



# ANZTLA SA Chapter Report 2015

*Hayley Eyers*

## **South Australian Members of ANZTLA 2015:**


Adelaide College of Ministries Library, Adelaide College of Ministries  
Adelaide Theological Library, Adelaide College of Divinity  
Australian House of Prayer for All Nations Library, Australian House of Prayer for  
All Nations  
Burrow Library, Bible College of South Australia  
Löhe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College  
St Barnabas Library, St Barnabas Theological College  
Tabor Adelaide Library, Tabor Adelaide

## **News from the ANZTLA SA Chapter:**

ANZTLA SA welcomed Ros Devenish who has been appointed the new Academic Administrator/Library Project Manager for St. Barnabas Theological College. Ros was the Senior Librarian at Melbourne School of Theology and has moved to Adelaide with her husband, Dr Stuart Devenish, who is Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies for the School of Ministry, Theology & Culture, and Tabor Adelaide. Ros will be working fulltime at the College, because in addition to student admissions, Ros will also be overseeing the establishment of the new library.

## **Background of the new St Barnabas Library:**

The donation of nearly 90,000 books from a private collection of Clive Rodger, most likely the largest private contemporary theology library in Australia. This collection includes nearly every book published in English, in the areas of significant Anglican theological work, Christianity, political, philosophy, economics, sociology, biblical studies, theology, and mission over the past 30 years. The gift of this collection to our college is recognition of its remarkable development over the past few years.



Ros Devenish gave ANZTLA SA a tour of the new St Barnabas Theological College and the library.

ANZTLA SA welcomed Shaun Lancaster who is the new senior librarian appointed for Löhe Memorial Library. Shaun's most recent experience is as the manager of libraries for the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, but his overall employment history in libraries extends back to 1995. Shaun's background is in Library administration and ICT, and he has previously worked as the manager of a theological library network (NZ), ICT Coordinator (Adelaide University), and Manager Libraries, TAFE Queensland Gold Coast. Part of Shaun's brief will be to explore and implement new, technology based, ways of making our library accessible to larger groups of people.

### **ANZTLA Conference Auckland, New Zealand:**

Hayley Evers, Oksana Feklistova, Ros Devenish, Shaun Lancaster and Wendy Davis attended the ANZTLA Conference 15 – 18 July in Auckland, New Zealand.

Hayley Evers did a 7 minute lighting presentation titled 'Reusing books as works of art' at the ANZTLA conference. It was well received and inspired others to show their creations on the ANZTLA email forum.

### **ANZTLA Board positions:**

Kerrie Stevens took over the position of National Secretary from Wendy Davis at the ANZTLA conference. Wendy had held this position from 2007 to 2015 (with a short break in between).

### **Evangelical Library Closed:**

The Evangelical Library closed at the end of December 2015. The library was a member of Australian Church Library Association. They were on the location of the Bible College of South Australia in Malvern, South Australia.

The collection consisted of some 15,700 items, including 13,300 books and 2,400 multi media. They believed they had possibility the largest collection in Australia of Christian fiction over 1,900 items. They were an independent library with no group or organisation sponsoring them. They did rely on an annual subscription or donations.

The collection has been dispersed by other members of the Australian Church Library Association taking what they needed for their church libraries. The rest of the collection went to Burrow Library, Bible College of South Australia.



## Library Reports

### Adelaide Theological Library, Adelaide College of Divinity

We would like to acknowledge the significant assistance provided to the ATL by our willing and dedicated volunteers, Dr David Hilliard, Joy Belling and Bruce Rosier. They provide assistance in re-shelving, serials receipt, working with the rare books collection, processing, database maintenance, ARI indexing, shelf-checking in the stacks and helping with book sales. We would also like to congratulate David on the award of an OAM on Australia Day for his significant contribution to the study of religious history.

We have replaced the two student photocopiers with a single new copier, which offers more features than the old copiers eg. double-sided, colour, A3, top feed, and free scanning to email. We are also able to use web-based authentication software rather than the BEAR card system for payment.

Wendy is to be congratulated on the award of an ANZTLA Honorary Life Membership, and Hayley's presentation on the creative use of old books was very well received.


Wendy and Hayley provided small "pop-up" libraries of relevant books, together with information brochures, registration forms and second-hand books for sale, for two intensive topics. These were very useful in providing easy access to additional materials for the students, and in promoting the library, particularly as one of the courses was being held off-campus.

Congratulations to Wendy for arranging, and Hayley for assisting with, the first "Living Libraries" session on "The art of pastoral care". Fifteen people listened to three students talking about their artwork; one of the visitors was a chaplain from an aged care facility who brought additional artworks to add to the discussion.

