



A TRIBUTE TO OUR
BRANCH AND CHAPTER
COUNCILS

1969 - 2022



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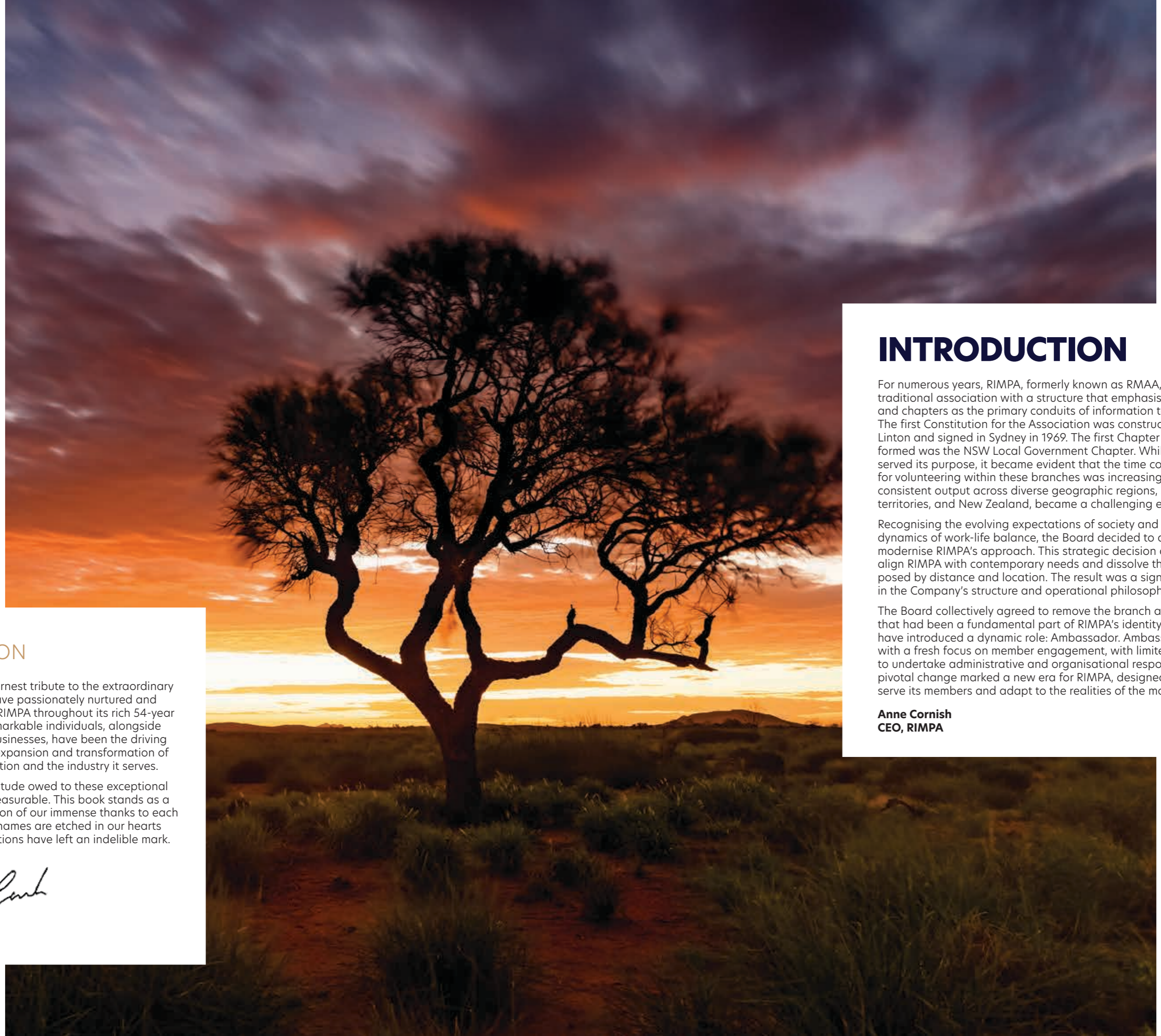
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DEDICATION

This book is an earnest tribute to the extraordinary volunteers who have passionately nurtured and propelled RMAA/RIMPA throughout its rich 54-year journey. These remarkable individuals, alongside their dedicated businesses, have been the driving force behind the expansion and transformation of both the organization and the industry it serves.

The depth of gratitude owed to these exceptional volunteers is immeasurable. This book stands as a profound expression of our immense thanks to each one of you - your names are etched in our hearts and your contributions have left an indelible mark.

Anne Cornish
CEO, RIMPA

INTRODUCTION

For numerous years, RIMPA, formerly known as RMAA, functioned as a traditional association with a structure that emphasised local branches and chapters as the primary conduits of information to the central Board. The first Constitution for the Association was constructed by J Eddis Linton and signed in Sydney in 1969. The first Chapter of the Association formed was the NSW Local Government Chapter. While this structure served its purpose, it became evident that the time commitment required for volunteering within these branches was increasing. Maintaining consistent output across diverse geographic regions, spanning states, territories, and New Zealand, became a challenging endeavour.

