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## **ANZTLA BOARD REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 2003**

It is with pleasure that I report on the activities of the ANZTLA Board for the past twelve months. This year has looked largely inwards with a number of structural issues to be dealt with. It is the hope of the Board that in the next twelve months, the Association can engage more with national and international library and information issues.

At the annual dinner in Canberra last year I reminded the members of what ANZTLA has given to us and meant to us over a period of 17 years. I focussed particularly on interaction, cooperation and nurturing of members. I made the comment "for a small group with limited funding I believe we have achieved huge things". This past year has continued to add to the list of achievements by members for other members, and the wider library and research community.

### **Incorporation**

On 5 July 2002, the Annual General Meeting of the Association resolved "to form an organisation to be known as Australian and New Zealand Theological Library Association Limited and to apply for registration of the organisation as a company limited by guarantee pursuant to section 117 of the Australian Corporations Act 2000".

The Association's application to incorporate was accepted by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on Monday September 9, 2002. Thanks are due to Stephen Connelly for much hard work in getting this to its conclusion.

### **Annual conference**

A very successful annual conference was held in Canberra in July 2002, with a range of speakers and good social occasions. The conference committee put a lot of hard work into the organization of the Canberra conference and our thanks go to them.

### **Australasian Religion Index**

The ARI Management Committee which was set up in 2002 is to be congratulated for getting this indexing tool back on track with the publication and distribution of a paper issue of volume 13, and work towards the same for volume 14. It has set up a software trial to find suitable software to assist with future publication.

### **Australasian Union List of Serials in Theological Collections**

A new edition of AULOTS has been completed by Tony McCumstie and is available in a number of different formats, including web and printed. He has also been responsible for distribution and sales.

### **Consortium**

A group was formed at the last conference to look at the possibility of forming a consortium for the purposes of a bulk deal subscription to ATLA Religion Index. This is another example of cooperation among members, and thanks are due to largely to Jocelyn Morris as convenor and the rest of the committee for the successful outcome of negotiations. 20 theological libraries have joined the consortium, and as a result ATLA Religion Index is available on line in these places.

### **People**

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Jeanette Little, a long standing member of ANZTLA. Jeanette was for more than 15 years Librarian at the George Knight Library at Pacific Theological College in Suva. She was a regular attendee at conferences, and in her own gentle way quietly reminded us of our obligations to libraries and librarians

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who had even fewer resources than most of us. Her contact work in the South Pacific libraries vastly improved communication and information.

### **Outgoing personnel**

Our secretary, Stephen Connelly, has decided not to stand for election this year.

I have chosen not to seek re-election as president. At the time I was first elected, I made a statement to the effect that the Association needed regular changes of president to keep it looking forward, and also to share the workload, and I still believe that that is appropriate.

We have nominations for Board positions as advertised, and all have a wealth of experience to bring to these positions.

### **Communication**

With such a scattered membership, the increasing use of the web site and the ANZTLA-Forum to keep members informed, is proving invaluable. It is now the major access to AULOTS, the New Zealand bibliography and the Association's documents such as the constitution. We are grateful to Tony McCumstie for keeping this up to date.

The Forum was managed by Jocelyn Morris until her recent departure from theological libraries. Christine Brunton has offered to continue this work. Editorship of the newsletter was taken over by Val Canty and Jocelyn Morris and, following conference last year, we opened our mail to an updated format. Congratulations to the editors and their team for a job very well done.

### **Membership**

Membership of the Association stands at 92 members – a mix of library members and personal members. Members of ANZTLA were reminded via the Forum that they needed to fill out the appropriate form to become a member of the new body. There still appear to be some members of local chapters who are not members of the Association. We encourage these people to become full members and ask the chapter office bearers to draw attention to this membership question at their meetings.

*Judith Bright  
on behalf of the ANZTLA Board*

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