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## Council update

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Council's meetings in May and June dealt with matters such as the Treasurer vacancy, representation at the Triennial ICRIS Conference as well as regular reports on finances, membership, communications, education and professional development, the library, and accreditation.

Council is delighted to welcome Michael Wyatt as Treasurer for the remainder of the Council term. Michael is a former Treasurer, national committee member and a Life Member of ANZSI. The Treasurer has a governance and forward-planning role. Michael will work with the Accounts Officer who does the bookkeeping, and day-to-day management of accounts and payments.

Council is very pleased to announce that Glenda Browne will represent ANZSI at the Triennial ICRIS Meeting in Berlin in October 2022. ICRIS is the International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies and the Triennial Meeting is a formal gathering of representatives of members - the indexing societies of UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Ireland, Germany, The Netherlands, China and Australia. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the triennial indexing conference in Berlin, 17 to 18 October. The conference will be a hybrid conference and registrations are now open. Details are on the ANZSI website.

A social meeting for ANZSI members will be held via Zoom on Thursday 7 July 2022. This is planned to be the first in a series of sessions that will be held roughly quarterly, on different days of the week and at different times, so that members located across our wide membership area - from New Zealand to Western Australia - can participate. The sessions will be opportunities for members to network and discuss issues of interest. Please let us know if you have suggestions for themes or issues you would like to discuss.

The ANZSI Annual General meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday August 25 at 6.00pm AEST. Nominations are now sought for Council positions - please think about participating in the running of our society. Some members of the current Council are expected to nominate for another term, but members are sought to fill positions which will become vacant. Membership of Council is an excellent networking opportunity, and tasks are shared so that Council members can contribute without loss of time from their own indexing work. Being new to indexing or to the society is no barrier to membership of Council - indeed, we encourage newer members to nominate.

Details of the AGM and how to nominate for Council are in the notice that follows in this issue of the newsletter.

As usual, the Council meetings also discussed content for the newsletter. Please send us news items, useful technical tips, notes on interesting publications, or even an article on an indexing topic! Please send them in, no matter how brief, to Elisabeth Thomas, our Editor.

***Sherrey Quin, Secretary***



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## Annual General Meeting, 25 August 2022

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Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers Inc. will be held at 6.00 pm AEST\* on Thursday 25 August 2022. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

### Notices of motion

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Any members wishing to propose a resolution at the meeting must give prior notice of motion. A copy of the resolution to be moved, signed by a proposer and seconder, must be received by the Secretary, Sherrey Quinn, no later than **Thursday 21 July 2022**.

### Nominations for Council

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Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five ordinary Council members.

The duties of each role are not onerous, and position descriptions may be found here:

<https://www.anzsi.org/member-area/official-documents/>

If you are interested in joining Council, please complete and return the ANZSI Council Nomination Form 2022 which you will find at: <https://www.anzsi.org/member-area/official-documents/>

Nominations must be mailed to:

Returning Officer, ANZSI  
GPO Box 2069  
Canberra ACT 2601

or emailed to: [info@anzsi.org](mailto:info@anzsi.org)

to arrive no later than close of business **Thursday 21 July 2022**.

### Meeting details

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The AGM will be held via Zoom teleconference. If you wish to join the meeting, please contact Sherrey Quinn, Secretary for the login details: [secretary@anzsi.org](mailto:secretary@anzsi.org)

Information about the AGM and the relevant forms can be found on the ANZSI website at <https://www.anzsi.org/member-area/official-documents/>

The agenda and papers will be posted there by **4 August 2022**.

### Proxies

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Notice of intention to vote by proxy and the choice of the nominated proxy must reach the Secretary by **Wednesday 24 August 2022**, submitted on the prescribed form.

*Sherrey Quinn, ANZSI Secretary* [secretary@anzsi.org](mailto:secretary@anzsi.org)

\* 25 August 2022 AGM teleconference start times in all time zones:

NZ: 8.00 pm; ACT, NSW, Qld, Vic, Tas: 6.00 pm; SA, NT & Broken Hill, NSW: 5.30 pm; WA: 4.00 pm

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## American Society for Indexing (ASI) 2022 conference report

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The American Society for Indexing (ASI) 2022 virtual conference was held on 29-30 April 2022. The theme of the conference was *The Future of Indexing: A Mix of Art & Technology*.

