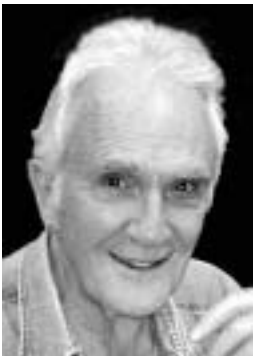


# ANZSI NEWSLETTER

Volume 4, number 9, October 2008

## From the President



### Discussions

It is high time for members to start using the 'Discussions' section of the ANZSI website. If you haven't found it, go into the Member Log-in where you will find the menu which will give you access. There are members who have ideas which need to be aired. It is certain that, when members meet informally or at scheduled meetings, there are subjects discussed which

could be of interest to others. Sure, the gatherings themselves are reported in the newsletters. But I am referring to the matters which arise otherwise. The 'bright idea' kind of ideas.

### Council

Those matters which affect the whole Society are concerns of Council. Herein lies a problem. The Council consists of an executive – president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer – and other members including ex-officio, the five branch presidents. The members of Council are spread over at least 2000 kilometres of the east of Australia with the New Zealand president being some 3500 kilometres away. How to make it possible for this group to function effectively?

This is one of several matters for consideration. Discussion papers on this and other matters are in preparation for Council. Two have been compiled and circulated and at least three others are to come. Some of these matters will probably need considerable discussion. It may take time to work out the best outcomes.

### NSW Freelancers' lunch

The next freelancers' lunch of the NSW Society of Editors will be on Friday, 31 October, at the Grand View Hotel Bistro, Wentworth Falls, in the Blue Mountains. See contact details in the Activities table – RSVP needed!

### Répondez, s'il vous plaît !

Are you planning to attend a meeting for which the organisers ask you to **RSVP**? If so, please make sure that you let them know of your intentions – very often catering decisions depend on the expected numbers.

ANZSI is in a continual state of evolution. New branches and activities make new demands on the resources. This largely comes down to human resources as the Society under the guidance of good treasurers has always maintained a sound financial position. As to human resources it is of concern that, since our profession is gathered largely from those who have finished with earlier careers, we are an older group than in most professions. Thus many of us are becoming experienced just when we are ready to retire. Nearly all other professions have career paths which begin in youth with defined tertiary studies. Not so indexing.

As part of our evolution the GAMES meetings of 2004 and 2006 added considerably in the development of guidelines to cover many aspects of our operations whether we undertake incorporation or not. Whether or not to incorporate will also be a subject for discussion and resolution at a later date.

The three resolutions presented in this newsletter, in the September issue and on the website will be put to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 23 October. A proxy voting form is available on the website. Voting is a member's right – not being able to be present need not be a barrier.

*John E. Simkin*

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### Next deadline

31 October for the November 2008 issue.

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<www.anzsi.org/site/Indexers\_available.asp>

All members and friends of the  
**Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers**  
are cordially invited to the  
**ANZSI 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER**  
to be held conjointly with the  
**AGM OF THE VICTORIAN BRANCH**

at the Elsternwick Club, 19 Sandham St, Elsternwick  
(Melways Ref. 67, F2)

on Thursday, 23 October 2008, commencing at 6.30 pm

to enjoy dinner and drinks in the company of your  
colleagues, interrupted only by two short business meetings

Cost \$35.00 per head all inclusive

On-site or street parking. Public transport via trams and buses.

RSVP by 19 October to Jenny Restarick tel/fax 03 9528 2539

Email <cliffres@connexus.net.au>

Cheque or credit card payment options

Special dietary meals can be arranged with prior notice.

## Proposed amendments to the ANZSI constitution

Three proposed constitutional amendments will be voted on at the AGM on 23 October. Members wishing to vote by proxy can access the proxy voting form on the website at <www.anzsi.org/site/calendar\_details.asp?id=49>.

Resolution 1 is being put by the Council; Resolutions 2 and 3 by NSW Branch.

### Resolution 1

That in Section 4. Register of Indexers, the underlined words be inserted.

The Society will establish a Register of Indexers recording those who have been assessed by peer review as meeting the Society's registration criteria. The inclusion of a member's name in the Register will entitle that member to be known as a Registered Indexer of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers for a minimum period of five years so long as he/she remains a financial member of the Society. Reassessment of indexing knowledge and competence will be made periodically to ensure standards are maintained.

