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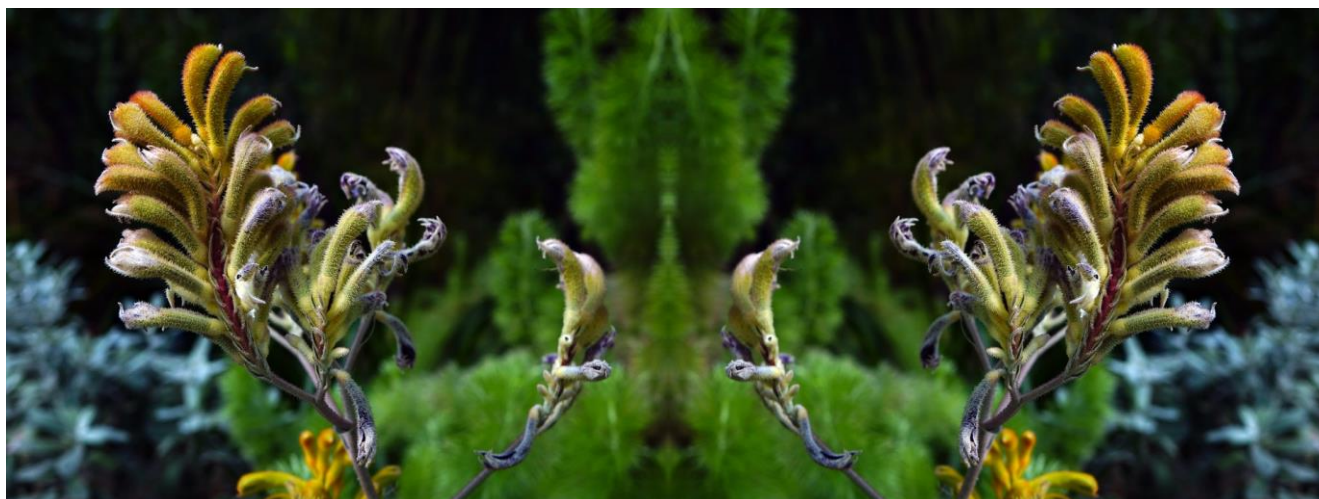
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Council update

Council has met twice, so far in the 2021-22 session, on 6 September and 18 October. There were two vacancies on Council after the Annual General Meeting: Vice President and Treasurer. Shirley Campbell has agreed to take on the role of Vice President, and the President, Madeleine Davis, is taking on the role of Groups Coordinator.

At the September meeting Council resolved that the bookkeeping and day-to-day management of accounts will be done by an Accounts Officer, and that the Treasurer role, required by the Constitution, will be devoted to strategic financial issues, supported by the Accounts Officer. Notices to this effect and calls for expressions of interest have been sent to members.

Discussion at these meetings covered a range of matters relating to membership, including future meetings in person/by Zoom/both, support for beginner indexers, retaining new members, mentoring (formal or informal) and accreditation. There will be more on these topics in future issues of the Newsletter.

Social chat and professional development sessions are also planned, with details of the next group of sessions - on legal indexing - having been sent to all members.

COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to lift so we can re-start the judging process for the ANZSI Medal, and accept books submitted for accreditation.

Articles are always required for the Newsletter. Many of these are contributed by Council members, but it would be good to increase the mix of writers. We know the editor welcomes items from the membership at large. If you have completed an interesting job, have some thoughts on indexing, discovered new technical tricks with your indexing software, please write about it for our Newsletter.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for 29 November.

Sherrey Quinn, Secretary



ANZSI Library news



Photograph: Karen Gillen

New acquisition

We are pleased to announce the availability for loan, from both the Australian and New Zealand collections, of the library’s most recent purchase: Dennis Duncan, *Index, A History of the: A Bookish Adventure* (Allen Lane [Penguin], 2021).

