


Contributors

Val Canty began work at Parkin-Wesley College Library in 1975 typing cards; and took over as librarian in 1976. She never attained any formal library qualifications, although it would be difficult to find a more experienced or professional librarian anywhere. Val often jokes that she gained her qualifications in theology by osmosis and her qualifications in librarianship by sheer hard work. Val attended the first Library Consultation sponsored by ANZATS in 1978 and was a member of the Association of Theological Libraries (SA) founded in September that year. When Trevor Zweck began work as Librarian at Luther Seminary in 1981, he became convener of the group and Val became Secretary/Treasurer/right hand assistant to Trevor, a task she continued until Trevor's death in 1996. Val was a founding member of ANZTLA, and was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Association in 1989, continuing until 1997. She was also the ever-reliable minute secretary at many of the Association AGMs. Val had major roles in organising the Library consultation (1985) and three Adelaide conferences (1992, 1999 and 2006). In 1997, Val accompanied the Parkin-Wesley collection to the new Adelaide Theological Library, joining Beth Prior and Wendy Davis. Val was editor of the ANZTLA Newsletter from 2002 to 2004 and compiled an index of the first 50 issues of the Newsletter. In 2004 Val took up ARI indexing, and she was the President of the SA chapter of ANZTLA for 2008-2009. Val has a love of rare books, and her work in this area at the Adelaide Theological Library led to significant additions to the Libraries Australia catalogue. Val was awarded an ANZTLA Honorary Life Membership in 2009. Although she retired from "formal" work at the end of 2009, she has continued her long involvement with the Uniting Church SA Historical Society and is still on call for the trickier questions relating to rare books or Uniting Church history.

Wendy Davis has been part of the theological library scene in Adelaide since 1981 when she began work at Lohe Memorial Library. She has worked with Adelaide College of Divinity Libraries since 1984—firstly at St. Barnabas College and from 1993, at St Francis Xavier Seminary Library as well. In October 1997, she became Associate Librarian at the new Adelaide Theological Library, a position she still enjoys. Wendy is a long time ANZTLA member, a past president, ARI indexer and Secretary (for the second time around). When Val Canty was ANZTLA newsletter editor, Wendy was her unofficial assistant and proof reader.

Hayley Eyers completed her Diploma in Library and Information Studies at TAFESA in 2007. She juggles two part-time library jobs. Hayley is a library technician at the Adelaide Theological Library. Her other job is as an Information Services Officer at the Tea Tree Gully TAFESA Library. Tea Tree Gully TAFESA Library is part of the TAFESA Adelaide North Libraries, for which Hayley has worked for more than five years. Hayley's interests outside the library world are hummingbirds, beading, crafts, kickboxing, and much more.

Philip Harvey runs the Carmelite Library, a theological library specialising in spirituality and mysticism. It holds the best collection of spirituality of the major religions in Melbourne. Philip is also on the Committee of the Institute for Spiritual Studies, a public forum in his Melbourne parish that invites speakers on inter-religious dialogue. He is the Poetry Editor



of *Eureka Street*, the Jesuit online journal that regularly publishes articles on this subject, giving voice to the different faith traditions in Australia.

Rosemary Hocking has been Librarian of the Adelaide Theological Library since November 2006, arriving at this position after working with the SA Education Department's central cataloguing agency for all schools, followed by 16 years with the District Court Library, then a short stint working on web content for a law firm. Rosemary was the ANZTLA National Treasurer from 2010-2014, and is a current ARI indexer.

Siong Ng joined the Carey Baptist College team in May 2009. Originally a Reference Librarian in a public library, she now spends most of the time buying books and chatting with students. Her favourite job in the library is finding missing books. At times, you can see her browsing other library catalogues and websites. Currently, she is the New Zealand Chapter chairperson.

Kerrie Stevens has always wanted to be a librarian and is currently living this dream at Harvest Bible College in Melbourne. Previous employment opportunities have included the CSIRO (in the food science area), Stockdale Prospecting (a diamond mining company) and La Trobe University – all within their libraries. Since joining ANZTLA in 2003, Kerrie has held various positions, and loves the co-operative spirit within the association. Kerrie is addicted to cross-stitch; loves her Golden Retriever, Clarence; and has a very, very sweet tooth.