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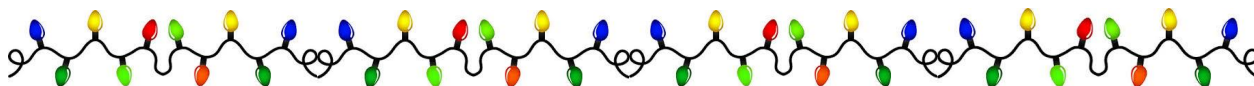
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**Greetings from the new President**

Hello to all members,

Many thanks to Mary Coe for staying on as President until I could officially take over the role.

I would also like to add my appreciation for the work of the Council over the previous year and welcome new and returning members for 2017-18. (See the full Council membership in the Council update.)

Unfortunately, the position of Treasurer remains vacant.

Although he has resigned as Treasurer, Michael Wyatt has agreed to stay on until we can find a replacement for this position. So, this is a call out to any member who feels s/he can take on these duties. As all Council meetings are now by teleconference, and paying bills with countersigning confirmation is now also undertaken online through the banking system, any member from any state/territory or New Zealand is welcome to forward an expression of interest in this position.

The first item of business for the next meeting of Council will be to plan our work and projects for the coming year. The Council meeting will be held by teleconference on Tuesday, 5 December 2017 at 7.00pm (Eastern Standard Daylight Time).

Please note that Council minutes, once confirmed, are posted on the website in the Member area under Official Documents.

I would be delighted to hear from you about ideas for improvements to our organisation and ways to benefit our members. ([president@anzsi.org](mailto:president@anzsi.org))

**Madeleine Davis**, President



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## Council update

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The ANZSI Annual General Meeting was held on 24 October 2017 by teleconference. Although there was a quorum, it is disappointing that attendance was poor or non-existent from groups other than NSW and ACT. We hope that members from other parts of Australia and New Zealand will attend the AGM next year and nominate for positions on the ANZSI Council.

The draft Annual Report was submitted and approved, together with the budget for 2017–18. These papers are on the ANZSI website in the members-only section: <https://www.anzsi.org/member-area/official-documents/>. (You will need your member login to access.)

Madeleine Davis was elected unopposed as President of ANZSI for 2017-18. Terri Anne Mackenzie continues as Vice-President and Sherrey Quinn as Secretary. Council members are Shirley Campbell, Elisabeth Thomas, Denene Cavanagh, Juliet Richters and Michael Wyatt. The position of Treasurer is currently vacant.

Madeleine is well-known to ANZSI members. Madeleine is an Accredited Indexer and was Highly Commended for her index to *Frank Lowy: pushing the limits* (HarperCollins, 2000). Madeleine is an active member and former President and office-bearer of the ANZSI NSW Branch/Group, a former national Committee member of ANZSI, convener of the 2009 ANZSI Conference and is a current member of the Accreditation Committee. Madeleine was Co-General Editor of the journal *Online Currents* from 2008 to 2013. We welcome Madeleine to the Presidency of ANZSI.

The meeting moved votes of thanks to Mary Coe, outgoing President, for her calm, steady and thoughtful direction of ANZSI affairs and to Michael Wyatt, outgoing Treasurer, for his careful management of ANZSI finances and resources.

Principal issues on which Council will focus during 2017–18 are strategic directions and partnerships for ANZSI, services for members, and addressing declining membership.

**Sherrey Quinn**, Secretary

In March this year, the Society of Indexers (UK) celebrated a National Indexing Day with successful social media and news media campaigns. ANZSI Council have agreed that leveraging this idea, and celebrating an Australian National Indexing Day in 2018, could be helpful with growing awareness of our Society and what it offers. At this stage, ANZSI is planning to celebrate a National Indexing Day on the same day as SI - 29 March 2018.

