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Council update

At the last Council meeting on Tuesday, 21 March 2017, matters discussed included:

- Ongoing evaluation of the need for administrative assistance
- More details presented for the Southern Highlands Symposium in July 2017 (see pages 4–6 of this Newsletter)
- Upcoming membership renewals, membership fees to remain at current levels
- Proposal and endorsement of event organised by Melbourne Indexers on 1 September 2017 (see ANZSI Events section of this Newsletter)
- Publicity and promotions to consider options to promote ANZSI at the IPEd National Editors Conference in September 2017
- ANZSI Annual General Meeting is set down for 24 October 2017.

The next Council meeting will be held by teleconference on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

Elisabeth Thomas

Going to the USA? Why not include the ASI Conference?

Fancy a registration-paid trip to the American Society for Indexing (ASI) Conference in June 2017?

ANZSI Council would like to hear from any current financial member who was already planning to go to the ASI Conference or who might like to take this opportunity to include the conference in other travel.

The easy part is that you will have to represent and promote ANZSI throughout the whole ASI conference. The other (also easy) part is that you will be expected to write a thorough report on the conference, including highlights of your travels, to be published in the ANZSI Newsletter.

As mentioned, your conference registration, being the official ANZSI representative, is paid for, but you will have to meet all other costs yourself.

The ASI conference is on 15–17 June and is being held in Portland, Maine.

Details of the conference are on pages 4–6 of this Newsletter and at https://www.asindexing.org/category/conference/.

Email an expression of interest to ANZSI Council, c/o councilmember2@anzsi.org by 5:00pm AEST Sunday, 30 April 2017.

Other ANZSI representatives this year are Mary Coe who will be attending the Society of Indexers (SI) conference in the UK, and Alan Walker who will be representing members in Canada at the Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d’indexation (ISC/SCI) conference.

Photographs: CC0
Wanted: ANZSI Web Manager

ANZSI is looking for a new web manager

Kate Jera, unfortunately, has to give up the role for personal reasons. We thank Kate for all the work she has done.
The role is a contract position and is part time with variable hours based upon work required. The web manager also acts as communications officer, responsible for distribution of ANZSI broadcast emails.
Job descriptions, for Web Manager and Communications Officer, are available on the ANZSI website in the member area, under official documents.
Experience with WordPress is essential; ANZSI membership and indexing knowledge preferred.
Applicants are invited to email their expression of interest and CV to councilmember2@anzsi.org by 5:00pm AEST Sunday, 30 April 2017.

SI creates National Indexing Day

On the 30th of March this year, the Society of Indexers (SI) promoted indexing to the UK, and beyond, with their inaugural National Indexing Day. The idea came about as part of the Society’s diamond/60th ‘anniversary’.

Ruth Ellis, SI’s social media guru, has gathered the articles and social media coverage from the day on Storify at http://storify.com/indexers/national-indexing-day-2017-indexday.

Sam Leith, SI’s honorary president, wrote an interesting piece, published in The Guardian (https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/mar/30/in-our-google-era-indexers-are-the-unsung-heroes-of-the-publishing-world). The article generated many online comments that are well worth reading in their own right. One point, raised by several online commenters, was why not International Indexing Day?
Why not indeed!?

(Thanks to Mary Russell for relaying the links)

Elisabeth Thomas
Southern Highlands Symposium

Give yourself a gift and come to *Christmas in July* at ANZSI’s *Southern Highlands Symposium*, hosted by the Canberra Region Indexers and NSW Indexers. The symposium will include a full-day of presentations on Saturday, a festive dinner on Saturday night, and a half-day of workshops on Sunday.

The venue is Sylvan Glen, an historic country guesthouse in Penrose, NSW. It is an easy 90-minute drive from Sydney or Canberra. You can also travel by train to nearby Bundanoon station, which is a two-hour journey from either Sydney or Canberra. ANZSI has exclusive use of the venue for the weekend, including a nine-hole golf course, tennis, climbing wall, and bike/walking trails. You are welcome to check in on Friday (21 July), or stay later on Sunday (23 July) to enjoy an extra afternoon at Sylvan Glen or exploring the lovely Southern Highlands.


**Indexing discourse (Saturday, 22 July)**

We will hold a series of indexing presentations from ANZSI members and an invited speaker, with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. There will be a special ‘Christmas in July’ dinner on Saturday night, with all the trimmings!

**Indexing workshop (Sunday, 23 July)**

Interested indexers will be given links to the PDF copy of a short report and asked to index it before the symposium. On the Sunday morning, we will discuss the choices we made in small groups, and then all together. A sample index will be provided as a starting point for discussion. This session is included as part of registration for the symposium.
Mini-mentoring (Sunday, 23 July)
Indexers will have the opportunity to connect one-on-one to discuss their work. This session is open to both new and experienced indexers — you never stop learning! It is included as part of registration for the symposium.

Further information and registration details for the Symposium will be available soon.

