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President's report to Annual General Meeting 25 August 2022 and Council election for 2022-23

The ANZSI AGM for the 2020-21 year was held via videoconference on 25 August 2022 with fifteen members participating.

Regular business included the acceptance of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM, the President's annual report (see Highlights below), the Treasurer's report for 2021-22 and election of Council members.

Single nominations for the following Council positions were received therefore voting was not required and the nominees declared elected unopposed.

Council members for 2022-23 are:

President: Madeleine Davis.

Vice-President: Shirley Campbell

Secretary: Sherrey Quinn

Treasurer: Michael Wyatt

Council members: Sharon Betridge, Marnie Hannagan and Elisabeth Thomas.

ANZSI created a new position of ANZSI Accounts Officer to assist the Treasurer, which was filled by Karen Gillen.

There are two remaining general member positions vacant and nominations will continue to be open for these roles. ANZSI members who would like to contribute by joining the Council are welcome to nominate. If you are interested, please contact Madeleine Davis, President president@anzsi.org

Highlights

Professional development

Three well-attended professional development sessions on legal indexing were delivered: 'Indexing statutes', 'Indexing cases' and 'Indexing legal texts' were held on 18 November, 7 December 2021 and 1 February 2022 respectively.

It was wonderful to see such a wide geographic representation across all the sessions. It would not have been possible to have held face-to-face meetings to accommodate all of the ANZSI members keen to learn more about legal indexing. Evaluation of all three sessions was undertaken by members attending.

One of the objectives of the series of sessions on legal indexing was to breakdown fears and negative preconceptions about legal indexing. Participants' engagement during the sessions and later comments suggest that this objective had been met.

A fourth professional development session on marketing was held to recognise National Indexing Day (NID). (See under NID below.)

ANZSI Indexing Awards and John Simkin Medal

As COVID-19 restrictions began to lift, we were able to re-start the judging process from 2021 for the ANZSI Indexing Awards and John Simkin Medal and Accreditation.

Eleven nominations were received by the closing date of 30 June 2021, with one subsequently withdrawn. The 10 nominations included 8 Australian nominations; 2 New Zealand nominations; 9 from ANZSI members.

The judges announced their decision on 12 February 2022.

The John Simkin Medal for 2021 was awarded to Sherrey Quinn for:

Murujuga: Rock Art, Heritage and Landscape Iconoclasm (author: José Antonio González Zarandona), University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020.

One Highly Commended Award was also made, also to Sherrey Quinn for her index to:

Geocultural Power: China's Quest to Revive Silk Roads for the Twenty-first Century (author: Tim Winter), University of Chicago Press, 2019.

The next John Simkin Medal round will take place in 2023.

Accreditation

Two applications were received this year.

National Indexing Day - Thursday 31 March 2022

To celebrate ANZSI National Indexing Day (NID) this year, a special Zoom webinar was held on Thursday 31 March, featuring two sessions. "Using 'soft marketing' to build your indexing business" and "Whom should we aim to please when creating book indexes?". Both sessions were very well received with 18 members attending.

Group activity

Indexers SA met socially on 5 November 2021 and Canberra Region Indexers held a lunch in January 2022. NSW Indexers held a meeting via Zoom on 23 July 2021. A lunchtime meeting of Victorian members, that I attended, was held at Werribee on 2 March this year.

Social chat

Arising out of the COVID-19 restrictions over two years and our growing familiarity with the use of Zoom, the idea of informal 'social chat' meetings for members was canvassed by Council at a couple of meetings. It was recommended that a series of such sessions would be held at roughly quarterly intervals during the year, 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 - could participate. The sessions will be opportunities for me to outline what has been happening in Council and for members to network and discuss issues of interest.

Membership

As at 30 June 2022, ANZSI had a total of 90 members of whom 28 were Accredited members. There were 51 members with an Indexers Available listing.

ANZSI recommended rate for indexing

Both recommended rates for Australian and New Zealand indexers remain at the same level as last year.

Membership fees

Membership fees remain at the same level as last year.

ANZSI Library

The ANZSI Library has gone from strength to strength with large donations of books from retiring indexing members being received.

Council has also agreed that the ANZSI Library acquire copies of texts (where available) containing indexes which have been awarded the John Simkin Medal (formerly 'ANZSI Medal') - as a resource for both members and medal judges.