The SI's successful National Indexing Day campaign resulted in positive engagement on social media with authors, publishers, national and parliament libraries, editing societies, and other indexing societies sharing posts on the value of indexing; blog articles about indexing on the websites of *Publishing Perspectives*, *Byte the Book*, and the Society for Editors and Proofreaders (SfEP); and articles in *The Guardian*, *The Scotsman*, and *The Times Literary Supplement*. Our first National Indexing Day may not reach these heights, but we can start something to build upon.

ANZSI Council is seeking to make good use of our members' knowledge and wisdom and is asking any interested members to contribute ideas for publicity that would promote the value of ANZSI and indexing to the wider community. Please email any ideas by **12 January 2018** to Denene Cavanagh at [councilmember3@anzsi.org](mailto:councilmember3@anzsi.org).

Ideas will be collated, and Council members will liaise to decide on what actions should be taken. Further updates about our 2018 National Indexing Day will be shared with all members early next year.

More about the Society of Indexers (UK) 2017 National Indexing Day can be read here: <https://storify.com/indexers/national-indexing-day-2017-indexday>, here: <http://blog.sfep.org.uk/national-indexing-day/> and in *The Indexer* 35(2) June 2017, pp.88–89.

**Madeleine Davis**, President

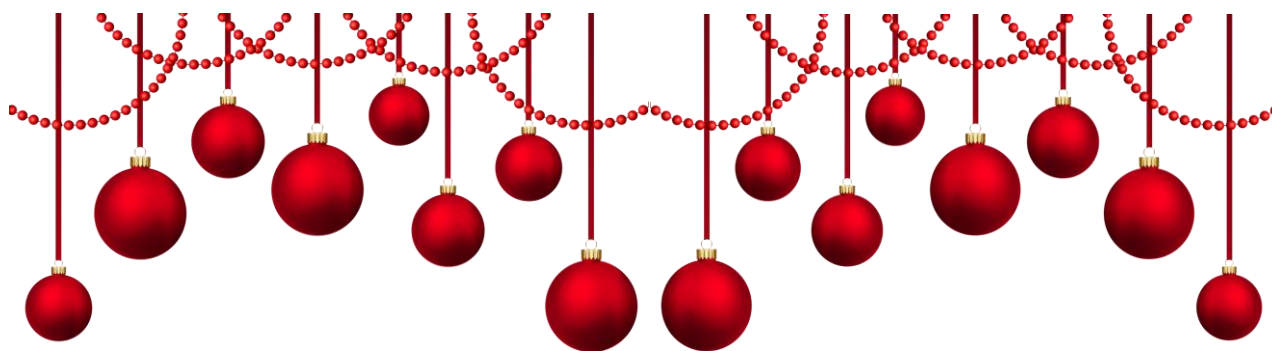


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## Maureen MacGlashan to retire as Editor of *The Indexer*

**Maureen MacGlashan, editor of *The Indexer*, departs the journal in 2018.**

After reading law at the University of Cambridge (1957–61), Maureen served in the British Diplomatic Service from 1961–98, taking four years out (1986–90) to help establish the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law in Cambridge. Here she began her indexing career, cutting her teeth on one of the most difficult of indexing challenges: preparing a cumulative index to 45 volumes of law reports.

Maureen has been editor of *The Indexer* since October 2004. During this time, she has been instrumental in the development of online access to *The Indexer*: the website was established in 2005. Maureen has also raised awareness of indexing, both as a leading light of ICRIS (International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies) and serving as President of Society of Indexers from 2001–04. Maureen was a founding member of the Society of Indexers (SI) Publishing Technology Group (PTG) and helped to set up the website. In 2015, Maureen received the SI's Carey Award in 2015 for outstanding services to indexing.

Recently she has been instrumental in finding a way forward for *The Indexer*. During Maureen's editorship, *The Indexer* has become a first-class academic journal which is very well-received. An anonymous contributor to a recent survey pays this glowing tribute:

*'Maureen has been the backbone of The Indexer for as long as I've been submitting articles for publication. I've truly enjoyed her advice regarding my submissions and view her as a dear friend. I shall miss her steering The Indexer ship.'*



Maureen at the 2015 SI conference.