Recognising the evolving expectations of society and the changing dynamics of work-life balance, the Board decided to adapt and modernise RIMPA's approach. This strategic decision aimed to align RIMPA with contemporary needs and dissolve the barriers posed by distance and location. The result was a significant shift in the Company's structure and operational philosophy.

The Board collectively agreed to remove the branch and chapter structure that had been a fundamental part of RIMPA's identity. In its place, they have introduced a dynamic role: Ambassador. Ambassadors are tasked with a fresh focus on member engagement, with limited requirement to undertake administrative and organisational responsibilities. This pivotal change marked a new era for RIMPA, designed to better serve its members and adapt to the realities of the modern world.

Anne Cornish
CEO, RIMPA

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OVERVIEW

The ACT Branch commenced in 1975, with the founding president Micheal Greep and the first board member being Thomas Kaufhold.

ACT COMMITTEE REGISTER

Branch Presidents	Time Served
Micheal Greep	1975 - 1976
Thomas Kaufhold	1976 - 1980
Steve Hodges	1980 - 1985
Terry Tolhurst	1985 - 1987
Thomas Kaufhold	1987 - 1989 & 2006
Ross Thompson	1989 - 1993
Elaine Eccleston	1993 - 1994
Julie Lenson	1994 - 1999
Stephanie Ciempka	1999 - 2003 & 2006 - 2008
Veronica Pumpa	2003 - 2005
Maureen Lipinski	2008 - 2012
Alyssa Blackburn	2012 - 2014
Jenny Burgess	2014 - 2020
Julie Carpenter	2020 - 2022



Over the years the ACT Branch has performed in a consistent and productive manner. It sustained the Information Awareness Month events for many years, prioritising both advocacy for RIM and creating a community for members.

Working with NAA, IIM, ALIA and other like organisations the ACT Branch established strong stakeholder relationships that continue to benefit the RIMPA organisation today. Additionally, the ACT Branch has contributed to many reviews over the years including policy, legislation and international standards.



RMAA Directors past and present 2004 attending the RMAA Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the Convention in Canberra.

2023 RIMPA Global Roadshows



The ACT Branch hosted the following national conferences:

The 1988 5th National Convention was significant in our early Branch history. This was the first major event that the Canberra Branch organised, and it was highly successful with over 235 delegates attending including a fully booked trade exhibition.

1996 National Convention - 'Re-engineering The Electronic Records Future'. Some of the delegates that attended the 1996 Conference in the ACT are also pictured in the photo opposite, from the 2004 RMAA General Meeting.

2004 National Convention - 'From Concept to Reality' was the first convention to try concurrent sessions with outstanding success, providing scope for a variety of topics to be covered that were important to the industry at the time.

BRANCH STATISTICS

When was your Branch established?

The Branch was formed in 1975 following a meeting at the head office of the Commonwealth Archives Office (now NAA) in Kingston.

Name the people on the first Branch Council.

We couldn't identify all of them but Michael Greep (First ACT Branch President) John Smith (First Branch Secretary) and Thomas Kaufhold Branch Councillor and nominated Federal Councillor (i.e., similar position as Board Member). Thomas became the second Branch President a year or so later.

Name the people on the final Branch Council.

- President - Julie Carpenter ARIM
- Vice President - Matt Jordan ARIM
- Secretary - Lorien Mader ARIM
- Company Director - Thomas Kaufhold Life MRIM Council Members
- Michelle Woodcroft ARIM, Susan Lillywhite ARIM, Pamela Gonzalez, John Cox

Describe one significant event in your early Branch history.

The 1988 5th National Convention. This was the first major event that the Canberra Branch organised, and it was highly successful with over 235 delegates attending including a fully booked trade exhibition. The venue was the Lakeside hotel, now QT, which was bursting at the seams.

The gala dinner was held in the Great Hall of the new Parliament House. Delegates were super impressed that the Branch secured this venue in the newly opened Parliament House. The format, content and administration of the convention was then used as a standard on future conventions for the next decade or so.



Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

The following people have made significant contributions over many years to the success of the ACT Branch and RIMPA in various roles- Terry Tolhurst, Thomas Kaufhold, Ross Thompson, Elaine and Tony Eccleston, Stephanie Ciempka, Veronica Pampa, Eileen Tannachion, Ray Holswich, Julie Lenson, Kate McCarthy, Maureen Lipinski, Jenny Burgess.

Their support and dedication has produced events such as 'Recordkeeping and the Law' and Information Awareness Month' just to name a few. The Branch conducted debates to address the corporate memory in an electronic age, workshops and practical advice to members to support the challenges facing the industry over time.

What is the final Branch most proud of? This may be a historic or modern event, the people on the Branch, the way the Branch has worked together over the years to remain relevant and sustainable, the friendships that have developed etc.

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The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many Branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

The Branches are what established RMAA/RIMPA and were a real force in shaping the association and its influence over the last 50 years. In recent times it has been difficult to keep the Branches going in a fast-moving world and generational change where a volunteer ethos is fading. The Branch structure, although a proud pastime, is no longer suited to deal with modern challenges RIMPA has before it. Serving on Branch council has left me with many happy memories and a sense of accomplishment, and personal growth. The new structure is designed to provide the flexibility to respond to the new world challenges and is a real progression from the proud past.