Read an informative and entertaining [review](#) of this book by Michael Delgado: ‘The Radical Power of the Book Index’, *Prospect* magazine, 26 August 2021.

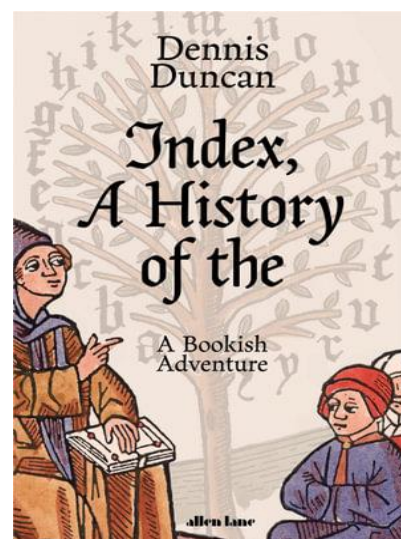


Image courtesy of Penguin Random House

Loans

If you wish to borrow any items from the library, or have any queries about loan conditions for either collection, please contact the relevant library officer:

Australia: [Karen Gillen](#)

New Zealand: [Carol Dawber](#)

Donations

If you have any indexing-related material (books, journals, CDs etc) that you would like to donate to either the Australian or New Zealand collections, please contact the relevant library officer.

Karen Gillen, Library Officer (Australia)



Professional development program - Indexing legal materials

Indexing legal materials: Dark art or colour-by-numbers?

ANZSI is holding a series of introductory online professional development/training sessions on indexing legal materials. These sessions will be hosted by ANZSI Secretary Sherrey Quinn and presented by experienced legal indexers Madeleine Davis and Karen Gillen. (Please note sessions will NOT be recorded.)

NB Bookings are essential. Sessions will be held via Zoom and participants will be emailed login details prior to each meeting. To ensure that you receive your login details, please book a place for each session by the due dates listed below.

The Sessions

Session 1: Indexing statutes

Date: Thursday, 18 November 2021

Time: 9:30-11:00am AEDT (NZ 11:30am-1.00pm; SA 9.00-10.30am; WA 6:30-8:00am)

RSVP: Please register with [Karen Gillen](#) by Monday 15 November.

The focus of this session will be on legislation (both domestic and foreign statutes) and other legal instruments such as statutory instruments, bilateral or multinational agreements, and international treaties or covenants. Precursory matters such as parliamentary bills and explanatory memoranda will also be covered. There will be an overview of how each of these is presented in the indexes to both non-legal and legal texts. This will include filing and presentation in Tables of Statutes, and tips for embedded indexing.

Session 2: Indexing cases

Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021

Time: 9:30-11:00am AEDT (NZ 11:30am-1.00pm; SA 9.00-10.30am; WA 6:30-8:00am)

RSVP: Please register with [Karen Gillen](#) by Friday 3 December.

This session will focus on court actions including civil, criminal, and administrative cases from domestic, foreign and international jurisdictions; and how these are presented in the indexes to both non-legal and legal texts. Factors to be considered include the structure of legal case citations, filing and presentation in Tables of Cases, and tips for embedded indexing.

Session 3: Indexing legal texts

Date: TBA (January/February 2022)

Time: TBA

RSVP: TBA

This session will focus solely on legal texts and providing an overview of the different types of legal texts including journals and loose-leaf publications, as well as the basic conventions (colour-by-numbers?) of legal indexing with regard to appropriate content, vocabulary, headings, filing, locators, and presentation. The session will include tips on updating indexes and embedded indexing.

Madeleine Davis and Karen Gillen

Just FYI: Professional development and networking with IPEd

As a large and industry related professional organisation, the Institute of Professional Editors Ltd (IPEd) can be a source of useful events and information. Non-members, around Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, can attend some Zoom events (or even buy a recording later) and in-person events for both information and networking are returning slowly. Events (listed [here](#) on the IPEd website) are not always strictly focussed on editing (design, accessibility, author talks etc) - they may include a discussion of your favourite reading genre (romantic fiction, crime writing etc) or publishing issue (technical writing, education etc). Their newsletter *Gatherings* (11 issues per year) is free [online](#) and can provide interesting reading on matters publishing and editorial (and things that 'are in order categorical'). While many ANZSI members may already work on both sides of the fence, if you have stayed on the light side as an indexer only, have a look - there may be something interesting to read.