*Photograph: SI*

**Nic Nicholas**, Assistant Editor, *The Indexer*



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## *Journal of the China Society of Indexers* call for papers

**Call for Papers: Special Issue for 2018 Triennial Meeting of International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS)**

*Journal of the China Society of Indexers* invites indexers and authors from the Society of Indexers, American Society of Indexers, Indexing Society of Canada/ Société canadienne d'indexation, Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers, Association of Southern African Indexers and

Bibliographers, China Society of Indexers, Deutsches Netzwerk der Indexer/ German Indexing Network, Nederlands Indexers Network/ Netherlands Indexing Network, to submit articles to be published in a special issue for 2018 Triennial Meeting of International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies (ICRIS).

The theme of this special issue is 'The Development of Indexing Around the World'. The purpose of the invitation is to prepare for the Triennial Meeting in Shanghai on 18 October 2018, and to enhance the professional growth and cooperation among indexers all around the world.

The topics for the special issue are listed below:

- Brief history of the development of national index groups.
- Brief biographies of the leading figures of index organizations.
- Reviews on leading figures, landmark events and representative achievements in the history of index organizations.
- The origin of Triennial Meeting of ICRIS, and its progress and prospect.
- International cooperation in indexing.

Launched in 2003, *Journal of the China Society of Indexers* is the official journal of CSI. The editorial board of *Journal of CSI* eagerly hopes that you and your colleagues contribute to the journal. The articles submitted to the special issue can be written either in English or Chinese. The deadline for submission is 15 March 2018. The submission address is [cnindex@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:cnindex@fudan.edu.cn).

Best Wishes!

**Wu Ge**, Editor-in-chief of *Journal of CSI*

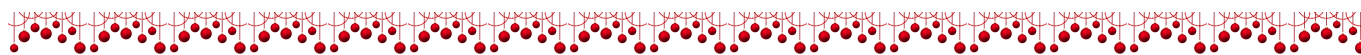


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## What is the ASI DPI SIG?

### Digital Publications Indexing Special Interest Group

In April 2017 (*ANZSI Newsletter*, vol 13, no 2, pp. 6–7), we reported that the American Society for Indexing (ASI) Web & Electronic Indexing Special Interest Group had become the Digital Publications Indexing SIG. The SIG is a forum for indexers who are concerned with all aspects of indexing and indexes for digital publications, including indexing for digital-only publications, indexing in print-to-digital or print-and-digital workflows. Its focus is book-type indexes in digital formats: embedded-tag indexing, e-book indexes and indexes on the web. The website presents useful information on these topics, resources links and a directory of freelance indexers in these specialties. Membership of the SIG is open to current members of ASI and sister indexing societies.

Its new website is at <https://digital-publications-indexing.org>. The SIG has an open LinkedIn group and a closed Google Group.

More information at <https://digital-publications-indexing.org/index.php/about/>.