### Resolution 2

That in Section 4. Register of Indexers, the underlined words be inserted.

The Society will establish a Register of Indexers recording those who have been assessed by peer review as meeting the Society's registration criteria. The inclusion of a member's name in the Register will entitle that member to be known as a Registered Indexer of the

Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers so long as he/she remains a financial member of the Society. To ensure standards are maintained procedures for renewal of registration will follow the guidelines as set out in Council's document on Policy and Procedures for Registration.

### Resolution 3

That in Section 6. Committee, Subsection (d), the underlined words be inserted.

Casual vacancies in any of the offices will be filled by invitation of the Executive and the Presidents of the Australian and New Zealand Branches, and the persons filling such vacancies will hold office until the conclusion of the following Annual General Meeting.

**NZ indexers – don't miss  
your Branch AGM!  
Details in the 'activities'  
table opposite.**

## Queensland Branch news

### An Indexer's Tale : Alice Stephens

Cataloguing books with her sister in their home 'library' was probably Alice Stephen's first foray into the world of indexing. With such an apparent interest in books during childhood, it is not surprising to learn that Alice went on to complete an Arts degree with Literature (and History) as a major which was closely followed by a Dip Ed. and then a teaching position at a high school on the outskirts of Brisbane.

Needing a change from teaching, Alice completed the graduate Library Science course at Queensland University of Technology. This led to a cataloguing position at the centralised resource service for Queensland TAFE colleges which was based at Yeronga. The following year she was appointed the Medical Librarian at the Prince Charles Hospital in Brisbane, a job which she relished because it gave her the opportunity to combine all aspects of library and information work.

In 1986, Alice moved to Sydney and after working as a locum librarian for six months commenced a job in the predominantly engineering library at the Maritime Services Board of NSW. Her first formal qualification specific to indexing was a course run by Alan Walker through the University of New South Wales. Alice completed her first index in 1996 – a textbook designed for a postgraduate course in Arts Management.

Alice has completed a sprinkling of indexes in the intervening years to enable her to be fully registered, but has

put her intention to work as a fulltime indexer on hold while she devotes time to her family.

Alice's wide experience made for great interaction with the members at the Toowong library meeting, leading to animated discussion about the problems faced by a professional indexer coping with real life situations.

Thanks to Alice Stephens for being our guest speaker for September 2008. Thanks also to the members who attended the meeting and who made Alice's 'Indexer's Tale' one to remember. And see photo on page 6!

*Jacinda Wilson, Secretary Qld Branch*

## Queensland Branch AGM

Queensland Branch will elect their new Executive Branch members at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 15 October. There will also be a short report by Moira Brown on her 'Meet & Greet' luncheon with the Queensland Branch members in Townsville, in September.

The AGM will be an informal evening as usual, held in the Toowong Library meeting room in Brisbane at 7.00 pm.

The AGM is the last meeting of the year for the Queensland Branch of ANZSI, except for the Christmas party – a BBQ in November. More details to be advised. Keep in touch. We have our own Branch now!