Mary Coe and Denise Sutherland

Basic Indexing Workshop

Interested in learning how to index, or know someone who wants to learn?

Basic Indexing Workshop (Friday, 21 July, 10:30am to 5:30pm)

If you don't know where to begin, this is the workshop for you! Glenda Browne, author of The Indexing Companion, will offer a one-day course in basic indexing. The workshop is being held the day before the Southern Highlands Symposium, so students are most welcome to join ANZSI and register for the symposium as well.
Cost is $240 for ANZSI members, or $300 for non-members. The workshop fee includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
For further information about the workshop, contact Glenda Browne at glendabrowne@gmail.com.
Accommodation at Sylvan Glen is available at additional cost.

Glenda Browne

Accreditation Preparation Workshop

Attendee expressions of interest sought

ANZSI is planning to present a workshop on indexing techniques on Friday, 21 July at Sylvan Glen, prior to the Southern Highlands Symposium. The workshop, open to all ANZSI members, is pitched at ‘intermediate’ level and is intended to help indexers prepare for Accreditation. It will present sessions on subject analysis and index structure, and include discussion of indexing issues and dilemmas, with practical work related to the Accreditation criteria.
It is intended for indexers who have completed a basic indexing course, have had some years of indexing experience or had several indexes published. The workshop will help indexers understand what is required for Accreditation, however it is not an alternative to the Accreditation process.

Sessions will be presented by experienced indexers and trainers.

The workshop will go ahead if there is sufficient interest. Please contact Sherrey Quinn at sherreyquinn@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. (This won't be taken as final commitment to attend, it will just help us gauge demand.)

Prices are yet to be determined, but are likely to be similar to the basic training workshop which will be held at the same time.

*Sherrey Quinn*, Chair, ANZSI Accreditation Committee

### IDPF merges with W3C

From the press release:

“[https://www.w3.org/](https://www.w3.org/) – 1 February, 2017 – The vision to align Publishing and Web technologies and create a new roadmap for the future of publishing became official today with the announcement that the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and the International Digital Publishing Forum (IDPF) have combined organizations. W3C is the global standards organization that develops foundational Web technologies such as HTML, CSS, SVG, XML and WCAG. IDPF developed the EPUB standard used globally for accessible ebooks and digital publications…Working together, Publishing@W3C will bring exciting new capabilities and features to the future of publishing, authoring and reading using Web technologies.”

Read more at [https://www.w3.org/2017/01/pressrelease-idpf-w3c-combination.html.en](https://www.w3.org/2017/01/pressrelease-idpf-w3c-combination.html.en) and [https://www.w3.org/publishing/](https://www.w3.org/publishing/).

*(Thanks to Dwight Walker)*

### ASI’s Web & Electronic Indexing SIG is now Digital Publications Indexing SIG

In late 2016, the American Society for Indexing’s (ASI) Special Interest Group (SIG) was renamed – from Web & Electronic Indexing SIG to Digital Publications Indexing SIG – after a survey of members changed the direction of the SIG. Ebook indexing is much more popular than Web indexing as web indexing never made any money and ebook indexing is a growing area. The SIG builds on the work done by DTTF (Digital Trends Task Force) of ASI.

After an extensive search, the new SIG manager is Stephen Ingle ([sringle@wordco.com](mailto:sringle@wordco.com)) who has an extensive ebook background at ASI.

In addition, due to the change of direction from web indexing to digital publications indexing in the
SIG in 2016, the Web Indexing Award of Digital Publications Indexing SIG of American Society of Indexing (ASI) has closed from 2017.

We thank the judges of previous years for the contribution to this field.

The last Web Indexing Award in 2016 was awarded to Doug Lowry for his ebook/web index.


Dwight Walker

The things you see in documentaries

Whoever thought indexes could be generated adequately by software, and those who thought indexes are boring compilations of keywords had better think again.

Indexers have found an unlikely supporter and ally in Ina May Gaskin, the famous American midwife. While I was watching the DVD of the documentary *Birth Story: Ina May Gaskin and the Farm Midwives*, Gaskin pulls out a copy of *Williams Obstetrics*, 16th edition, from her bookshelf to point out to the viewer an index compiled by one of the editor’s wives. The indexer had snuck in this entry:

‘Chauvinism, male, voluminous amount, 1–1102.’

Talk about subversive indexing at its best! Who said indexing was boring? Bet no computer-generated software could come with that!

Mei Yen Chua

Look us up! Indexers Available

Editors, authors, publishers: save time and money – find someone to make the most of your publication by creating the index!

Indexers Available is a directory compiled by the Society to help editors, publishers and authors find an indexer. The indexers listed are all members of ANZSI and all expect to be available to take commissions. It includes Accredited Indexers, whose competence has been assessed by a committee of the Society, as well as other indexers. Find out more about hiring indexers, as well as the recommended rate for indexing and how indexers quote on indexing jobs.

http://www.anzsi.org/indexers-available/
What’s in The Indexer?

The March issue of The Indexer is available on Ingenta and Lulu.