Most of the attendees were from the United States, but there were a number from other countries, including myself as ANZSI representative. The conference was easy to attend live via Zoom and the presentations were also recorded, which made it an attractive option for participants like me who were tuning in from the other side of the world. The conference was well-paced, with eight sessions spread over the two days, interspersed by short breaks.

Rather than get up in the early hours of the morning for the first two sessions of each day, I opted to watch the recordings of those sessions later, but I did manage to attend the latter two sessions each day live. Attending the live sessions also gave me the opportunity to chat with other attendees informally during the breaks.

Conference registration also included a bonus “Software Segments” session on 4 May that included segments on CINDEX™, Index-Manager, SKY Software and Macrex. I didn’t attend these sessions, but they looked like a good opportunity to hear about updates to software and talk with other users. If these are offered again, they could also be an excellent way for new indexers to explore software options. A pre-conference workshop for new indexers on 28 April was also offered.

The presentations at the conference were interesting and varied. Paula Clarke Bain kicked things off on the first day with a very entertaining talk about her index to Dennis Duncan’s *Index, a history of the*. I particularly enjoyed her explanations of the creative and funny aspects of her index, which includes acrostics, anagrams and lots of other word play. These aren’t things that an indexer is usually encouraged to do, so I’m sure I wasn’t the only one just a wee bit jealous. If you’re interested to know more, look for Paula’s article based on this presentation that will be published in the September 2022 issue of *The Indexer*.

Joshua Tallent was up next with his thoughts about the role of indexers in the era of modern publishing. It was comforting to hear him say that he thinks indexers will still be in demand for some time yet to come, although he also encouraged indexers to focus on being ready to adapt rather than trying to anticipate all of the changes to come. I watched the recordings of Paula and Joshua’s presentations so didn’t get to see the Q&A sessions that followed them (the organisers decided not to record these in order to encourage comments and discussion), but I am sure both talks generated lively discussion.

I tuned in live to hear John Coe (no relation) share his experience on creating a successful marketing campaign. Although not a professional indexer, he had given some thought to tailoring his advice for the conference audience. He also offered a detailed marketing programme handout that participants could download from the conference website. Perhaps his best advice was to work hard at keeping and ‘growing’ current clients by providing great service and a personal touch. As John noted, it is always easier to generate business through current clients than to find new ones.

I also watched the last presentation on the first day, which was Fred Leise sharing his index editing process. Fred is an award-winning indexer and very experienced presenter (this talk

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was given on the twentieth anniversary of his first ASI conference presentation). His advice was useful for both new and experienced indexers, and the Zoom chat during his presentation was full of practical tips from the audience as well.

The second day started with a presentation from Melanie Gee in the UK on indexing the metatopic (subject of the whole book). Mel did an excellent job blending her own practices and the sources that influenced them with the results of a survey of US and UK indexers that she had conducted. Mel has kindly offered to write about the metatopic for *The Indexer* so keep an eye out for that if you're interested.

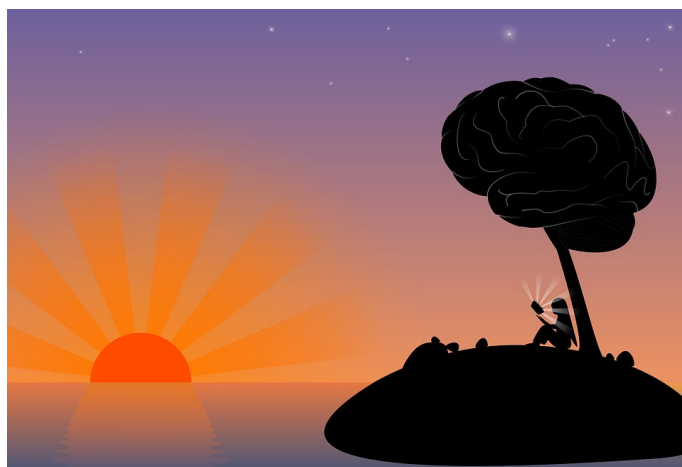
Connie Binder then talked about indexing children's books, covering not only best practices but business aspects. I appreciated her passion for helping children to become lifelong index users and her emphasis on the role of indexers in doing this. Maria Sullivan followed with a presentation about creating an index for a subsequent edition of a publication. She took us right through the process, from the initial decision about whether to update an existing index or start again from scratch, through client expectations about the process, and pitfalls to avoid. This topic inspired a lot of discussion in the chat and, as with Fred's talk about the index editing process, many experienced indexers jumped in to offer practical tips. I'm sure that I wasn't the only one to save the chat to look at again later.

