# SA Chapter Report 2018

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Meetings were held in February, May, August and November at different libraries within Adelaide. It has been usual practice to hold the Annual General Meeting at the February meeting, but attendance was low for the meetings during the year, so the AGM was deferred until the November meeting.

- Barbara Cooper stepped down from the position of Chair of the ANZTLA SA Chapter, held since 2015, and Trevor Schaefer volunteered to replace her. Barbara has been acting Secretary during the year and volunteered to continue in this role.
- Ana Grieve has been arranging some initial visits to choose a venue for the 2020 ANZTLA Conference.
- Katrina Dal Lago, previously at Tabor College Library, continues to work on the ANZTLA Archives, which are currently stored at Bible College SA.

The following libraries submitted reports throughout the year:

#### Adelaide Theological Library

The library was relocated successfully and opened on 12 February.

A strategic vision was planned to enable the library to better serve the students and faculty, particularly in the context of online communication. Over 50% of students live outside the metropolitan area. Library planning days took place in October, with priorities drawn up and work commencing on a Vision Statement.

A library page was added to the Adelaide College of Divinity website and an Adelaide Theological Library website was launched in in July. The library computers have been upgraded / added to the Uniting Church Synod server.

A marketing plan to gain more patrons is to be launched.

A Graduate Diploma in Information Studies student completed a 3 week full time placement which was very beneficial for both parties.

Ana Grieve attended the COPHE Library Seminar in Sydney in October.

#### Australian House of Prayer for All Nations

A pallet containing audio / video tapes and books was sent to PNG. This process was affected by the earthquake, but the shipment is now underway.

Pauline Redman (Resource Room Coordinator) reported that loans are in the process of being transferred from a Borrowing book to their database, which will facilitate loans' administration greatly.

A site at a motel on Kangaroo Island is being developed with a plan to install a café/library/research centre, following the island's Internet connection upgrade.

#### Burrow Library, Bible College of South Australia

A stocktake was completed at the start of the year, being the first for many years.

Orientation for new students included a checklist to ensure that they have accessed student email; Moodle; self-circulation process and accessed journals at the start of the semester.

A long-term project of relabelling our main collection is underway with help from our volunteers, who attend on a casual basis.

The journal collection in the compactus is being evaluated and weeded by Assistant Librarian, Lauren Hull. This also is a long term project, which will continue for many months.

Barbara Cooper (Librarian) attended the Liberty National User Conference in Melbourne in August.

#### Löhe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College

A new server with 2 library system upgrades and implementation of the acquisitions module occurred before the start of the academic year. Shaun Lancaster is participating in a committee working towards an upgrade of the ALC website. Sara Altmann completed acquisitions training in January. Lavinia Gent undertook training in the Libraries Australia Document Delivery system in April. Access to LADD has resulted in a substantial increase in interlibrary loans.

Library guides to promote user experience in the following areas were posted to the library web: Martin Luther's writings; using ebooks; photocopying, scanning, printing; rare books; classification systems; ALC teaching staff / emeriti publications. Plans continue to add to these guides over the next few years.

Collection maintenance continues with redundant items being disposed of via book sales, donations to Oxfam and paper recyclers.

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the full set of hand-coloured images from the Löhe Memorial Library's 1551 edition of the Luther Bible has been prepared as a digital resource available for study by scholars and interested Lutherans around the world. Images are available for view via the library website:

#### https://www.alc.edu.au/library/about/luther-bible/

The University of Divinity agreed to add The Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Library – Biblical Texts to the collection of databases.

The acquisition of an online English translation of Luther's Works was approved, which will benefit the wider community as well as ALC staff and students.

The Friends of the State Library of SA enjoyed a tour of the Löhe Memorial Library and Rare Books Collection in September, which was conducted by Trevor Schaefer.

#### St Barnabas College Library

Matthew Anstey resigned as College Principal in late 2017 and Don Owers has been Acting Principal during the recruitment process.

Student numbers are encouraging, with a significant cohort of Honours students, some of whom are considering higher degree studies.

8 library volunteers have assisted in the cataloguing of around another 6,000 books this year. This brings the collection to around 14,000 items with lending functions for over 100 registered borrowers, including college students, lecturers, staff, the College Council, church office staff, and all ordained South Australian clergy. It is hoped to expand lending rights to see the library functioning as a public facility.

Sadly Ros Devenish, the college librarian, resigned at the end of 2018 in order to be closer to family in Victoria. Her outstanding work has established the college library for St Barnabas, from the generous gifting of around 70,000 books/items donated by Mr Clive Rodger. Ros' contribution to ANZTLA SA during her time in Adelaide has been greatly valued and we shall miss her at our meetings. We were able to farewell her at our end-of-year lunch in November.

### Tabor College Library

Many changes occurred at Tabor due to redundancy and restructure, with the library really feeling the impact. 4 library staff members have left, including librarian Katrina Dal Lago, 2 assistants, and library manager, Oksana Felistova. Helen Gorzowksi, acting library manager, and Helen Ponting, assistant, have covered desk shifts during this time. A new library manager, Anne Hall, commenced in December, and we look forward to welcoming her to our ANZTLA meetings in the New Year.