ANZSI Newsletter index

The 1994 index has been revised by inclusion of links to articles. It is available on the website with the separate 1973-92 and 2001 indexes. Work is proceeding (as time is available) on the 1996 (Vol. 20) index.

Affiliation with IPEd

Council received a proposal from IPEd to develop an affiliate relationship between IPEd and ANZSI. A working party was established to consider this and seek clarification on details of the proposal.

International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS)

Tracy Harwood remained as ANZSI ICRIS Liaison Officer and Madeleine Davis continued as the ICRIS representative (ex officio) on the ICRIS Email List.

Informal Zoom meetings of ICRIS were held on 29 September 2021 and 8 April 2022. These Zoom meetings are fostering more frequent communication and information-sharing among ICRIS representatives.

Recent discussion has morphed into the idea of an international presence and the establishment of an international indexers' website. A report and recommendation will be circulated to all indexing societies and networks and discussed at the Triennial ICRIS Meeting in Berlin in October 2022.

While most COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, some societies have held hybrid conferences (face-to-face as well as streaming) this year, with sessions recorded for download and subsequent viewing. Council recommended that an approach be made via ICRIS to those societies which held online virtual conferences and recorded the sessions, to consider the possibility of other societies re-broadcasting some of these sessions to their members, with a fee negotiated by mutual agreement between the societies.

At this stage the Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation (ISC/SCI) has approved this request. The ANZSI Education Officer, together with the new Council will choose sessions to re-broadcast to members over the next few months. These sessions will be free to ANZSI members.

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Council is very pleased to announce that Glenda Browne will represent ANZSI in person at the Triennial ICRIS Meeting in Berlin in October 2022. The ICRIS meeting will be held in conjunction with the triennial indexing conference in Berlin, “Continental Connections”, 17 to 18 October. This conference will be a hybrid conference.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the work of Nikki Davis and Karen Gillen in again maintaining membership records and renewal procedures and to Shirley Campbell for administration and support of the John Simkin Medal and Accreditation processes as well as taking on the Vice President role.

My thanks are also extended to Elisabeth Thomas for her sterling editorship of the ANZSI Newsletter again this year and to Jenny Browne as Communications Officer.

A special thanks to Karen Gillen who took on the new Accounts Officer role and to Michael Wyatt for stepping in as ANZSI Treasurer.

ANZSI would not be able to function as well as it does without the remarkable Sherrey Quinn as Secretary.

I also extend my thanks to all the Members of Council for the ongoing contributions in their roles.

Tordis Flath (Aotearoa NZ) was a long-time member who resigned this year, while Alan Walker, long-time member and HLM (Australia) has retired from indexing.

Notice of the death of long-time member Trevor Matthews was received with sorrow and condolences sent to his partner.

Madeleine Davis, President



Council update

Council met on 25 July 2022 by Zoom video conference. Matters dealt with included correspondence - ANZSI continues to receive enquiries on how to find an indexer, and a request to regain Accreditation from a member re-joining the Society. In addition, there were regular reports on finances, membership, and Accreditation applications. Details for the AGM in August, nominations for Council and the 2021-22 Annual Report were finalised.

Arising out of the COVID-19 restrictions over two years and our growing familiarity with the use of Zoom, the idea of informal ‘social chat’ meetings for members was canvassed by Council at a couple of previous meetings. The first Quarterly Zoom Catch Up for all ANZSI members was held on Thursday 7 July 2022. It gave me the opportunity to outline Council activities and receive feedback and allowed general discussion of indexing matters between ANZSI members. It was agreed that the day and timing of the next sessions would be varied to allow as much member participation as possible.

Council finalised its discussion concerning a proposal from IPEd to develop an affiliate agreement between IPEd and ANZSI has now formally agreed to the proposal. The agreement allows members of ANZSI to register for IPEd conferences, webinars and online training courses and other mutually agreed training and development services at the same price as IPEd members, and vice versa for IPEd members considering participation in similar ANZSI activities.