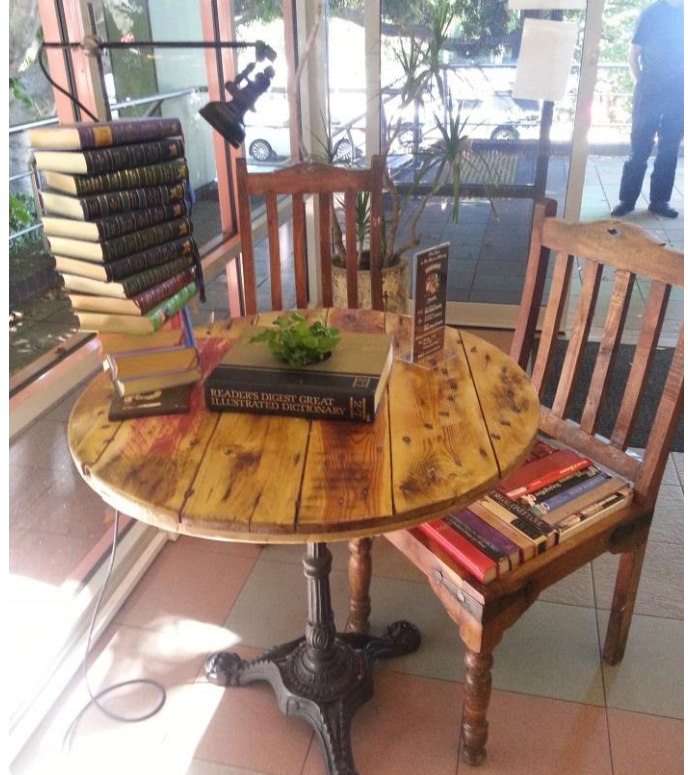
**Sherrey Quinn**

## Old books repurposed at Nowra Library

With thanks to Shoalhaven Libraries' Nowra Library



By Britannica's light



L is for lamp, P is for plant and novel seating,



A chair with good spine support

*Photographs: Sherrey Quinn    Bad puns: Editor*

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## ANZSI Website Index wants you!

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Until a few years ago, the ANZSI website possessed an award-winning index to the entire site, written by Mary Russell. However, when the company hosting the website withdrew its maintenance services, it was ported to a new system. The reorganisation of the site meant that the links in the index were no longer valid, so it was not possible to mount it on the new website. In the intervening time, significant portions of the website have been reorganised, rewritten, amended or deleted, with the unfortunate result that it is not possible simply to amend or rework the old index.

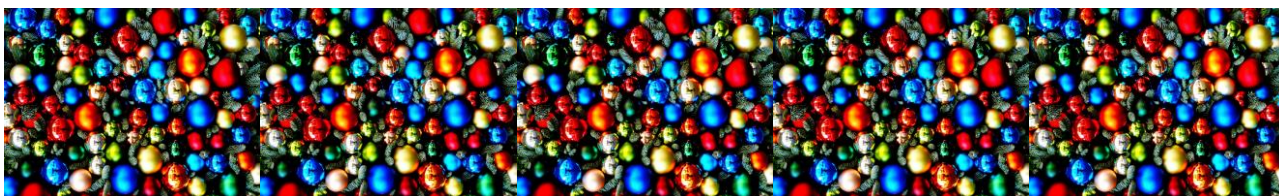
Apologies are due to Mary Russell for my earlier misattribution of the previous index. The index (and its updating) was in fact all her own work, and in 2009 was awarded the Web Indexing Award by the (then) American Society for Indexing's Web & Electronic Indexing SIG.

Since then, it has been an irony that the website of a society of indexers incorporates no index to its contents! To remedy this, I have offered to oversee the production of a new index to the site. While it may be possible to utilise much of the structure and terminology of the old index as a basis for a new index, I intend to create the new index as a collaboration, in a similar way that Melbourne Indexers are back-indexing the *ANZSI Newsletter*.

This would be an ideal opportunity for new indexers to gain experience in indexing electronic material. Although this is an initiative of Indexers NSW, input is welcomed from all members.

If you are interested in taking part in this project, please contact me at [mjhwyt@gmail.com](mailto:mjhwyt@gmail.com).

**Michael Wyatt**



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## Look us up! Indexers Available

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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/>

## UC Berkeley indexing course open for enrolments

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The UC Berkeley indexing course section taught by Max McMaster is now open for student enrolment. This award winning\* course begins when you enrol. Students have a minimum of 90 days and a maximum of 180 days (six months) to complete the course.

This course keeps a low instructor-student ratio to ensure personal attention with a weekly live-chat, monitored by different experienced indexers, available to answer questions and lead discussions pertaining to learning and practicing indexing.

Students are provided with student versions of CINDEX, MACREX, and SKY indexing software, with free tech support, to complete the exercises and practice indexes. Comprehensive feedback is provided on all assignments including the practice indexes.

To access the newly opened section (which includes curriculum on the indexing practices of the US, Australia and Canada, as well as material on embedded indexing using WordEmbed, DEXembed and InDesign) use this link:

[https://extension.berkeley.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=41381#courseSectionDetails\\_41828390](https://extension.berkeley.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=41381#courseSectionDetails_41828390).