I have a supportive and ever-growing network of Information Management professionals as a result of being a member of the branch and later on council. Being able to connect at a local level means that I've been able to brainstorm ideas and problems with likeminded individuals. I am grateful for the friends I've made in the branch and the opportunity to count some as esteemed colleagues.

The opportunity to discuss what can be seen as a 'boring' profession with other like-minded practitioners including the challenges of our industry has been a lifesaver. Especially when it feels like no one else is appreciating the risk or seeing the coming consequences. The creation of the online community was a great first step in demolishing borders for supporting members with advice, guidance, and support. I look forward to seeing how RIMPA Global expands to share information as well as learn from the R/IM industry outside of Australasia.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

1989

Over 30 people attended the annual dinner held at the Capital Park Royal on 21 July. ABC political commentator Pru Goward was the guest speaker, and she provided a highly entertaining series of anecdotes on the trials and tribulations of being a reporter.

Seminars and Events that were planned for 1989:

UNISTAT product demonstration presented by Peter Donnelly (8 August)

"Vital Records" presented by Helen Nosworthy, ACT Regional Director of Australian Archives. (12 Sep)

"Motivation and Goal Setting" presented by Kuni Wendell. (14 November)

Christmas function (12 December)

Workshops and seminars have been held regularly, with some of the notable ones on "Computer Security" and "Microfilm to Megabytes", which was organised by the Branch's Image Management Group. The seminar on the Privacy Act held in June 1989, which was presented by the Federal Privacy Commissioner Mr Kevin O'Connor, attracted the most interest with over 160 participants representing most Commonwealth Government organisations.

1990

In March we held a full day seminar entitled "Storage Media and the Law". The seminar was a great success and was attended by 250 people, many of whom were not RMAA members.

The April seminar was conducted by Bell and Howell and looked at the use of optical disk and micrographics for Records Management.

1991

The October seminar was on Voicemail and Electronic Mail and was informative, well presented (including some real time demonstrations) and was very well received by those attending.

The seminar was presented by Kylie Pascoe, MessageBank Marketing Manager for Telecom, and Robert Smallwood, National Manager of Voice Processing Communications Systems for Honeywell. With these types of systems becoming more prevalent in many organisations, this seminar was a timely introduction to these facilities.

1992

Branch Report - Elaine Eccleston ARMA

(Branch president)

The Branch's final function for 1992 took form of a breakfast meeting. Mr Dennis Wheeler, Chair Federal Education Committee was in Canberra for the discussions between our Association, the Australian Library and Information Association, the Australian Society of Archivists Inc. and the Australian Council of Archives Inc. Mr Wheeler spoke at our breakfast meeting about the need for training and education in records management and of the work being done to establish the national TAFF, program.

1993

Branch Report - Elaine Eccleston ARMA

(Branch president)

Our 1993 calendar began with the Records & Image Management Conference on 24-25 February, held in conjunction with the National Technology in Government Event. The Conference was well-attended and we were pleased to have our Federal President chair proceedings on the Thursday.

In August, the branch arranged with HH Information Services Pty. Ltd. to hold a two-day training workshop, titled "Records and Information Management - Unlocking the Mysteries". Topics included an introduction to Records Management principles, controlling inwards and outwards mail, filing systems, and aspects of archiving records. A good attendance at this workshop, and requests for similar training programs, indicate there was a need for this kind of short course.

April 1994

The April seminar was of particular interest and relevance - a presentation by Mr Paul Westwood, OAM, NM, LLB, FSS Dip (Doc Exam), ASFDE, on forensic investigations relating to paper records. As Mr Westwood pointed out, many investigations turn on a slip of paper. Forensic document examiners are frequently called upon to determine the bona fides of such a slip of paper. His presentation discussed some of the difficulties which arise when documents are carelessly or ignorantly handled and why original documents are so important.

As a follow up to that seminar the ACT Branch held a Dinner Seminar in May called "The Great Debate on Outsourcing." The debate team consisted of three companies in the business of outsourcing providing a view from the vendor perspective and two agencies providing their concerns with outsourcing issues from an agency perspective. The third team member was a representative from the ACT Branch Council who referred to the Branches submission to the Senate Inquiry on outsourcing providing the Branches concerns.

1994

11th RMAA 13th National Convention "Re-engineering: The Electronic Records Future"

The 13th National Convention of the Records Management Association of Australia was held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra between 8-11 September 1996.

The underlying theme of the Convention had been developed as a progression starting from identifying users' requirements for information resources in the contemporary managerial climate, then demonstrating how collaborative application by information professionals can respond to those requirements and concluding by describing the technical tools available to those information professionals to achieve their objectives.

1996

RMAA ACT Branch seminar 1998

The objective of this Seminar was to provide a forum where the complex processes, and the consequences, of contracting out of Government recordkeeping functions and services could be aired.