The last presentation was by Bill Kasdorf and Caroline Desrosiers, who spoke about the EPUB format and accessibility features for ebooks. Like Joshua Tallent, both of these speakers thought that the future for indexers was promising but encouraged them to spread a wider net and think about other ways to use their skills.

Overall, the ASI conference lived up to its theme and looked to the future of indexing. There was a good mix of presentations on indexing practice, the role of technology, and how to run an indexing business. Both new and experienced indexers would have found something of interest. But perhaps the best aspect for me was the ability to attend remotely from Australia. I highly encourage other ANZSI members to take advantage of online events like the ASI conference. Being able to access the recordings later is definitely an advantage but connecting with other indexers, even if virtually, is still the best part of any conference.

Further details of the ASI conference program can be found at <https://www.asindexing.org/conference-2022/program/>

**Mary Coe**



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## Adobe Acrobat software ‘Actions’

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In the June 2016 issue of the *ANZSI Newsletter* (vol 12, no 3) I described an Adobe Acrobat Action called “Comment Summary” that I find useful for indexing material where the form of each entry is pretty much the exact term used in the text, such as names, places, organisations, directories, catalogues, recipes etc.

A further suite of Actions was brought to my attention by Judy McConville in the Indexers Discussion Group (<https://idg.groups.io/g/main>), which I find very useful, both alone and in conjunction with Comment Summary. They are:

- Find and Highlight Words: you type in a list of terms and the Action highlights every occurrence of these terms in the text. This is useful both for double-checking that you’ve noted every important discussion and for use in combination with Comment Summary (with “Copy selected text into ... comment pop-ups” switched on in Preferences).
- Find, Highlight and Extract words: does the same but results in a separate file containing only those pages with highlighted terms.
- Delete All Comments: does what it says - removes all the highlighting; useful for those oops moments.

You can find all these on the Acrobat Action Exchange at <https://acrobatusers.com/actions-exchange/>

*Michael Wyatt*

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## ANZSI Membership for 2022-2023: renewal reminder

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A membership renewal email has been sent to all members. If you have not received yours, it may be in the Promotions tab (or other area) of your email. Renewals are payable prior to, or within 30 days of the due date of 1 July 2022.

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### Online renewal through the ANZSI Store

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Renewing your subscription enables you to retain the benefits that you enjoy as an ANZSI member. Benefits include the *ANZSI Newsletter*, a discounted subscription rate for *The Indexer*, listing in Indexers Available, the ANZSI Library, opportunities for connecting with fellow indexers and retention of your Accreditation status or access to ANZSI’s Accreditation process. A secure online payment can be made through the [ANZSI Store](#). If you would like to take up the option of advertising in Indexers Available, you can pay for this when renewing your membership. Please contact me at [members@anzsi.org](mailto:members@anzsi.org) if you need any assistance with your renewal.

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### Resignations

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If you are not intending to renew your ANZSI membership subscription, we would appreciate knowing the reason why (eg. difficulty finding work, no longer working as an indexer, retiring etc) as this will help the Society to better understand the needs of our members.

*Nikki Davis, Membership Secretary*

# ABC Federal Election indexes

What a happy voter I was on election night, 21 May 2022, to see and use the indexes on the ABC Australia Votes website. Thank you whoever organised the data this way.

