowing rights to the church leaders who are close to the college and students coming from high schools around Santo. Those who wish to do some projects on church polity and church history are also welcome to use our collection. We lend books to our clients free of charge. Within the college, our students have access to overnight loans of reserved materials which are expected to be returned to the library in the morning.

At the beginning of year the students and staff - especially the new ones - have one week of orientation of the college as a whole and one day is allocated for library orientation. However, students are

taught through the course of their study on how the library works and the library research skills.

## Vision

As the college is looking towards upgrading the programmes to degree level, it is also looking towards building a new bigger library building and currently we are working on raising funds towards this. We can then upgrade the library facilities. Our present building is only 9mX 6m.

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Librarian

## PLAN OF NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