The subject was very topical: a number of Cth and State Government departments started initiating action to this end. The Seminar program was designed to address a range of related issues that included the implications of outsourcing on the community and on public sector administration, the legal and privacy ramifications, and the application of the contracting process from both an agency and provider perspective.

1998



Unmasking RMAA's CEO - Kara Walker at the Commission's Masked Ball. RMAA ACT Branch President and Canberra Commission Chairperson Stephanie Cernuska. **Belle of the Ball -**

From Concept to Reality was the theme of the 21st International RMAA Convention, held in Canberra from 12-15 September, and was a huge success.

Convention with the theme 'From Concept to Reality' and under this theme were streams of interest focusing on Business, Standards and Practices and the Human Factor.

Many positive comments were received, both from the members attending - stating it was very informative - and from the vendors, who were very impressed with the response from visitors to their stands. "Some excellent speakers." "Great opportunities." "Good trade." Just some of the comments from conference-goers in Canberra.

For the first time, IQ held a 'vox pop' poll of delegates, and came up with some intriguing takes on the event.

2004

May 1994

In May, the Branch President gave a presentation at a function held at the Senate Club Room in Old Parliament House, Canberra to mark the opening of new premises by Brambles Records Management, ACT.

Her paper was titled, Information Highways The Do's and The Dont's. The function was attended by senior officers from government agencies and statutory authorities.



RMAA 1996 Convention Canberra Convention Centre

To respond to the theme, the ACT Branch of the RMAA imported some highly recommended speakers from the USA and Europe and selected local content to provide balance in each field. Dr Ben Graham, Jr represented the Nth American view; Carl Newton, the British, while Rick Barry and Paul Heath, with their trans-continental commitments, were able to use a broader brush.

2000

The ACT Branch conducted its annual major seminar at the Australian Institute of Sport in March, 2000.

This year they chose the topic: eBusiness Transactions: Providing Accountability through Effective Recordkeeping. By all reports from delegates, the Seminar was a great success. The sponsor, National Record Managers, is thanked for their support in this seminar.

The Branch held its Annual Dinner 2000 at the 'Chifley on Northbourne' on 31 May, 2000.

The guest speaker was Jeremy Vickers, Director, Record Management, Australian Taxation Office and the sponsor for the evening was Intershred. They especially enjoyed our classified waste bins full of chocolates. A great night was had by all, and a stimulating presentation by Jeremy made us start thinking outside the square.

On Thursday 15 June 2000, the Branch held a follow-up members meeting with National Archives of Australia at the Canberra Club at 12.15 pm. A good attendance of 40 people was able to ask questions of the panel regarding the new records regime of 'e-permanence'.



Four RMAA Past Presidents with current National President Chris Frizzo, (right), at the RMAA International Convention in Canberra. From the left, Harry Haxton, Peter Smith, Graham Dudley, and Ray Holwick.



Left to right: Chairman Intershed, speaker Anthony White, former partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers; Australian Capital Territory Records Officer, Director David Wards, (middle) speaker; speaker



RMAA Dinner 2000 - A wonderful evening at the Australian Institute of Sport. Photo taken by the Canberra Branch in conjunction with the Convention in Canberra. Photo left to right: RMAA ACT President (2000) John Walker (ACT), Brian Stoddart (NSW), John Lennard (ACT), John Page (Qld), Anna Corbett (Vic), Marlene Thomas (ACT), Harry Haxton (Qld), Ray Thomas (ACT), Tim Howard (Vic), Lyn Kavanagh (NSW), Richard Kelly (Qld), SAIC (NSW), Peter Stoddart (NSW), Geoff Jones (NSW), Peter Clougherty (ACT), Peter Smith (NSW), Thomas Kuylenstierna (ACT), Graham Dudley (ACT), Kara McCarty (ACT), David Holwick (VIC), Ray Holwick (NSW), and...



2004

Special Report by MARIAN HOY, MRMA RMAA ACT Branch Councillor

On September 18, Natalie Ceeney, Chief Executive of the National Archives (TNA) of the UK, delivered a presentation entitled 'Beyond Records Management: The role of a C21 Archive', to a breakfast seminar hosted by the ACT Branch of the RMAA. Among the issues she raised were the problems associated with archiving material that is routinely and rapidly removed from the Internet. Ms Ceeney had been a keynote speaker at the RMAA's International Convention in Wellington, NZ, between the 9th and 12th of September, and then travelled to Australia for more speaking engagements.

Fifty participants in the Canberra seminar heard Ms Ceeney speak about changing paradigms and the challenges to existing traditions. She argued that some traditions about the role of an archives were just perceptions, as there had been so much change over the last 100 years, it would be difficult to pin down any one process and say 'that is the way we have always done it'.

Special Report by MARIAN HOY, MRMA - RMAA ACT Branch Councillor



At the Canberra seminar, from left: **Ross Gibbs**, PSM, Director-General, National Archives of Australia, **Natalie Ceeney**, Chief Executive, National Archives of the UK, and **Stephanie Ciempka**, President, RMAA ACT Branch. Photograph, M Hoy

2008

RMAA Funds Recordkeeping Education Opportunities for Indigenous Australians

The presentation formalised the donation of \$1,000 by the RMAA ACT Branch to the Loris Williams Scholarship fund, which was developed by the ASA to promote recordkeeping qualifications for indigenous students.