*Rosemary Hocking*

### Burrow Library, Bible College of South Australia

The main foci of student enquiries remain journals and remote server access, particularly amongst part-time students, who might forget passwords, search



pathways etc. Therefore orientation is a constant consideration for me in terms of how it may be improved. My experience here has been that students will come and ask when they need/want to and this is usually related to due dates for assignments coming up. At present it is possible for me to assist students on a one-to-one basis as usually it is only a handful of students who seek help. My main concern is that students may not realize the full extent of resources available to them. Further thinking through this area of my role is ongoing.

We are always grateful to the volunteers who offer their time to the college and in the library in particular it is helpful to have assistance with the number of donated books we receive. We were sorry to lose a couple of volunteers this year but glad that they were able to re-enter the work force after having time at home with young families. We have a new volunteer who started a couple of months ago and is gaining confidence using our Liberty database.


Over the summer break it is likely that there will be changes to allocations of space within the library. This will be driven by administrative decisions rather than library needs. At present I am hoping that a stock take and some weeding of resources will take place and I will be better placed to think through forthcoming alterations.

*Barbara Cooper*

### **Löhe Memorial Library, Australian Lutheran College**

Shaun, the new senior librarian, commenced work in this new role at ALC on Monday, 2 March. Shaun's most recent experience is as the manager of libraries for the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, but his overall employment history in libraries extends back to 1995.

An exciting new, innovative learning space has been built at the library. The new 24/7 learning space consist of a large area for group collaboration work, new set of computers and a big flat screen (on wheels) screening promotions, events and new items. This new learning space is available 24/7 under certain conditions which preserve the security of our collections. Students need to sign up to have an access card which will be used to gain access into the 24/7 area. CCTV and a fire door have also been installed in this new area. Installation also included of a new 3M security gate at the new entrance to the 24/7 area, the fixing of salt damp damage to walls (discovered behind books in the Reference section), painting and carpeting of some areas, the implementation of additional electrical points to assist laptop users, the



implementation of an OPAC upstairs, the relocation of the audio visual collections to the old service area of the library, and the reflowing of some parts of the collection into shelving left vacant in the old service area.

Some rationalisation of physical collections has taken place, and a review of digital assets in anticipation of envisaged duplications of assets to be hosted on the University of Divinity Hub, which is due to become operational early in 2016.

*Shaun Lancaster*

### **St Barnabas Library, St Barnabas Theological College**

Ros Devenish commenced work with St Barnabas Theological College on March 9, 2015. She has a paid position as the Academic Administrator 3 days a week and is the volunteer librarian 2 days per week although the two positions merge in and out of each other every day.

2015 has seen the college return to its original home at 18 King William Street in North Adelaide. It shares the building with the Anglican Diocesan Office. Anglicare has moved out and this has enabled space to be opened out to incorporate a new library.


It is Ros' task to turn more than 1,800 boxes of books into a library. This is a huge task, as there is no listing of what the boxes contain (we have very broad idea) but will need to think carefully about what specialisations the library will hold and how we want to move forward into the future. It is one thing to turn boxes of books into a library but an altogether bigger task to see the library become a living and growing part of a vibrant college community as well as making a positive contribution to the wider community and indeed a welcoming place for researchers from around the world.

A 30,000 volume compactus has been installed and we have chosen to use Liberty as our LMS and configuration etc. The librarian's split role demanding and tiring, so Ros is trying to put some extra self-care strategies into action!

*Roslyn (Ros) Devenish*

### **Tabor Adelaide Library, Tabor Adelaide**

On 22 June 2015, the Tabor Adelaide Library Catalogue was moved to Alma, a new cloud-based library management system. This move is a planned upgrade, part of the



big change started last year when we introduced Primo. This change will improve the efficiency of library processes and affect all the behind the scenes activities in the library, including circulation, cataloguing, acquisitions and electronic materials management.

Lisa Daley has been appointed as a part-time Library Assistant and now works at the Circulation Desk two days a week.

Tabor Adelaide merged with Tabor Perth, in July 2015. Tabor Perth students are treated as Tabor Adelaide external students, ie. gaining access to the library's electronic resources and document delivery services. A borrowing agreement with the Murdoch University Library has been arranged.

In addition to our Adelaide campus, Tabor now has two new campuses, in Perth and Geelong. The Adelaide campus library will provide services and to students and staff of all campuses. In Perth and Geelong campuses, a limited number of high demand materials including current course textbooks will be held in close reserve.

*Oksana Feklistova*