Elisabeth Thomas, Editor (and long-time member & newsletter editor & committee/council member of both ANZSI and IPEd)



Know an editor worthy of an award?

IPEd Janet Mackenzie Medal 2022 nominations open

Nominations are currently open for the 2022 Janet Mackenzie Medal (the Mackenzie) and close on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

This award recognises the outstanding achievements and contributions of a current or past IPEd Professional Member, including Honorary Life Member, to the editing profession, particularly in lifting standards and/or providing exemplary service to IPEd. This is the most prestigious award offered by IPEd and recipients will receive a medal, an electronic rendering of the medal and Honorary Life Membership of IPEd (if the recipient is not already an HLM). Details and the Nomination Instructions (including the nomination form) are available [here](#) on the IPEd website.

People

New member

Welcome back to Stephen James from Victoria, who has rejoined the Society.

Nikki Davis, Membership Secretary

Vale Drusilla Calvert

Drusilla Calvert was known worldwide, with her husband Hilary, for their pioneering work on indexing software. Drusilla was a key figure in the Society of Indexers, serving on many committees and receiving the Society's Bernard Levin award in 2002.

She loved indexing, as she wrote: “for the discipline, linguistic challenges and association with people of like mind - indexers, editors and authors. There can be frustrations ... but these pale into insignificance when set against the personal satisfaction of producing a meaningful guide to the contents of a book or journal”.

Drusilla and Hilary developed indexing software, initially called MICREX, that subsequently became MACREX - the first widely available commercial indexing software.

In the following years, many features were developed in response to users' requests, and much of Drusilla's time was devoted not only to marketing the software and preparing the documentation. She also ran demonstrations and workshops (in Australia, Canada and the US, as well as in Britain and Europe) and provided a well-used and much appreciated helpline - where ANZSI members numbered among MACREX users seeking and receiving assistance.

Thanks to Ann Kingdom and *Sidelights* for the extracts above.

Read the full tribute in the July 2021 issue of *Sidelights*, available in the member area of the ANZSI website.



What's in *The Indexer*?

The September issue of *The Indexer* out now.

Did you know that the electronic version of *The Indexer* is available to subscribers in the last week of the month before the month of publication? Get ahead with your reading by subscribing.

More info at <https://www.theindexer.org>

The Indexer

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Editorial
Mary Coe

Articles

Indexes compared: reflections on the benefits of peer review exercises
Melanie Gee

Meandering musings on the comic fiction index: a peer review on 'Three men in a boat'
Paula Clarke Bain

Embedded indexing with Word. Part 6 – sorting and export of entries
Walter Greulich

Mad, bad Lord Byron: poet, rake – and indexer?
Hazel K. Bell

The enigmatic journal index: when a negative search result is positive
Max McMaster

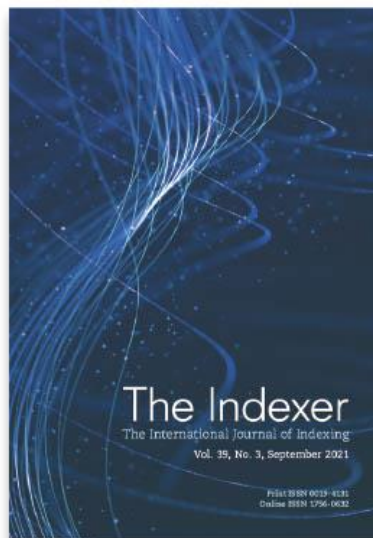
PubINDEX: no second thoughts allowed
Jon Jermy

Raising the profile of indexing: National Indexing Day 2021 in the UK
Ann Kingdom

Conference reports

Forty years ago
The Indexer forty years ago (October 1981)
Hazel K. Bell

Indexes reviewed
Edited by Christine Shuttleworth



Did you know that the indexes to the journal are available on *The Indexer* website?