Branch President Maureen Lipinski, ARMA, said that the RMAA has a wide range of scholarships, grants and awards, and this donation by the ACT Branch adds to the commitment of the Association to promote recordkeeping education in Australia in thanking the RMAA ACT Branch for the Scholarship Fund donation, Jill Caldwell told the audience, "The ASA Loris Williams Scholarship programme provides funding and professional support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students of archives and records.

2009

An innovative series of breakfast and lunch seminars were introduced. These seminars were planned for the year and sold as a package. This ensured attendance over the year and cash flow. The option to register for an Individual seminar was also catered for. Breakfast sessions were timed for the warmer months and lunch time session for the colder months.

This model was very successful and was used for several years

PRIZES, RECIPIENTS & ACCOLADES

INDIVIDUAL - STEPHANIE CIEMPKA

Stephanie Ciempka (ACT) has continually developed innovative recordkeeping practices that deliver improved recordkeeping compliance and understanding in a Government Sector. As a result her employer DEST was successful in winning the 2005 J Eddis Linton Award for Outstanding Group. In addition on a personal level Stephanie was instrumental in setting up the Certificate and Accreditation process for the Certificate 3 & 4 in Recordkeeping, within DEST.

Stephanie has the highest level of commitment to records and information management issues. She has demonstrated this through her ongoing membership with the RMAA and the peer network that she has developed for the purpose of debating Recordkeeping and information management issues.

Stephanie has contributed significantly to the development of the profession over the past 35 years. Her aim is to continually engage and encourage debate between the profession and the various authorities to ensure the profile and level of understanding is continually improved. Stephanie's commitment and dedication to the profession is evident by the significant investment of her personal time that she devotes to developing the profession and ensuring collaboration and discussion is always active between various industry and government agencies.

Much personal sacrifice has gone into this and Stephanie has achieved great results and is held in very high regard by all who know her in the profession, both those who support her ideas and those who do not. A shocked Stephanie accepted her award saying "I am passionate about records management and do not make apologies for that, you need to be passionate about what you do."

1993

It was announced in March that Ms Tracey Beale is the first recipient of the ACT Branch Council prize to an outstanding student in Information and Records Management at the University of Canberra. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Tracey who is already actively involved in records management projects in Canberra.



Pictured from left: Ray Holwich (Federal President), Arthur Langford-Smith, Elaine Eccleson (ACT Branch President) and Kate McCarthy (ACT Federal Director).

1994

In March the ACT Branch Council Award Winner for Outstanding Performance In Studies In Information And Records Management at the University of Canberra was announced. This year the award was made to Ms Barbara Cass who is studying for a Bachelor of Arts in Administration. Accompanied by Federal Director, Ms Kate McCarthy, ARMA, the Branch President presented the award at a function arranged by the University Convocation on the evening prior to the University's annual graduation ceremonies in April.

On 25 June 1997 ACT branch presented a prize offered by the ACT Branch to the Canberra Institute of Technology in recognition of High Achievement in the Certificate of Records Management. Giving the prize on this occasion was particularly important as the three recipients were the first students to complete the certificate IV in Records Management at the Canberra Institute of Technology in the ACT. The prizes were awarded to Kerrie Van Schieveen, Neil Mulherin and Iwona Pala; congratulations to you all, well done.

The following recipients of this year's ACT Branch Educational Awards. From the Canberra Institute of Technology: Best Overall Student, Certificate 1V in Records Management was awarded to Stephen Cawley and Wendy Ellison, and from the University of Canberra: Outstanding Performance in Information and Records Management studies went to Marie Adams.

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The ACT Branch as sponsor is pleased to congratulate Mr Brand Hoff on being awarded the 'Honorary Member of RMAA' status.

2001

The ACT branch congratulated Mr Brand Hoff for being awarded the 'Honorary Member of RMAA' status which is given to members in appreciation of outstanding support and contributions to the records management association.

Below: Thomas Kaufhold was awarded the Life Member RMAA award. He was nominated by the ACT branch to receive the award at the National Convention in Hobart.



OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS

August 1991

The marketing survey is progressing well and MAP Market Discovery will, by now, have made contact with most of those members randomly selected for completion of the questionnaire. The Association will be using the results of this survey to guide its promotional activities, events and publicity over the next few years.

February 2008

ACT's Territory Records Act was created in 2002 after 13 years of self-government with no recordkeeping legislation and very little knowledge of recordkeeping responsibilities. The Act created the position of Director of Territory Records and the Territory Records Office was then created to assist the Director carry out his regulatory functions. The Territory Records Advisory Council was established in 2002 to assist and advise the Director of Territory Records.

The Records Management Association of Australasia has had a local representative, Veronica Pumpa MRMA as part of Council since its inception in 2002.

1996: RMAA Founding member recognised internationally.

Foundation and Life Member of the Records Management Association of Australia, Peter Augustus Smith MRMA, was awarded the prestigious Emmett Leahy Award for 1996 for his outstanding contributions to the field of records and information management.