*Moira Brown, President Qld Branch*

## ANZSI and Branch activities

| <i>Date &amp; time</i>                        | <i>Organiser</i>                          | <i>Name of activity</i>              | <i>Venue</i>  | <i>Contact details</i>  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Wed 15 Oct<br>After 5.30 for<br>7.00 pm start | Queensland<br>Branch                      | AGM                                  | Toowong Library,<br>9 Sherwood Road,<br>Toowong, Brisbane | Moira Brown<br><brown5moira@yahoo.com.au><br>Ph +61 7 3893 1252 or 0416 097 629   |
| Tues 21 Oct<br>6.00 for 6.30 pm               | ACT Region<br>Branch                      | AGM and dinner                       | Austrian Club,<br>Mawson ACT                              | <eleanor.whelan@bigpond.com><br>Details on page 7.  |
| Thurs 23 Oct<br>6.30 pm                       | ANZSI<br>hosted by<br>Victorian<br>Branch | AGM and dinner                       | Elsternwick Club,<br>9 Sandham Street,<br>Elsternwick     | RSVP by 19 October to Jenny Restarick<br>Ph/fax +61 3 9528 2539<br><cliffres@connexus.net.au> More details on p. 2.                         |
| Thurs 23 Oct<br>6.30 pm                       | Victorian<br>Branch                       | AGM and dinner                       | Elsternwick Club,<br>9 Sandham Street,<br>Elsternwick     | RSVP by 19 October to Jenny Restarick<br>Ph/fax +61 3 9528 2539<br><cliffres@connexus.net.au> More details on p. 2.                         |
| Thurs 30 Oct<br>5.30–6.30 pm                  | New Zealand<br>Branch                     | AGM                                  | Level 4,<br>60 Ghuznee St,<br>Wellington                  | Jill Gallop <jmgallop@ihug.co.nz><br>Email nominations before Thurs 16 Oct.   |
| Fri 31 Oct                                    | NSW Society<br>of Editors                 | Freelancers' lunch                   | Grand View Hotel<br>Bistro, Wentworth<br>Falls            | All freelancers working in the publishing industry<br>are welcome. RSVP to Bruce Howarth<br><editorbruce@optusnet.com.au>                   |
| Tues 11 Nov<br>6.00 for 6.30 pm               | Victorian<br>Branch                       | Gary Presland:<br>'Indexed datasets' | Kew Library,<br>Civic Drive, Kew                          | Jenny Restarick Ph/fax +61 3 9528 2539;<br><cliffres@connexus.net.au> Details page 4 and<br><www.anzsi.org/site/calendar_details.asp?id=54> |
| Sat 29 Nov                                    | NSW Branch                                | Informal end-of-<br>year lunch       | Glenda Browne's<br>house, 32a Ross<br>Crs, Blaxland       | RSVP by 26 Nov to Glenda at<br><webindexing@optusnet.com.au> or<br>Ph +61 2 4739 8199 Details on page 4.                                    |



# From the literature and other thoughts



## They should be ashamed!

Thanks to Alan Walker and Elisabeth Thomas for pointing out the review by Katharine Brisbane of Jim Sharman's autobiography, *Blood & Tinsel* (*Sydney Morning Herald*, August 25, 2008, <[www.smh.com.au/news/book-reviews/blood-amp-tinsel/2008/08/25/1219516321043.html](http://www.smh.com.au/news/book-reviews/blood-amp-tinsel/2008/08/25/1219516321043.html)>).

Katharine Brisbane not only recognises the value of indexes, but also comments on the value-add provided by indexers: 'I cannot end this review without saying that, while the contents are fascinating, the book itself is an uncomfortable object ... The worst sin is the lack of an index. This book is an invaluable resource and as such has been published by The Miegunyah Press, Melbourne University Press's prestigious imprint. But how can one make use of 400 packed pages without an index? Melbourne University Press should be ashamed ... There are misspellings of names: Katharine Hepburn, Helen Montagu, Coral Browne, Socratis Otto. These might well have been picked up by an indexer.'

## The Gutenberg Revolution

Also from Alan Walker, an extract from Mann, John, *The Gutenberg Revolution* (Review Books, London, 2002, pp. 258–260).

Since it was now possible to reproduce texts page for page, and number the pages, it also became possible to give readers a quick insight into the text, both on title pages ... and in indexes. The first printed index appeared in two editions of St Augustine's *De Arte Praedicandi* ... in the early 1460s. By 1500 eighty-three books had alphabetical indexes.

Do not underrate the index. The index is a key to modern life, allowing access to everything from a Filofax to a national library catalogue. An index is no mere device; it may be the epitome of a book, a distillation, exhibiting insight, judgement, even creativity (for the indexer must decide on categories and subcategories, and cross-references) ...'

... Arthur Koestler, who suspected there was more in heaven and earth etc., claimed that once a book he didn't know he wanted *fell off the shelf* at his approach. But to find specific volumes you get down to the alphabetical index in the end.

Let the indexer take centre stage for a moment as a major contributor to the growth of democracy. The statutes on which English law was based were unknown to the general public until the time of John Rastell and his son William, who in the sixteenth century published every statute since 1327. With a glance at the 'Tabula', anyone could check how many times Magna Carta had been confirmed in subsequent statutes ... English law as it then evolved would hardly have been conceivable without easy access – via page numbers and indexes – to these fundamental documents.

In terms of scholarship, one measure of what was now possible emerged in the Polyglot Bible ... And the whole mighty project was held together by its appendices and index.

