

Australian legislation

With the assistance of the Commonwealth Attorney Generals Department, the Australian Legal Information Institute at the University of Technology, Sydney has mounted a major collection of the full text of Australian Federal legislation at <http://austlii.law.uts.edu.au>

And in response to the world-wide interest in the Euthanasia legislation recently passed in the Northern Territory, it has been mounted on the National Library's server at <http://www.nla.gov.au/nt/rotti/rotti.html>

The John Curtin Centre

The John Curtin Centre, based in Perth, includes an international education and research institute focussing on the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions, and Australia's first Prime Ministerial Library. A Home Page featuring John Curtin's role in Australian history is at <http://www.curtin.edu.au/curtin/centre/jc> and includes clips from his war-time speeches.

Rugby league home page

It doesn't have a play-by-play summary of the Super League situation, but if you want to know lots about Rugby League around the world, look at <http://www.brad.ac.uk:80/~cgrussel/> and be enlightened. There's a particularly good history of the beginnings of the game.

FLIN on the Web

Roxanne Missingham reports that the FLIN Web server is at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/flin/flinhome.html> and contains minutes, information on the Network and the Copyright, Collection Development, Lobbying and Networks/Databases Task Forces and State Committees. It also has papers from the *Seminar on outsourcing* held in September 1994 and the *Seminar on accrual accounting* held in December 1994. You'll also find submissions made by FLIN to some of the recent government enquiries.

Another of Roxanne's projects has been the Web server for the Department of Human Services and Health at <http://www.health.gov.au/hsh/>. It was made available in April and contains information on programs, activities and publications of the department. It has full text versions of speeches of the Secretary of the Department, press releases, *National health strategy* and *National drug strategy* papers together with extensive pointers to Drug, Disability, AIDS and communicable diseases and library information sources.

More from IFLA

A couple of months ago, we announced IFLANET. They've now added Community Networking Documents and Resources at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/services/commun.htm>

As with a number of sites, they are planning to take advantage of the latest HTML 3.0 and Netscape extensions. For the best viewing of these documents,

Netscape Navigator 1.1N is recommended. The problem with this is that many users do not use Netscape and will lose some of the facility built into the service. It's a situation that many builders of Web services continually face, wanting to offer the best possible service at the same time as catering for the widest community that they can.

Telecommunications research

The TelOz Web Server at <http://teloz.latrobe.edu.au> provides information about Australian social and policy research in the area of telecommunications. It has been expanded recently to provide access to a searchable database of all research projects and postgraduate grants awarded by the *Telstra fund for social and policy research in telecommunications*.

Faxon Finder FlashTOC

The Faxon Company has announced Finder FlashTOC— a new service available through the Faxon Home Page. It's a Web table of contents (TOC) alerting service based on the Faxon Finder title list. It covers more than 11 500 journal titles over a wide range of academic disciplines.

To find out more about it, look at the Faxon Home Page at <http://www.faxon.com>

If you haven't already seen this...

There's a new free service called DejaNews. It's at <http://www.dejanews.com> and it contains a large collection of indexed archived Usenet news postings. It gives you access to most of the Usenet postings (except the ever-popular groups that match alt.*, soc.*, talk.* or *.binaries) in the last month. It amounts to over 4 Gbytes of searchable data, with some groups having an extended history of up to a year.

While it appears to be an exciting new service, some people are concerned about the author history feature, where the author of a post can be 're-searched' to show all the postings in the archives by that author, which are immediately hotlinked/retrievable too. This is yet another instance of the Net introducing a service which may have unexpected consequences. Imagine another person assembling a history of your postings to a whole range of groups, virtually at the touch of a button.

Better late than never

We were there first, but our American cousins have shown that they can learn. The American Library Association has operated a Gopher for quite a while, and now they have a Home Page at <http://www.ala.org>

Internet tutorial

Larry Schankman (formerly of Mansfield University) has developed a hypertext Internet tutorial which you can view or download. It also has a self-extracting, compressed version, so you can

download the whole package and use it how you wish. The addresses are:

1. <http://www.clark.net/pub/lshank/explore/explore.html> (tutorial's home page)
2. <http://www.clark.net/pub/lshank/explore/explore.exe> (self-extracting, PKZipped file, about 450k)
3. <ftp://clark.net/pub/lshank/explore/explore.exe> (above file via ftp)

More newspapers on the Net

Courtesy of Sinead Williams, here's another international newspapers page at <http://www.nyc.pipeline.com/edpub>. One thing that you may need for some papers is a reader for the Adobe Acrobat format, especially for the Net version of the New York Times. Fortunately, you can load the reader from the Adobe site at <http://www.adobe.com/Software.html>

Internet organisations

The Internet Society has been operating for a few years and provides various services for its membership as well as a lobbying focus on Net matters. It publishes a quarterly journal which is posted to members throughout the world. It now has an electronic newsletter, the ISOC Forum to provide more timely information to the global Internet community, distributed weekly free of charge.