Search for content by category or using the author, title, and subject indexes.

Visit www.theindexer.org/indexes/

You can also search for content in the journal via the LUP website or through Scopus.

ANZSI events

For full details, follow a link (if included) or go directly to the [Events webpage](#).

ANZSI Council meeting

18 October 2021

5:00 – 7:00 pm (AEDT), Zoom videoconference

ANZSI PD Legal Indexing 1

18 November 2021

9:30 – 11:00 am (AEDT), Zoom webinar

ANZSI PD Legal Indexing 2

7 December 2021

9:30 – 11:00 am (AEDT), Zoom webinar

ANZSI Council meeting

29 November 2021

5:00 – 7:00 pm (AEDT), Zoom videoconference

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TBA January /February 2022

Time TBA, Zoom webinar



Simplicity

Power

Elegance

Flexibility

Sophistication



SIMPLE installation, begin adding entries in 3 easy steps. No formatting pre-sets necessary.

POWERFUL capabilities for easy and efficient data entry and editing: search and replace, macros, abbreviations, auto-completion and more.

ELEGANT and intuitive user interface.

FLEXIBILITY allows you to adapt the program to your preferred work habits: user-selectable views, work with entry subsets or multiple indexes simultaneously. Assign text to hot (function) keys. Print the same index file directly from the program in multiple formats.

SOPHISTICATED integration with other essential software: drag & drop between indexes and word-processors, embed index entries in RTF-compatible documents, export & import files to and from other indexing, spreadsheet and database programs.



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Events

SI Conference 2021: 'Boosting your Indexing Business'

9-10 November 2021, online

The conference will run over two days, from Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon, beginning with the keynote presentation from Dennis Duncan, author of the eagerly awaited *Index, a History of the*, and his indexer, Paula Clarke Bain.

Through a mixture of talks, demonstrations, a Q&A expert panel and break-out sessions there will be something of interest to everyone, from indexing students and newly qualified indexers to those who have been running an indexing business for many years.

[Outline draft programme](#).

Cost: £45 for whole conference (£28 for one day). Bookings: now open [here](#).

Continental Connections: International Indexing Conference

17-18 October 2022, Berlin, Germany and online

To coincide with the triennial meeting of ICRIS (International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies), an international conference will be held in the heart of Europe, enabling participants to explore one of the most famous and cosmopolitan cities in the world.

Organised jointly by the Netherlands and German indexing networks (NIN and DNI) and the Society of Indexers, with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Information und Wissen (DGI), the conference is likely to be a hybrid event - online and on-site - in the expectation of a return to quasi-normal international travel.

<https://dgi-info.de/continental-connections-international-indexing-conference/>



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ANZSI Council 2021-22

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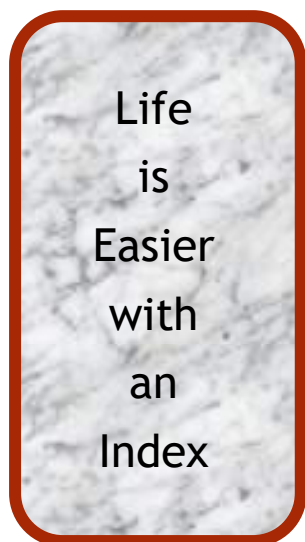
Secretary: [Sherrey Quinn](#)

Treasurer: [vacant](#)

Council members: Elisabeth Thomas, Juliet Richters, Marnie Hannagan and Tanya Edbrooke.

Group and regional contacts

Please consult the [ANZSI website](#) for details of regional and interest groups, and contacts.



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