A footnote on p. 259 notes: 'In Chinese, indexes – like dictionaries and catalogues – are highly complex affairs, based on the

227 fundamental strokes used in writing characters, subdivided by the number of strokes per character (up to fourteen, or more in classical Chinese). Alternatively, each character could be number-coded, based on the "four-corner system" which in theory provides an order for 9999 characters. Now, with some relief, scholars have embraced the romanised version of Chinese, Pinyin.'

## AIATSIS thesauruses

*inCite*, the news magazine of ALIA, the Australian Library and Information Association (v. 29, n. 9, September 2008), notes that the three AIATSIS thesauruses (containing headings for language groups and peoples, subjects and place names) have been approved by the Library of Congress for use in catalogue records internationally. The thesauruses are available at <[www1.aiatsis.gov.au/thesaurus](http://www1.aiatsis.gov.au/thesaurus)>.

## Not 'The' again!

I am always on the lookout for evidence of trends in the filing of 'The' and 'A' in indexes and other lists. ALIA's *inCite* takes 'The' and 'A' into account when filing article titles and company names. For example, in the August 2008 issue in the Index of Articles, 'The Centre for the Book, Monash University' files after 'SLSA...' and in the Index of Advertisers, 'The Federation Press' comes after 'TPFL'. The lists are presumably generated automatically, as the Index of Articles lists 'Index of articles' with a reference to the page it is on.

Similarly, in the dropdown list of contact details at the State Library of NSW website <[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/using/contact/](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/using/contact/)>, 'The Library Shop' is found between 'Tenders' and 'Venue Hire'. In the alphabetic index available from the same page, 'The Library Shop' is found under 'L', and not under 'T' or 'S' (for shop). To my mind the problem starts with the naming (why not simply 'Library Shop?') and not with the filing.

On the same topic, I have discovered a mention on the 'Way With Words' radio show of my Ig Nobel for 'The', in which Grant Barrett commented 'that's more interesting to me than it probably ought to be' <[www.waywordradio.org/insegregious-paratereseomaniacs](http://www.waywordradio.org/insegregious-paratereseomaniacs)>.

## Moore, Michael, *Stupid white men*, Penguin Books, 2004

*Stupid white men*, by Mike Moore, was to have been shipped to stores on 11 September, 2001. Instead, ReganBooks, a division of Harper Collins, held it back, asking for removal of passages considered offensive for a post-9/11 America. Moore refused, and after five months of negotiations, it was released exactly as written, and went on to sell five million copies.

According to the introduction to the Penguin edition (p. xx), the final decision came about because a librarian heard about the suppression of the book and spread the news to other librarians. Thousands of them wrote to Harper Collins, who caved in within a few weeks. Moore writes: 'The publisher was clearly pissed that the whole thing was now in the public arena and that they were being – properly – seen as censors. *Damn those librarians!* Thank God for librarians!'

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*(From the literature, continued)*

## **Society of Editors (Victoria) newsletter, July 2008**

The Society of Editors (Victoria) is now the largest in Australia, with over 510 members. Despite the numbers, they still appear to have difficulty filling all their executive positions. They have also started a Facebook page – perhaps something for us to think of in the future.

The Graduate Research Office at RMIT has uploaded a copy of the editors Freelance Register onto their website for their students to use when looking for an editor for theses. Go to <[www.rmit.edu.au](http://www.rmit.edu.au)> and search for 'society of editors'. The Register is available in PDF format. It looks like the print

version, except that the index has been colour coded to highlight editors who work in disciplines within Design and Social Context, Business, and Science, Engineering and Technology. There is also a colour for entries of general interest, including research and plain English.

This issue also had a nice description of committee work by Philip Bryan, who said: 'Personally, I'm still amazed by the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the Society functioning. It's a bit like synchronised swimming, but without the nose-clips and the forced smiles.'

*Glenda Browne*

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## **ANZSI Victorian Branch**

### **Can you compare your family history to Kevin Rudd's ?**

Come along to a presentation of indexed datasets, covering genealogy and official records from birth to the grave. Gary Presland has worked in archaeology, archives and history in Victoria, in a number of Public Service positions. He has been Site Registrar at the Victoria Archaeological Survey, Manager of the Police Historical Unit, and Head Curator at Museum Victoria. He retired in 2000, since when he has been the Thomas Ramsay Science and Humanities Fellow at Museum Victoria, and written a PhD at the University of Melbourne.

For the past 20 years he has watched in awe and admiration as his wife, Helen Harris, embarked on one indexing project after another. In his presentation he will detail how Helen has made available to the researching public a range of sources that would otherwise be unknown and difficult to access.