At the 25 July meeting, Council discussed and recommended some enhancements to the [Guidelines for the Award Judging Panel](#) to include reference to ‘complexity of subject matter’ (a criterion for eligibility for nomination for the Awards) and to encourage the judging panel, at their discretion, to include the titles of shortlisted entries in their final report. The Award Criteria will be publicly available online together with the Indexing Awards and John Simkin Medal information on the ANZSI website whenever the awards are held (next scheduled for 2023).

I reported to Council on two items from ongoing discussion at the informal Zoom meetings of the International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS) which were held on 29 September 2021 and 8 April 2022.

The Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation (ISC/SCI) has approved ANZSI Council's request for permission to re-broadcast sessions, at a mutually agreed payment, from their hybrid conference earlier this year. The ANZSI Education Officer, Mary Coe, together with the new Council will choose sessions to re-broadcast to members over the next few months. These re-broadcasts will be free to ANZSI members. ANZSI Council has also written to the organisers of the Berlin conference from 17 to 18 October this year, with a similar request.

As it will be the triennial ICRIS meeting in conjunction with the Berlin conference, the International Agreement between societies will be reviewed as well as consideration of the establishment of an international indexers' website.

As usual, the Newsletter needs your input. Please send in news items, useful technical tips, notes on interesting publications, an article on an indexing topic or input from the wider membership on any indexing questions you may have. Contact Elisabeth Thomas, our editor at editor@anzsi.org

Madeleine Davis, President

A comedian and an index ...

On *Conversations* with Sarah Kanowski (ABC Radio National, 4 April 2022), popular comedian and art history graduate Hannah Gadsby revealed her love of indexes, which began during her primary school years.

“HG: And then I discovered the library. People would think I was a nerd but really I was just studying the indexes or napping. I never actually read a book.

SK: What do you mean you were studying the indexes?

HG: I love indexes. Like I didn’t read the books, I just ... cos indexes are a great way of getting a sense of what the book thinks is important. It’s sort of the same as getting the manual before you drive the car, so you just read the indexes and then you’re just like so OK this is all the subjects that are important in this book.”

(Full interview at <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/hannah-gadsby-comedy-nanette-douglas-dog-autism/13816518>)

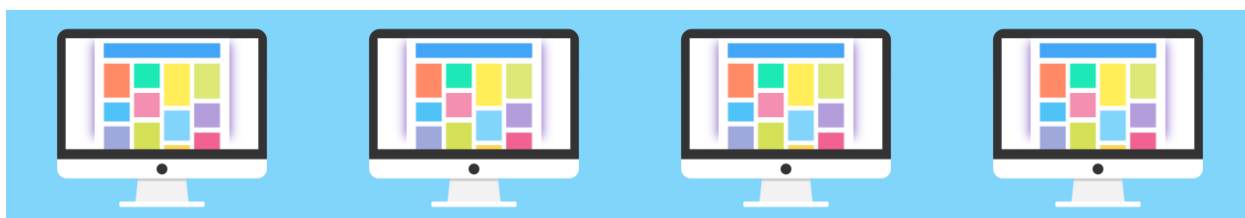
Nikki Davis



ANZSI website: call for comment

It has been some time since the ANZSI website has been reviewed. The Website Subcommittee - Madeleine Davis (Chair), Karen Gillen and Sherrey Quinn - will be meeting in the next few months to consider the current structure and theme and propose any necessary changes to Council. If ANZSI members have any suggestions, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact me at president@anzsi.org with your ideas.

Madeleine Davis



Tasmanian indexers' lunch

On Saturday 9 July, Tasmania's small group of indexers got together for a casual lunch.



Left to right: Sue Scott, Mei Yen Chua, Nikki Davis, Clodagh Jones.

(Photograph courtesy of Nikki Davis)

Clodagh Jones retired from indexing a few years ago, but she retains her interest, and she hasn't slowed down, producing her second book in the time since the group last gathered. Well known for her culinary talents, Mei Yen Chua introduced us to wood blewits [a wild mushroom], which she had picked herself and marinated. They were delicious. Staying on the land, Sue Scott juggles editing and indexing work with farming. She joined ANZSI relatively recently, so it was great to be able to get to know her. For myself as a part-time Tasmanian, these occasional lunches are good not only for touching base professionally, but also to learn more about this beautiful island. Chris Brennan couldn't join us unfortunately, but we look forward to next time.