Members of the Internet Society will be automatically added to the distribution list. Later this year, non-members will also be able to subscribe.

Meanwhile in Europe the Web Society, a non-profit organisation, has been founded according to Austrian law and initially has offices in Graz, Austria and Charlottesville, USA. For more information see <http://info.websoc.at>

It's not clear how it will differ from the Internet Society in its activities, bearing in mind how the Net has in so many ways been influenced by the Web, but schisms and alternative groupings are to be expected in a growing community.

Something fishy...

At an appropriate venue— the National Aquarium— Mr David Beddall the Minister for Resources simultaneously launched a paper and Web version of Fishfacts, a public information document on fisheries matters. To get the facts on fish, look at <http://www.dpie.gov.au/resources.energy/fisheries/fish facts>

More Internet subject guides

Following the good work done at the University of Michigan, the students at the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alberta have prepared a number of subject guides. The areas covered include anthropology, library and information studies, music, human resources and social work. They will not be maintained permanently in their current form, but will be available temporarily as a service to anyone who finds them useful.

You'll find them at <http://www.ualberta.ca/slis/guides/guides.html>

UN scholars' workstation

The United Nations scholars' workstation at Yale University has been established as a web site at <http://www.library.yale.edu/un/unhome.htm>. It consists of a collection of digitised texts, finding aids, data sets, maps, and pointers to print and electronic information, in the areas of disarmament, economic and social development, environment, human rights, international relations, international trade, peacekeeping, and population and demography.

America Online on the acquisition trail

Following the item last month about AOL buying WAIS, it's now been reported that O'Reilly and Associates have sold their Global Network Navigator to AOL. Tim O'Reilly of ORA said 'With many large players entering the Internet information services market, the best way to keep our lead was to team up with one of them'.

ORA and AOL say they'll be creating new online publications that will be hosted within the GNN framework, as well as on other Internet services.

NDIS and document delivery

The NDIS section of the National Library's Web Server now includes the paper presented by Warwick Cathro at the

National Interlending and Document Supply Summit in May. The paper *The impact of NDIS in an open document supply environment* is at <http://www.nla.gov.au/2/NDIS/illsummp.html>

Australia-New Zealand studies center

The Australia-New Zealand Studies center at Penn State University has been around for many years, but it's only now arrived on the Internet at <http://www.psu.edu/research/anzsc/>

The owners are keen to develop a definitive listing of all Australia and New Zealand studies centres as well as independent academics working on Australia and New Zealand subjects from all parts of the world.

Internet research: electronic networking applications and policy

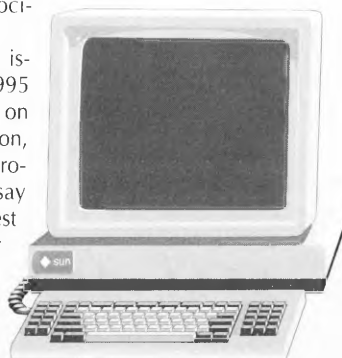
Any new goldfield attracts its share of speculators. Those of us who watched the explosion of microcomputer magazines in the early 1980s (and the subsequent rationalisation) won't be surprised at the range of publishers approaching the Internet with dollar signs in their eyes. Not that it's a bad thing—there are many people eager to learn about the Internet, and most of the new journals are providing a lot of good information. But it can be hard to choose which is the right one to buy.

Internet research won't be the choice for everyone. It doesn't give you a pre-digested overview of hot topics, and it doesn't have a short summary of hot sites in a particular field. What it does have is a series of refereed articles which 'describe, assess and foster understanding of the role of telecommunications networks in society'.

The first issue for 1995 concentrates on K-12 education, with an introductory essay by the guest editor Peter Milbury of California State University at Chico,

and articles on various aspects of the use of the Internet in schools. The articles are of a high quality and clearly aimed at a professional audience. The practice of having a guest editor for issues with particular themes will be a feature of this journal under its new ownership (it was bought by the current publishers from Mecklermedia late last year). Overall, it is highly recommended.

Internet research is published quarterly and has a Home Page at <http://volvo.gslis.utexas.edu/~IRjrn/IRhome.html>



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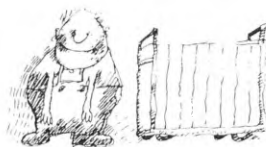
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