For more than 30 years, Helen Harris has created indexes in various forms and of various bodies of data. Her primary intention has always been to make it easier for users to find their way through large volumes of information. The datasets

have ranged from cemetery inscriptions, through published but little known sources such as the Victoria Police Gazette, to the archival records of both the police department and the Colonial Secretary's Office. Through concentrating on these sources, Helen has become an authority on 19th century Victorian police and criminal records. Her most recent ventures have made use of the Internet, to provide indexes for a number of sets of records, for people worldwide doing local and family history.

Date: Tuesday, 11 November

Venue: Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Library, corner Cotham Road and Civic Drive, Kew, 3101

Time: 6.00 for 6.30 pm. Drinks and nibbles on arrival – presentation: 6.45–7.45 pm.

After the evening's talk we invite you to join us at Café La Q, 223 High St, Kew, for a pasta or pizza dinner. Fully licensed, BYO wine.

RSVP : by November 4th (for catering purposes)

Jenny Restarick

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*Jenny Restarick*

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## **NSW Branch social lunch at Blaxland**

**Saturday 29 November, 12.00 for 12.30 pm**

The NSW Branch is holding an end of year informal get-together. Everyone is welcome to have lunch at Glenda Browne's house, 32a Ross Crs, Blaxland. RSVP to Glenda at <[webindexing@optusnet.com.au](mailto:webindexing@optusnet.com.au)> or telephone on +61 2 4739 8199 by Wednesday 26 November.

We are asking everyone to bring a plate of food and a drink (soft or hard) – no peanuts or peanut products or brazil nuts please (traces of nuts is OK). Spouses and partners are also welcome. If the weather is fine we can go for a scenic walk in the afternoon.

Blaxland is in the Lower Blue Mountains and on the Blue Mountains train line from Sydney – just over an hour from

Central Railway Station. Glenda's house is a 10–15 minute walk from the station; however we are happy to pick people up from the station whenever they arrive. There is a train from Central at 10.16 am which arrives at Blaxland at 11.28 am. (NB: just check if there will be any track work on the day <[www.cityrail.info/index.jsp](http://www.cityrail.info/index.jsp)>). If you are coming by car, the journey should take about an hour via the M2/M7 (from the North Shore) or M4 from the city.

This will be a great opportunity to network and generally catch up with each other and what has been happening in our indexing world. We hope to see you there.

*NSW Branch*

## NSW Branch President's Report 2007–08

This year the ANZSI NSW Branch Committee consisted of Glenda Browne, Mary Coe, Lorraine Doyle, Sue Flaxman and Caroline Jones. The geographical distances between each member – in Sydney proper as well as south and west of the city – has meant that, again, most of our meetings have been conducted by teleconference. A huge thank you to Lorraine Doyle and Thomson Reuters for kindly allowing the Committee to use their teleconferencing system. We have also experimented using Skype for one meeting and will keep trialling this as another meeting option. One of the NSW Committee's ongoing concerns this year has been to keep in touch with ANZSI Council and, in particular, with other branches including the new Queensland Branch. The agreement by all branches to circulate meeting minutes to each other for information should assist with this.

Earlier this year the NSW Committee held a joint meeting with the Conference Committee to start the planning process for the ANZSI Conference to be held in Sydney in October 2009.

The NSW Committee held another two-day basic book indexing training course over two days on Saturday 17 May and Saturday 24 May 2008 at Thomson Reuters conducted by Glenda Browne. The course was well attended and profitable. Again, the Committee is grateful to Lorraine Doyle and to Thomson Reuters for access to their facilities.

The ACT and NSW Branches hosted a joint Evaluating Indexes Forum on Saturday 21 June at Craigieburn Resort, Bowral, NSW. The discussion leader was Michael Harrington, Chairperson of the Registration Committee with Alan Walker, Chairperson of the Awards Committee. The forum was designed to answer why some indexes are easy to use and

others may take some effort; why some are rather sparse and others extraordinarily detailed. What does 'good' or 'bad' mean? What qualities do judges look for in award winning indexes? Participants used the Yellow Pages' Fast-Find Index as the basis of this discussion. The event was a great success, in particular because several 'newbies' had registered as well. In all, 26 indexers participated in the forum and 30 people attended the dinner. The NSW Committee was very grateful to Sue Flaxman for her excellent efforts in organizing the event.