Nikki Davis



ANZSI Library



(Photograph: Karen Gillen)

Loans

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)



ABC cuts to Librarians and Archivists - update

Reported in *The Guardian*:

Small win for [ABC] archives

“On Monday [8 August], the Australian Library and Information Association and the Australian Society of Archivists wrote an open letter to the ABC Board to express “significant concern” about the ABC’s proposal to [abolish 58 positions in its archive division](#).

‘Australians trust the ABC to provide well-researched, evidence-based journalism and high-quality programming,’ the groups said. “It is reasonable to expect that the ABC archival collection will be managed according to professional standards for creating, managing and preserving records, standards common to other public institutions responsible for a collection of national significance.’

The librarians will be pleased to hear the ABC has wound back plans slightly after lengthy negotiations with staff and unions.

Weekly Beast has confirmed four jobs will no longer be abolished and plans to make daily current affairs shows 7.30 with Sarah Ferguson and Behind The News with Amelia Moseley do their own research have been scrapped.

Both shows will continue to have access to the research team rather than having to rely on the new “content navigators” to troubleshoot when they can’t access the material themselves.

Continued at <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2022/aug/12/the-peter-fitzsimons-interview-with-jacinta-price-that-sparked-a-week-long-culture-war>



Nominations open for IPEd awards

Nominations are invited for the 2023 Janet Mackenzie Medal and the 2023 Rosanne Fitzgibbon Editorial Award, presented by the Institute of Professional Editors Limited (IPEd).

The Mackenzie

The Janet Mackenzie Medal (the Mackenzie) is IPEd’s most prestigious award. It recognises the outstanding achievements and contributions of a current or past IPEd Professional Member to the editing profession, particularly in lifting standards and/or giving exemplary service to IPEd.

Nominations will be accepted until 31 October 2022. The Mackenzie will be awarded in April 2023.

The Rosie

The Rosanne Fitzgibbon Editorial Award (the Rosie) is awarded for editorial excellence as demonstrated in one work.

Nominations will be accepted until 21 October 2022. The 2023 Rosie will be announced at the 11th IPEd Editors Conference in May 2023.

More information for both awards is available on the Awards page of the IPEd website: <https://www.iped-editors.org/about-iped/awards/>



People

Returning member

Welcome back to Trischa Mann (formerly Baker) of Victoria who has re-joined the Society.

Nikki Davis, Membership Secretary

Vale Geraldine Suter

Geraldine became a member of AusSI (later ANZSI) in 1984. She was also a member of the Victorian Branch Committee from 2000-2001, Chair of the Medal Judging Panel in 2000, member of that Panel in 2001 and Editor of the *Newsletter* from 1985 to 1991.

Geraldine was an accomplished indexer, gaining Registration status in 1991 (the precursor to Accreditation), an ANZSI Medal Winner and winner of a 'Highly Commended' index.

In 1991, Geraldine won the ANZSI Medal (later John Simkin Medal) for her *Index to the Argus, 1860* (Council of the State Library of Victoria, 1990). Geraldine's 250-page index - a stand-alone publication - represented the first stage of a project undertaken by the State Library to index 50 years of the *Argus* newspaper from 1860 to 1909. The report of the Judging Panel awarding Geraldine the Medal can be found in the *Newsletter*: 1991 (10&11):1-2. It is well worth reading. Geraldine discussed her experience and the challenges of indexing the *Argus* in a panel presentation to the Victorian Branch in 2001. [National Library of Australia's Trove catalogue record for the *Index*: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/work/32646197>]

She also won the AusSI Highly Commended award in 1994 for her index to *Australian criminal justice* (Findlay, Odgers and Yeo) (Oxford University Press, 1994).

Geraldine was appointed Chair of the Medal Judging Panel again in 2021 but had to defer due to ill health. From all accounts she was busy with indexing projects right up until early this year.

Geraldine passed away on Thursday 21 July 2022.

Her experience, talent and dedication to the Society will be sorely missed.

Madeleine Davis, President

Gallimaufry

Not-so-cross referencing

The reworking of language usage about First Nations peoples worldwide proceeds apace. Members, especially those working on international titles, may be interested to read the recent article in *The Conversation*: <https://theconversation.com/libraries-in-the-u-s-and-canada-are-changing-how-they-refer-to-indigenous-peoples-185106>

A, B, C ..?

