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Seasons Greetings

AustLII wishes all its donors and stakeholders a wonderful festive season.

Thank you for all the support you have given AustLII.

Highlights: The year in review

In 2011, AustLII launched its first app for iPhones and iPads and due to popular demand commenced development work to enable apps to be used on other mobile platforms. In the six months post the launch of the app, over 233,000 accesses to AustLII have been through the app.

AustLII added many new databases to its free-access online public library bringing the total to 485 databases. Two major subject libraries were added - the health practitioner law library and the aviation law library.

LawCite tip

To reorder your search results, click on the column heading you wish to sort by. LawCite is available at: www.austlii.edu.au/lawcite/ LawCite, AustLII's domestic and international citator has indexed almost 4 million documents.

The complete collection of databases is available at:
www.austlii.edu.au/databases

International development resulted in two new Legal Information Institutes in India: www.liiofindia.org and in Liberia: www.liberlii.org.

AustLII also conducted training in Adelaide, Canberra and Hobart and presentations around Australia to diverse audiences including, barristers (Victorian Bar and Tasmanian Independent Bar), South Australian Law Librarians' Association, Minter Ellison and the Aviation Law Association of Australia and New Zealand.

Once again, AustLII was the proud winner of the Experian Hitwise Online Performance Award in the Legal Industry category.

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Did you know these search tips?

1. If you know the title of the case or document you are looking for, use title (your search term) in the search box to reduce your search results. For example: title (mabo).

2. You will find legislation that has never been amended in the Numbered legislation databases and not in the Consolidated legislation databases.

3. To repeat your AustLII search on "Law on Google" use the "Repeat Search Over" functionality on AustLII, it appears to the right of the search box.

Point-in time legislation

Ever need to compare one piece of legislation at different points in time for amendments?

AustLII has been experimenting with point-in time legislation. It is currently available in NSW and SA. Just go to the relevant jurisdiction page.

Under NSW legislation you will see:

New South Wales Acts (Point-in-Time) and under SA legislation you will see **South Australian Acts (Point-in-Time)**.

Please find an example below from the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (NSW). You will see that in the 2004 version the blue words have been added and the red words (which existed in the 2000 version) have been removed.

ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 1999

8 December 2000

47 Proceedings for offences

(cf Traffic Act, s 19)

Proceedings for an offence against the road transport legislation are to be dealt with summarily before a Local Court **constituted by a Magistrate sitting alone.**

16 April 2004

47 Proceedings for offences

(cf Traffic Act, s 19)

(1) Proceedings for an offence against the road transport legislation are to be dealt with summarily before a Local Court.

(2) Despite any other Act, proceedings for an operator onus offence may be commenced within 1 year after the date of the alleged commission of the offence.

(3) In this section:

"operator onus offence" means a designated offence within the meaning of section 43.

Featured donor

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia is an independent federal court under the Australian Constitution. It is a federal court of record and a court of law and equity.

The Court was established to provide a simple and accessible alternative to

litigation in the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia and to relieve the workload of those courts.

The Federal Magistrates Court of Australia was AustLII's top donor in the third quarter of 2011, donating \$25,000.

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AustLII training

If you are interested in attending AustLII's one-day seminar on "Online legal research: Free-access resources" please contact us.

Shorter one hour seminars providing an overview of AustLII can also be provided.

If you have other training styles that would interest you please also let us know.

Cases and legislation: Quick search tips

Tips from Annelies:

At a couple of recent presentations I gave to barristers, I provided some tips on quickly searching for cases and legislation on AustLII.

With the vast quantities of data on AustLII, knowing these shortcuts can save you time, hence I thought I would share these tips with our News readers.

Legislation: Quick search tips

If you know the name of the legislation and the specific section you want to find, rather than browsing the jurisdiction and legislation pages, just enter the name of the Act and the section number in the search box in any of the following ways, for example:

- Corporations Act 2001 s 111AR
- Family Law Act 1975 section 12B
- Income Tax Assessment Act s. 98

Cases: Quick search tips

If you know the name of the parties in a case you are looking for, just enter the name of the parties with a v in the middle. For example:

- Hogan v Hinch
- Luxottica Retail v Specsavers
- Pascoe v Police

New databases

The following new databases have been added to AustLII since the August/September 2011 newsletter:

- Nursing and Midwifery Professional Standards Committee of New South Wales 2011-
- Dental Tribunal of New South Wales 2009-
- Australian Law Librarian 1993-

Goodbye from the General Editor

This is my final newsletter as the General Editor and as AustLII's External Relations Manager. In the 3.5 years I have been with AustLII, substantial change has occurred with the wonderful support of donors and stakeholders. The AustLII Foundation Limited was incorporated and operates as a charity to raise donations to ensure AustLII's online legal library is sustainable as a free-access service.

In 3.5 years our donors have contributed over \$4 million to the Foundation to maintain and keep up to date AustLII's databases and to support AustLII's infrastructure, serving hundreds of thousands of users daily.

Over a dozen training days have been held throughout Australia and even

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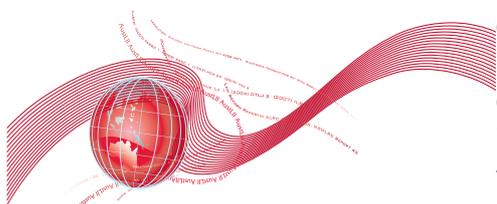
more presentations and short seminars have been provided to our users, donors and stakeholders.

I am excited to have been part of the developments that have taken place to make AustLII sustainable for all.

You can keep in touch with me through my LinkedIn profile. Best wishes.



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