THE INDEXER
The International Journal of Indexing

March 2017 issue now out, with articles including:

• Alistair Horne on publishing today and tomorrow
• The Twin Oaks Indexing Collective
• Paula Clarke Bain on comedy book indexes
• Cheryl Caballero and Rosalind Guldner on accessible web indexes
• ... plus reviews, indexes reviewed and more.

Essential reading for anyone interested in promoting the cause of analytical indexing in the digital age

www.theindexer.org

ANZSI events

For full details, follow the link from the title of each event to the website.

SAVE THE DATE! – Friday, 1 September 2017
ANZSI ‘Indexes through publishers’ eyes’ one-day seminar
9:30am – 4:30pm, Centre for Adult Education (CAE), Flinders Lane, in Melbourne CBD.

Melbourne Indexers are organising and hosting this ANZSI event, the aim of which is to explore indexes from the publishers’ perspective and it is hoped to get a mix of speakers from across the industry.

Everyone is welcome.

More details to come.

Wednesday, 5 April 2017
Melbourne Indexers: Updating an Index
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, 1 Pakington Street, Kew VIC

How do you update an index? What are the tricks to doing it successfully? What software features in Macrex and Sky, for example, can assist with this process?
Tuesday, 25 April 2017

NSW Indexers: Luncheon

12.30pm +, Botanic Gardens Cafe, Sydney (under the restaurant, semi-open air)

We will gather for an informal lunch on the holiday Tuesday. If you have any items for discussion forward them to be added to the agenda; or bring your ideas on the day. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the Symposium to be held in July (see details pages 4–6 in this Newsletter).

Please RSVP so we can try to save enough seats.
Email Glenda Browne at glendabrowne@gmail.com.

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

Council Meeting

6:30 – 8:00pm, teleconference

Wednesday, 7 June 2017

Melbourne Indexers: Financial Aspects

6:00 – 7:30 pm, Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall, 1 Pakington St, Kew VIC

Looking at questions of finance such as:
- The actual cost of doing the index comes in well under your initial quote or the publisher’s budget. What do you do?
- You are approached by an author or not-for-profit organisation who are not able to afford to pay the real cost of the index. What do you do?
- Company-paid super is offered by some publishers as part of a contract. What is it and are you eligible?

Friday, 21 – Sunday, 23 July 2017

ANZSI Southern Highlands Symposium


There will be training sessions on the Friday, with indexing talks, discussions and networking on the Saturday and Sunday.

Organised by the Canberra Region Indexers and NSW Indexers.
Everyone is welcome.
See preliminary details and program on pages 4–6 of this Newsletter.
### Other events

**Association of South African Indexers and Bibliographers (ASAIB) Annual Conference 2017**  
19 May 2017, Centurion, Gauteng, South Africa  
The theme of the conference is ‘Nailing Indexing’.  

**Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d’indexation (ISC/SCI) Conference 2017 : Congrès 2017**  
2-3 June 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
‘Reflect, refresh, and celebrate 40 years of indexing. Come to Montreal to learn from the experts, meet and chat with colleagues, and help us celebrate our 40th year – our Ruby Anniversary!’  

**American Society for Indexing (ASI) Annual Conference 2017**  
15-17 June 2017, Portland, Maine, USA  
Join ASI members in ‘The City by the Sea’. Portland, an up-and-coming destination, hosts a dozen museums and is a highly walkable foodie city.  
‘Members of our sister associations are invited to register at the member rate discount.’ Go to the ANZSI website member area and go to the ICRIS links page to obtain the discount codes.  

**Society of Indexers (SI) Annual Conference 2017**  
21 June 2017, Oxford, England, UK  
The 2017 conference will celebrate the Society of Indexers 60th anniversary with a one-day conference, immediately prior to the two-day symposium on the book index. More information on the website.  

**The Book Index**  
22-23 June 2017, Oxford, England, UK  
The Bodleian Centre for the Study of the Book presents a two-day symposium on the history of the index.  
[https://indexconference.wordpress.com/](https://indexconference.wordpress.com/).
8th IPEd National Editors Conference
13–15 September 2017, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank, Brisbane, Queensland

The theme of the conference is ‘Advancing the Profession’. ‘This conference will focus on contemporary and emerging aspects of editing and publishing, including, but not limited to: [lots of topics – including indexing!]’. Registrations are now open.

Gallimaufry

Predatory publishing

A recent article in Nature http://www.nature.com/news/predatory-journals-recruit-fake-editor-1.21662 has reported on the first systematic comparison of suspected predatory journals, open access titles and quality publications.


From the twitterverse

@AcademiaObscura ‘Best footnote ever. http://bit.ly/1LJUCw6.’ (Link goes to the publisher’s site for the book.)


@FakeLibStats posted ‘Good news is that libraries already have a huge section full of #alternativefacts. We call it the fiction section.’

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Branch and regional contacts

Please consult the ANZSI website for details of regional and interest groups, and their contact people.

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