Sent to your Newsletter for members' delectation (thank you, Max McMaster) after being re-discovered in the bowels of an old computer, dated September 2010 - origins unknown:

Indexers' Alphabet

Aich	Eff	Gee	Tea
Are	El	Jay	Vee
Ay	Em	Kay	Why
Bee	En	Oh	You
Dee	Ess	Pea	Zed
Double U	Ex	Queue	
Ee	Eye	See	

Sweet old chestnut



Captured on our dashcam recently - signage outside a well-known takeaway vendor.

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[It was corrected a few weeks later, sadly not to the incorrect homonym (the common name of *Alces alces*)].



Perhaps it will find its way to a venture that takes up a lease at this location several suburbs away - although that would be a sticky situation.

(Photographs: Elisabeth Thomas)

STOP PRESS - End of an era



So many of us grew up with this portrait upon a school or university wall somewhere. Now current, no longer only historical works will have the terms King and Queen Consort in the back.

William Dargie's 'Wattle painting' of Queen Elizabeth II (1954) (National Museum of Australia)

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.

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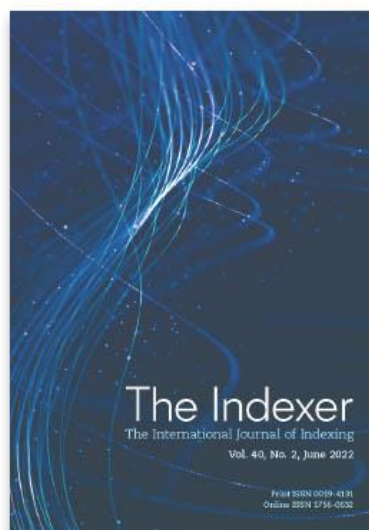
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ANZSI events

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

ANZSI Council meeting

5 September 2022 **postponed to** 19 September 2022

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

ANZSI Council meeting

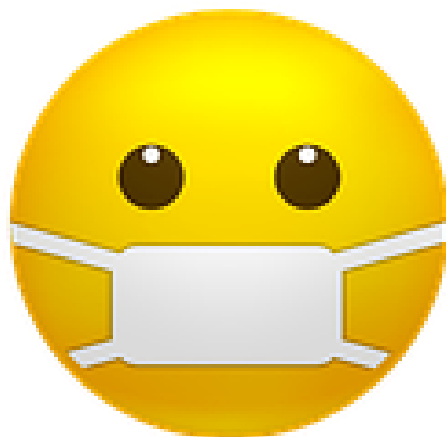
17 October 2022

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

ANZSI Council meeting

28 November 2022

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



Other events

Continental Connections: International Indexing Conference

17-18 October 2022, Berlin, Germany and online

Join us in the heart of Europe for two days' immersion in all things indexing. Widen your horizons and hone your skills while also networking with colleagues and add on some time to explore one of the most famous and cosmopolitan cities in the world or to visit the Frankfurt Book Fair. Centrally located in Berlin, the conference venue, the WeiberWirtschaft, is within easy reach of a variety of hotels and restaurants.

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.

Our three keynote speakers approach the organisation of information from contrasting viewpoints and give the conference a truly international flavour. Judith Flanders (UK and Canada) looks back at the development of alphabetical ordering, Professor Kiene Brillenburg-Wurth (the Netherlands) focuses on the future of the alphabet and its implications for indexing, while Professor Urs Stäheli (Germany) takes a sociological approach to indexes and list-making. The programme will also include contributions from indexers around the world on a wide range of issues, from client relations to e-book developments, as well as a publisher's panel.

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



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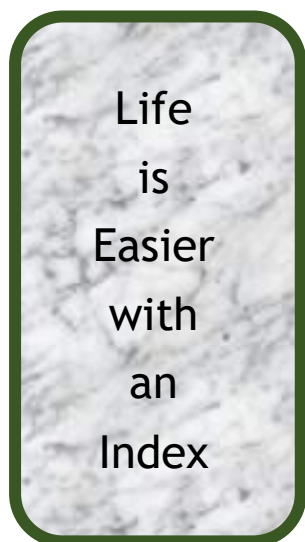
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Group and regional contacts

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



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