It was the first time the award has been awarded outside the United States of America.

NEW SOUTH WALES

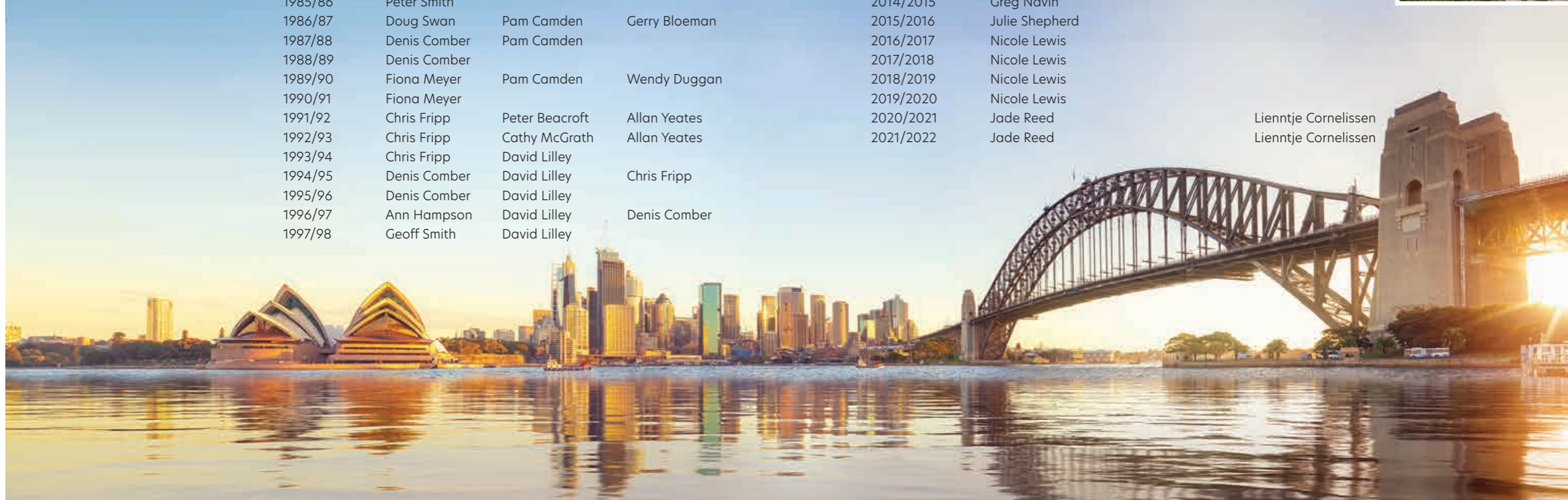
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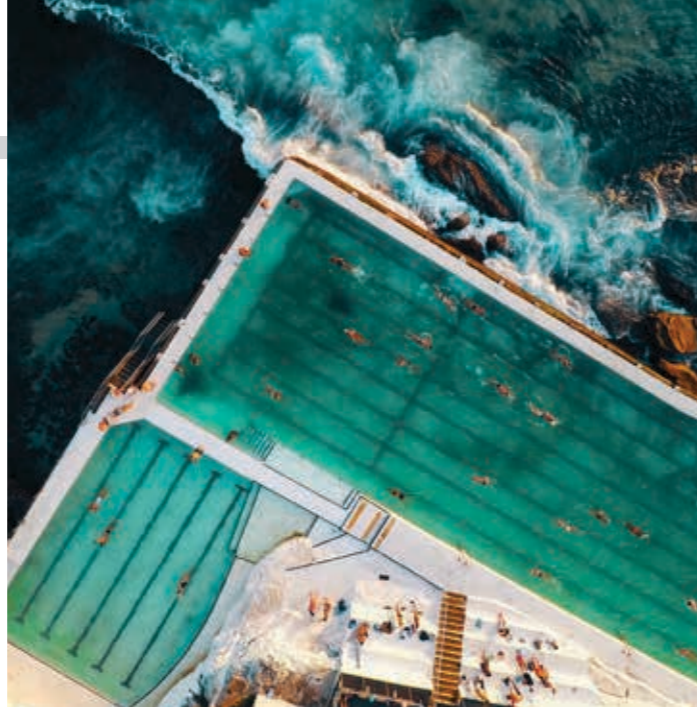
A meeting was held in 1969 to discuss formation of the RMAA. Initiated by Tom Lovett, a member of the American Records Management Association, who advocated for improved conditions and formal education for filing and records clerks through out Australia.

The meeting was attended by sixty-nine interested people including Ron Britton NSW Chief Archivist and Eddis Linton from the Business Archives Council.