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Martyn Abbott	ALP	<a href="#">Goldstein</a> (VIC)
Natalie Abboud	GRN	<a href="#">Calwell</a> (VIC)
Adam Abdul Razak	GRN	<a href="#">Tangney</a> (WA)
Michael Abelman	LDP	<a href="#">La Trobe</a> (VIC)
Eric Abetz (Sitting MP)	LIB	<a href="#">Senate - Tasmania</a> (TAS)
Daniel William Abou-Zeid	UAP	<a href="#">Corangamite</a> (VIC)
Chrysten Abraham	LDP	<a href="#">Flinders</a> (VIC)
Grant Abraham	ONP	<a href="#">Groom</a> (QLD)

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<a href="#">Adelaide (SA)</a>	ALP	8.2
<a href="#">Aston (VIC)</a>	LIB	10.1

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<a href="#">Ballarat (VIC)</a>	ALP	10.2
<a href="#">Banks (NSW)</a>	LIB	6.3
<a href="#">Barker (SA)</a>	LIB	18.9

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(From : <https://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2022/guides>)

**Sherrey Quinn**

From bouquets to brickbats? ...

## ABC cuts to Librarians and Archivists

“Archivists and librarians at the ABC are in shock after management unveiled plans to abolish 58 positions and make journalists research and archive their own stories.

Reporters and producers working on breaking news, news programs and daily programs like 7.30 will have to search for archival material themselves and will be expected to log the metadata of any new material into the system.

Sources told Guardian Australia a further 17 contract positions in archives would be abolished...”

So began a report in *The Guardian* on 8 June 2022.

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2022/jun/08/abc-to-abolish-58-librarian-and-archivist-jobs-with-journalists-to-do-archival-work>

Read more reports and reactions:

[https://www.alia.org.au/Web/News/Articles/2022/June-2022/ASA\\_ALIA\\_Joint\\_Statement.aspx](https://www.alia.org.au/Web/News/Articles/2022/June-2022/ASA_ALIA_Joint_Statement.aspx)



[https://www.alia.org.au/Web/News/Articles/2022/June-2022/Media%20release ALIAs response to cuts to librarian and archivist roles at the ABC.aspx](https://www.alia.org.au/Web/News/Articles/2022/June-2022/Media%20release%20ALIAs%20response%20to%20cuts%20to%20librarian%20and%20archivist%20roles%20at%20the%20ABC.aspx)

<https://theconversation.com/the-abcs-plan-to-axe-its-librarians-will-damage-its-journalism-heres-why-184733#>

<https://www.afr.com/politics/federal/abc-says-archives-cuts-won-t-hurt-storytelling-20220609-p5ask4>

<https://idm.net.au/article/0013943-abc-cut-archiving-staff>

<https://www.news.com.au/entertainment/abc-to-abolish-almost-60-jobs-and-make-journalists-do-the-work/news-story/36510599a6169b57753305181270e555>

## ANZSI Library news



Photograph: Karen Gillen

### Recently donated items

In the interests of maintaining an archive of original printed copies of the *ANZSI Newsletter*, a call for donations of missing copies was published in the April 2022 issue of the *Newsletter*. Long-term ANZSI member, Mary Coe, answered the call, reporting that former NSW member Tricia Waters had given her a set of newsletters that contained the issues missing from the Library collection.

Mary has since donated the following issues:

#### *AusSI Newsletter*

1977, Vol. 1, No. 3

2004, Vol. 28, No.1

#### *ANZSI Newsletter*

2005, Vol. 1, No. 10

2006, Vol. 2, Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

2008, Vol. 4, Nos 1, 2, 3, 6, 8

2009, Vol. 5, Nos 1, 2, 3, 9

2011, Vol. 7, Nos 7, 8, 9

2012, Vol. 8, No. 1

The Australian collection list on the website has been updated accordingly.

## Loans

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The full list of holdings of both the Australian collection and the New Zealand collection can be [viewed or downloaded](#) from the members area on the ANZSI website.

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](#)

*Karen Gillen, Library Officer (Australia)*

## People

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### Adieu to Tordis Flath

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ANZSI Council has received notice of the resignation of Tordis Flath from ANZSI. Tordis has been an ongoing member since 2002. Tordis was instrumental in the formal establishment of the New Zealand branch.\* Tordis was the President of the NZ Branch from 2004 to 2006, a committee member in 2008 and 2009, and Vice President from 2010 to 2015, when branches were formally disbanded.

Tordis won the ANZSI Medal in 2004 with the index to *Toss Woollaston: a life in letters*, edited by Jill Trevelyan (Te Papa Press, 2004) and has been an Accredited ANZSI member since that date.