Further training in 2008 will include a Legal Indexing Workshop followed by a Panel Discussion on 27 September at the NSW Writers' Centre.

Following on from the informal gathering in Blackheath, in the Blue Mountains, in March 2007, members from the NSW Branch met for a social lunch at Tricia Waters' home in East Lindfield on 1 March 2008. They were joined by Irma Birchall, Director of Calyx, a firm specialising in work with Koha, an open source library management system. The NSW Committee hopes to continue this type of informal gathering and exchange of ideas and experiences about twice a year – the next will be located in the Blue Mountains again in November.

On a personal note, I was invited to speak at the Australian Law Librarians' Association lunch on 24 July 2008. I spoke about the daily life of an indexer, about the different types of legal publications and the deadline trials and tribulations involved in dealing with editors and publishers. As many of the librarians work in law firms I think they were really interested in the publishing process behind the legal tomes they handle.

My sincere thanks to the NSW Committee for all their commitment and work for the NSW Branch this year.

*Madeleine Davis*

## At the Queensland Branch general meeting in September



From left, Moira Brown (Branch President), guest speaker and Branch member Alice Stephens, Jacinda Wilson (Branch Secretary).

## Tips and hints – stuck for a term when indexing a book?

### Use a thesaurus!

**S**tuck on the correct term to use or looking for an alternative term? Have you considered using a thesaurus? While you may regularly reach for your Roget's thesaurus (or similar), I am actually referring to subject-based thesauri.

Developed by experts in the subject area, often indexers, thesauri are a useful guide to the preferred terms used in a particular subject area. While they are typically used when database or journal indexing, often developed for that specific purpose, they are useful to consult when book indexing, particularly to clarify the hierarchy of terms, or for alternative terms or spelling.

They can help you with politically correct terms, for example the term 'disabilities' is preferred to the term 'handicaps', or in thesaurus jargon 'Handicaps USE Disabilities' or 'Disabilities UF Handicaps'.

They can clarify the use of abbreviations. For example AIDS may be preferred to using 'acquired immunodeficiency syndrome', while SIDS may be typically spelt out as 'sudden infant death syndrome'.

An Australian thesaurus can help you with the preferred Australian terms and spelling. For example it is haemophilia in Australia, but hemophilia in the US. Sometimes, however, there are Australian professional preferences, for example 'fetal' is usually used by obstetricians in preference to 'foetal'.

Common abbreviations used include:

SN – Scope Notes are provided to clarify the definition of the term

USE – Use points you to the preferred term to use

UF – Used For indicates non-preferred terms or synonyms

RT – Related Term

NT – Narrower Term

BT – Broader Term

Australian and New Zealand thesauri cover a wide range of topics. Here is a selection with links available on the ANZSI website at <[www.anzsi.org/site/res-thesaurus.asp](http://www.anzsi.org/site/res-thesaurus.asp)>:

APAIS (Australian Public Affairs Information Service) Thesaurus

Australian Occupational Health and Safety Thesaurus

Australian Pictorial Thesaurus

Australian Thesaurus of Education Descriptors (ATED)

Australian Transport Index Thesaurus

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) subject, language and place thesauri

Family Thesaurus

Health and Ageing Thesaurus

Index New Zealand Thesaurus

TAGS – Thesaurus of Australian Government Subjects

Victorian Local History Thesaurus

For further information consult our website. as above.

*Mary Russell*

## ANZSI ACT Region Branch

invites you

to join us for the AGM

on Tuesday, 21 October 2008,

at 6.00 for 6.30 pm in

the Austrian Club *Bauernstube*,

Heard Street, Mawson ACT 2607

followed by dinner with colleagues

(7.00 pm approx) and

a presentation by our guest speaker

**Ian Warden**

the well known Canberra-based writer, book reviewer  
and social commentator

Dinner is a choice of two main courses, dessert  
and tea/coffee for \$35 per person (bar available).

Bring along friends and partners – all welcome!



**RSVP** by Friday 17 October to:

ANZSI ACT, PO Box 2069, Canberra ACT 2601

☐ I/we will be attending the AGM and dinner on  
Tuesday 21 October 2008

☐ I enclose a cheque/money order for \$35 per  
person made out to Australian and New  
Zealand Society of Indexers – ACT Region  
Branch

☐ I/we have the following dietary requirements:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone no \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



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