NSW COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year Served	President	Secretary	Vice President	Year Served	President	Secretary	Vice President
1969/70	Tom Lovett			1998/99	Geoff Smith	David Lilley	Greg Brace
1970/71	J Eddis Linton	Tom Lovett		1999/00	Geoff Smith	David Lilley	
1971/72	J Eddis Linton			2000/01	Geoff Smith	David Lilley	
1972/73	J Eddis Linton			2001/02	Geoff Smith	David Lilley	
1973/74	J Eddis Linton			2002/03	Geoff Smith	Chris Colwell	Mary Hooker
1974/75	J Eddis Linton			2003/04	Geoff Smith	Chris Colwell	
1975/76	J Eddis Linton			2004/05	Geoff Smith	Chris Colwell	
1976/77	J Eddis Linton			2005/06	Toni Anderson	Chris Colwell	
1977/78	J Eddis Linton			2006/07	Toni Anderson	David Horne	
1978/79	Peter Smith	A Watson		2007/08	Toni Anderson	Rebell Barnes	
1979/80	Peter Smith	Bob Trowbridge		2008/09	Rebell Barnes	Lientje Cornelissen	
1980/81	Peter Smith			2009/10	Rebell Barnes	Lientje Cornelissen	
1981/82	Peter Smith			2010/11	Rebell Barnes	Lientje Cornelissen	
1982/83	Peter Smith			2011/12	Rebell Barnes	Lientje Cornelissen	
1983/84	Peter Smith			2012/13	Greg Navin	Janet Knight	
1984/85	Peter Smith			2013/2014	Greg Navin		
1985/86	Peter Smith			2014/2015	Greg Navin		
1986/87	Doug Swan	Pam Camden	Gerry Bloeman	2015/2016	Julie Shepherd		
1987/88	Denis Comber	Pam Camden		2016/2017	Nicole Lewis		
1988/89	Denis Comber			2017/2018	Nicole Lewis		
1989/90	Fiona Meyer	Pam Camden	Wendy Duggan	2018/2019	Nicole Lewis		
1990/91	Fiona Meyer			2019/2020	Nicole Lewis		
1991/92	Chris Fripp	Peter Beacroft	Allan Yeates	2020/2021	Jade Reed		Lientje Cornelissen
1992/93	Chris Fripp	Cathy McGrath	Allan Yeates	2021/2022	Jade Reed		Lientje Cornelissen
1993/94	Chris Fripp	David Lilley					
1994/95	Denis Comber	David Lilley	Chris Fripp				
1995/96	Denis Comber	David Lilley					
1996/97	Ann Hampson	David Lilley	Denis Comber				
1997/98	Geoff Smith	David Lilley					





MEMORABLE EVENTS

IRMC annual meeting held in Anaheim California on the 18th of October 1987. Australia was represented by Graham Dudley, Peter Smith and Helen Francis.

Graham Dudley

The Records Management Association of Australia has had an excellent year 1986/87 with all states and territories now having branches of the Association with more than 1400 members

Helen Francis

Australia has finally accomplished a task that was set back in 1969 when the Records Management Association of Australia held the inaugural meeting, we now have a branch in every state and territory in Australia.

1988

1994

The NSW Breakfast Meeting was held at the Menzies Hotel in March

The topic was freedom of information and its legal implications. Targeted at senior management level and had 73 people attended with over half not being members.



On 23 May, we held our annual Technology Seminar.

This provided us with the opportunity to raise with people, developments in the industry that will impact on their work as professionals.

It also provided people with ideas and possibilities that they could take back to their work. Being May, we had two speakers drop out at short notice due to 'flu'. Our thanks to Sue Frost for all her work in organising the event and to Mary Hooker for her work on the day. Papers will appear on the NSW pages of the RMAA webpage.

2000

2004

At the Annual General Meeting the topic for our speaker is the link between Knowledge Management and Records Management, a subject of great interest to those of us in the profession.

Our thanks to Rowena Crossman of State Records NSW, who is doing her masters in the field.

The NSW Branch's main contribution to Archives and Records Management Week was the Vendor Showcase, with case studies followed by a reception where the recipients of the Peter A Smith Award were announced.

1989

In March of this year, a very successful workshop was held for one day at the Holroyd Centre at Merrylands.

Membership of the Branch continues to grow with the Branch gaining new members every month of this financial year.

1998

On 20 May 1998, a one-day seminar was held at the Sydney Water Corporation.

The theme was "Bridging the Technology Gap" which served to further advance the knowledge of records managers about many of the new technologies that are now being implemented to manage information.

Eighty people attended and heard vendors give 30 minute presentations on subjects such as electronic document management, imaging, workflow, data warehousing, internet/intranet, data mining and cold storage systems.

2003

The first lunchtime seminar for the year, 'Is the Thesaurus Dead?' was held on 4 February. The topic proved to be quite popular with over 100 people registering prior to the event. Sufficiently popular that we needed to say 'no' to some people who wanted to come.

The second lunchtime seminar for 2003 was held on the 1st of April in the Aquatorium at Sydney Water Corporation.

Well over 90 people attended as Denis Comber discussed the records system implementation he was involved with during his time at NSW Police. His paper is available on the RMAA webpage.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

May 1990

The March conference at Holroyd Centre:

Working smarter not harder, was a great success drawing participants in from across the Sydney Region.

April 1994

The RMAA exhibited at the AIIM '94 conference. This was a 3 day exhibition where the Association marked itself to the public and the trade involved in imaging and micrographics.