In addition, Tordis played a major role in organising the 2013 Conference in Wellington as Chair of the Conference Committee and has also been a member of the Accreditation Committee/Board of Assessors since 2012.

A big thankyou to Tordis for all her contributions to our Society. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

### *Madeleine Davis, President*

(The New Zealand branch was approved by the AusSI committee on 25 September 2004 and became effective with changes to the Constitution at a Special Meeting on 17 November 2004, when AusSI became ANZSI.)

### New member

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Welcome to Bronwyn Hislop of Victoria who has joined the Society.

*Nikki Davis, Membership Secretary*

## What's in *The Indexer*?

The June issue of *The Indexer* is available.

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

*Indexing The Indexer, Part 2. Identifying good practice in journal indexing*  
Ann Kingdom

*Finding content in The Indexer survey: background*  
Max McMaster

*Indexing with Excel, Part 1. Basics, database properties, sorting*  
Walter Greulich

*Whom should we aim to please when creating ebook indexes?*  
Mary Coe

*Raising the profile of indexing: National Indexing Day 2022*  
Mary Coe and Ann Kingdom

#### Indexes reviewed

*Indexes reviewed*  
Christine Shuttleworth



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

Visit [www.theindexer.org/indexes/](http://www.theindexer.org/indexes/)

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

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**ANZSI events**

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

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**ANZSI Social gathering online**

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**7 July 2022**

Time TBA, Zoom videoconference

Details to be in distributed member email.

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**ANZSI Council meeting**

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**25 July 2022**

5:00 - 7:00 pm (AEST), Zoom videoconference

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**ANZSI Annual General Meeting**

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**25 August 2022**

6:00 - 7:30 pm (AEST), Zoom videoconference

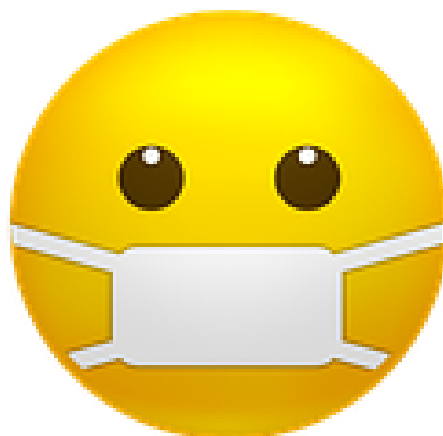
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**ANZSI Council meeting**

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**5 September 2022**

5:00 - 7:00 pm (AEST), Zoom videoconference



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## Other events

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### Continental Connections: International Indexing Conference

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17-18 October 2022, Berlin, Germany and online

Organised jointly by the Netherlands and German indexing networks (NIN and DNI) and the Society of Indexers, in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Information und Wissen e.V. (DGI), this will be a hybrid event, with presentations live-streamed to online participants.”

“Please visit the conference pages for information about the conference and registration:

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

This is a hybrid conference, both online and physical attendance are possible, therefore the registration process may be somewhat different from what you are used to. When on the registration page, please read the notes on registration carefully and then proceed to Eventbrite at the end of that page. When on the Eventbrite page, click on the ‘tickets’-button and chose the appropriate ticket. ICRIS-representatives can chose the free ticket.

If you experience any difficulties or have any questions, you can contact the conference organizers at: [icris-redaktion@d-indexer.org](mailto:icris-redaktion@d-indexer.org)

Please spread the word among your membership and we hope to see you all in Berlin, whether in person or online!

Best wishes,

*Caroline Diepeveen, ICRIS international co-coordinator*”



## Contact information

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Vice-president: [Shirley Campbell](#)

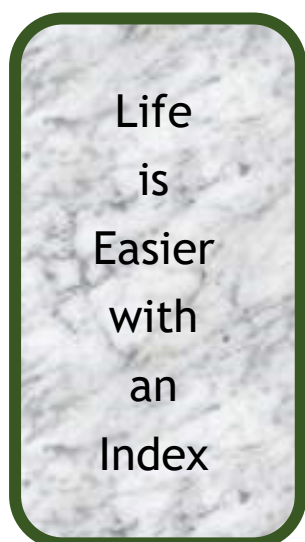
Secretary: [Sherrey Quinn](#)

Treasurer: [Michael Wyatt](#)

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

### Group and regional contacts

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



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