



Australian Law Librarian Report 2016-17

The Australian Law Librarian is the official journal of the association.

Published quarterly, it contains articles of interest to those working within the field of legal librarianship and the legal information service sector. It also provides a vehicle for information sharing amongst divisions of the ALLA as well as serving as a forum for discussion of issues related to legal publishing.

The editor of the journal is Alex Cato and the journal remains as the official journal of the Association. It is published four times per annum and is currently distributed in hardcopy. The journal currently has 170 subscribers. This subscription base is comprised of both individuals and organisations.

James Butler is the Business Manager of the ALL. Amanda Magnusson is the book review editor. Regular contributions to the journal are made by Nancy McCormack from Queens University in Canada contributes 'News from Canada' for each issue.

Last year a number of new columns have also been introduced. The Leadership Profile ran for three issues however has not been more widely taken up. The essentials – recommendations for essential tools used by members of the profession has not been published. Other opportunities are being explored so as to encourage and support both new writers and experienced writers to contribute to this important publication.

It should be noted that this publication is only sustainable through written contributions. The Australian Law Librarian needs assistance, in future, with provision of articles, book reviews and other timely, topical information, for example technology changes/updates. Please put your hand up to help improve the content and quality of the Association's publication.

Over the next year, the editor intends to reassess and explore different methods for publishing the journal and also ways to increase access to past issues of the journal for members of the Association.

The Journal finances are relatively stable. The journal is reporting an increased revenue due to an advertising push over the past year resulting in an income of \$1,890 and late renewals for the 2016-2017 financial year that had not been received that the time of reporting for that financial year.

Last year the Board and Divisional Presidents signed a Deed Poll linking the funds of the Journal with the association however other than the reallocation of \$50,000 during the 2015-16 financial year no further action has been made to amalgamate the funds. It is hoped that this amalgamation will be complete before the end of the year in time for the 2018 renewals.

Any questions regarding the Journal should be directed to the Editor.