To access the syllabus, go to:

<http://www.sylviacoates.com/uc-berkeley-extension-indexing-course.html>.

\*Recipient of the Distance Learning Community of Practice (DLCoPC) Award from UCEA (University of Continuing Education Association). The DLCoPC Award is made in recognition of innovation and quality of instruction. UCEA has been dedicated to the advancement of continuing education since 1915.

**[sylviacoates.com** - email sent to the Indexing Discussion Group (IDG)]



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## What's in *The Indexer*?

The December issue of *The Indexer* is available on Ingenta and Lulu.

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?

More info at <https://www.theindexer.org/online.htm>.

## THE INDEXER

The International Journal of Indexing

**December 2017 issue now out, with articles including:**

- Jan Wright on indexing Grateful Dead fanzines
- Bill Johncocks on editing checklists for indexers
- 19th-century experts J. Ben Nichols and H. B. Wheatley consider issues still relevant today, with commentary from Alan Walker
- ... plus indexes reviewed and more.

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

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## *The Indexer* survey results

The results of *The Indexer* survey which we ran on *The Indexer* website from 7–30 November are now available at <https://www.theindexer.org/survey.htm>. They are in two parts: overall results and results by society.

Thanks to you and your members - we had an excellent response. The feedback was encouraging with lots of support for what we are doing and with suggestions for what we might do. Inevitably, of course, the suggestions tend to cancel one another out, but there is lots for us to think about as we move into the future. I hope you will find the breakdown by society interesting and helpful.

**Maureen MacGlashan**, Editor, *The Indexer*, [editor@theindexer.org](mailto:editor@theindexer.org)



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## Gallimaufry

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### Fair is fair

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'Copyright Agency, the body representing the copyright and licensing interests of thousands of authors, publishers, photographers, media and content creators, has been forced to take the NSW Government to the Copyright Tribunal after it refused to pay a fair rate for using copyright material for five years.' Media release, 20 November 2017.

(<https://www.copyright.com.au/2017/11/copyright-agency-pushed-last-resort-nsw-government-non-payment>)

### Putting the {umm} f in fiction?

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*The Guardian* reports that 'the Bad sex in fiction award...returning for its annual exhibition of atrocious erotic writing. But this year, even the sworn foes of feeble literary coupling who run the prize concede, the sex in books has actually got better.'

(<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2017/nov/23/bad-sex-award-judges-admit-this-year-is-quite-good>)

### Mind map search engine

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Visuwords presents a visual array of linked words and their associations, working as a thesaurus, a reverse dictionary and much more. Excellent for procrastination checking word relationships.

(<https://visuwords.com/>)

### & then...

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A history of the ampersand. (<https://medium.com/black-lion-banner/the-history-of-the-ampersand-c81839171940>)

### You just cannot get quality pirated goods these days

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Seen recently in a \$2 shop in Kogarah, NSW: a carry bag printed with a familiar small yellow cartoon bird (most often seen avoiding a certain black-and-white cat) but something is not quite right. (Pixilation added to protect the innocent.)



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Seen on a PowerPoint slide from the University of Southern Queensland Library:

