



ANZTLA New South Wales Chapter Report 2012

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Trans4transition was the theme of the 2012 ANZTLA conference and I think the theme of 2012 for the members of ANZTLA NSW.

At the beginning of 2012 I found myself made president of ANZTLA NSW. At such a time the position came with taking on the role of conference convenor. There were many tracks that would have to be transitioned over the year.

Organising the conference was a great learning curve. Much was learnt about event organising and about ANZTLA. We learnt to set up a bank account, we learnt about sponsors, we discovered speakers, and we learnt negotiating skills.

We were quite pleased with how the extraordinary efforts of the Think Tank and the chapter came off. The conference speakers were excellent and the feedback we had was largely very positive. It wasn't perfect but it was good.

Aside from the conference most libraries in the NSW chapter seem to have engaged in at least one major project this year. For example: Moore College is moving 190,000 books to commercial storage. Wesley changed their library management system to Softlink's Liberty 5. Morling and SMBC are also changing library systems to Liberty 5. PTC has started a building program. CIS has begun a 'Friends with Veech library' program to raise the awareness of the library and the institute. Campion had a leadership change and has started to do more electronically. Many of the libraries started to delve into eBooks for the first time. Some are still considering the possibility of taking on eBooks.

The NSW chapter has also had its share of personal health issues and tragedies in 2012. At least three of our members have lost parents during the year. We have spread our money broadly around the medical community with many of us having for some reason or other spent at least a night in hospital. Kim Robinson has been out of action most of the year with knee surgery and then cancer.

Given the intensity of the first half of the year, and the various professional and personal challenges facing our members, the meetings in the second half of the year understandably have been small.

Hopefully in 2013 we will be refreshed and have a healthier year.

I'd particularly like to thank Julie Olston (secretary) and Marilyn Gane (treasurer) for all their hard work and support this year. I would also like to thank the ANZTLA board for their support with the conference.