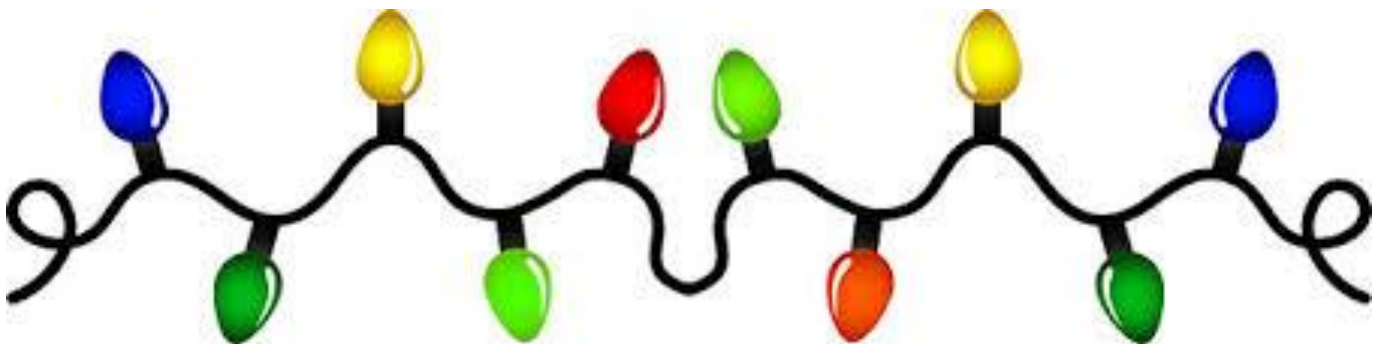
I don't like referencing, not et al.

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**Apostrophe watch**

An oldy but it never goes away: seen recently on a butcher shop blackboard in 'The Shire' in Sydney's south: "Special Leg's of lamb" (at least it was a real blackboard and hand chalked).

Please send your contributions for Gallimaufry, including Apostrophe watch, with photos if possible, to [editor@anzsi.org](mailto:editor@anzsi.org).



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## ANZSI events

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For full details, follow the link from the title of each event, or go directly to the [Events webpage](#).

### Tuesday, 5 December 2017

#### Council Meeting

7:00 – 8:30pm, teleconference

### Wednesday, 6 December 2017

#### Melbourne Indexers: Social event

End-of-year dinner

Venue: Café La Q, 223 High St, Kew

Time: 7:00pm

Contact Mary Russell at [mruss@ozemail.com.au](mailto:mruss@ozemail.com.au).

### Thursday, 1 February 2018

#### Indexers NSW: Social event

Post-festive season lunch

Place: Watergrill Restaurant, Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Cres, Lavender Bay ([map](#))

Time: 12.00 for 12.30pm

RSVP: to Tricia Waters at [watersit@ozemail.com.au](mailto:watersit@ozemail.com.au) by 25 January 2018. (If you are uncertain, please let her know by then that you are a 'maybe'.) Any ANZSI members visiting Sydney over the holidays are most welcome to join us.

Our group had lunch at the Kirribilli Club in early 2017 and it was a popular venue for the food, location and views. You can get to the club by walking from Milsons Point train station, or take the scenic route with a walk across the Harbour Bridge from The Rocks.

(The Kirribilli Club is an RSL Club. If you live more than 5km away, you can sign in as a guest. If you live within a 5km radius, you will need to become a member.)

### Monday, 5 February 2018

#### Council Meeting

7:00 – 8:30pm, teleconference

### Mid-March 2018 (TBC)

Melbourne Indexers host: ANZSI 'Indexes through publishers' eyes' one-day seminar

**Other events**

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**American Society for Indexing (ASI) Annual Conference 2018**

26-28 April 2018, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Conference location recently announced. Presentation proposals will be accepted until 3 January 2018.

<https://www.asindexing.org/category/conference/>

**Indexing Society of Canada / Société canadienne d'indexation (ISC/SCI) Conference 2018 : Congrès 2018**

7-9 June 2018, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

'Navigating the confluence of text and context.'

<http://indexers.ca/annual-conference-2/conference-2018-congres-2018/>

**Society of Indexers (SI) Annual Conference 2018**

9-10 September 2018, Lancaster, England, UK

'The 2018 conference will be held at Lancaster University, where we will share a plenary session and a gala dinner with the Society of Editors and Proofreaders, who will be having their own conference at the same venue.'

<https://www.indexers.org.uk/training-development/conferences/>



Wishing all members, their families and friends, a happy and healthy festive season  
and a prosperous 2018



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Treasurer: [Vacant](#)

Council members: [Shirley Campbell](#), Michael Wyatt, [Elisabeth Thomas](#), [Denene Cavanagh](#) and Juliet Richters.

### Branch and regional contacts

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

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### Schedule

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