April 1994

TAFE (NSW) has obtained national funding to develop national core courses in records management. By the beginning of 1993 courses in records management at a vocational level will be available Australia-wide. This will bring recognition, standardisation and portability to the industry.

The RMAA and in particular the NSW Branch has formed an Industry Reference Group. It will oversee material to be used in courses put forward by the Project Committee (made up of interstate members of TAFE).



QUEENSLAND

QLD COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President	Secretary	Vice President	Treasurer
1976/77	Jim Shepherd (Brisbane City Council)	Bob Harris (SEAQ)	Harry Haxton (Commercial Archives)	Owen Cook (Chandlers P/L)
1977/78	Jim Shepherd (Brisbane City Council)	Bob Harris (SEAQ)	Harry Haxton (Commercial Archives)	Barry Joyce
1978/79	Robert Harris	D Braithwaite	Harry Haxton (Commercial Archives)	Barry Joyce
1979/80	Robert Harris	D Braithwaite	Harry Haxton (Commercial Archives)	Barry Joyce
1980/81	K Lloyd	Gary Whitehead		
1981/82	K Lloyd	Barry Joyce	Barry Joyce	Jim Shepherd
1982/83				
1983/84				
1984/85	Harry Haxton	E Clarke	Barry Joyce (Treasurer)	Greg Kearne
1985/86	Murray Stewart	Wayne Murray		Clive Finter
1986/87				
1987/88	Murray Stewart	Wayne Murray		
1988/89	Wendy Preston (nee Morris)	Wayne Murray	Clive Finter	Alan Lowe
1989/90	Wendy Preston (nee Morris)	Wayne Murray	Murray Stewart	Allan Kavanagh
1990/91	Wendy Preston (nee Morris)	Terry Tolhurst	Murray Stewart	Allan Kavanagh
1991/92 (<Dec)	Michael Hangan	Terry Tolhurst	Murray Stewart	Allan Kavanagh
1991/92 (>Dec)	Michael Hangan	Terry Tolhurst		Allan Kavanagh
1992/93	Michael Hangan	Terry Tolhurst	Clive Finter	
1993/94	Michael Hangan	Gwen Goodall		
1994/95	Clive Finter			
1995/96	Clive Finter	Janette Spillane	Phil Taylor	
1996/97	Ray Chambers	Brett Clark	Phil Taylor	
1997/98	Ray Chambers	Brett Clark	Phil Taylor	
1998/99	Ray Chambers	Yvonne Smith		
1999/00	Michael Hangan	Yvonne Smith		
2000/01	Michael Hangan	Brett Clark		
2001/02	Phil Taylor	Brett Clark		
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2003/04 (< Dec)	Phil Taylor	Brett Clark		
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2004/05	Phil Taylor	Jennifer Curley		Sasha Lukich
2005/06	Phil Taylor	Jennifer Curley		Sasha Lukich
2006/07 (< ?)	Phil Taylor	Jennifer Curley		Phil Taylor
2006/07 (> ?)	Phil Taylor	Jennifer Curley		
2007/08	Peta Sweeney	Jennifer Curley		Sasha Lukich
2008/09 (<Apr)	Peta Sweeney	Jennifer Curley	Chris Simpson	Deb Graydon
2008/09 (>Apr)	Peta Sweeney	Jennifer Curley	Chris Simpson	
2009/10 (<Jan)	Jennifer Curley	Jennifer Curley	Chris Simpson	
2009/10 (>Jan)	Jennifer Curley	Jennifer Curley	Chris Simpson	
2010/11 (>Dec)	Peta Sweeney	Nancy Taia	Christine Holmes	
2011/12	Peta Sweeney	Nancy Taia	Kemal Hasandedic	
2012/13	Peta Sweeney/Kemal Hasandedic (March 2017 onwards)	Nancy Taia	Kemal Hasandedic	
2013/2014	Nancy Taia	Keith Davis	Kemal Hasandedic	
2014/2015	Nancy Taia	Keith Davis	Janine Morris	
2015/2016	Nancy Taia	Nicole Mathieson	Janine Morris	
2016/2017 (>Mar)	Nancy Taia	Nancy Taia	Kemal Hasandedic	
2017/2018		Keith Davis	Keith Davis	
2018/2019				
2019/2020				
2020/2021				
2021/2022				

OVERVIEW

A meeting was held at MIM Holdings to discuss formation of the RMAA Queensland Branch. Tom Lovett attended from NSW as guest speaker and provided a history of records management in Australia. Miss Burm Ford (MIM) and Jim Shepherd (Brisbane City Council) were co-convenors and the meeting was attended by 23 eager people.

The Queensland Branch was established in 1976 and was a strong influence in the records and information management industry in Queensland since its inception. It's main focus was to build records and information management within the state of Queensland through strategic planning, marketing and liaison.



The Queensland Branch advocated and hosted the first National Convention in Coolangatta in the early 1980's.

The Queensland Chapter was formed in 1997.

Previously focused on local government, then adding in the government owned corporations, then expanded our focus to delivering all professional development opportunities and events in Queensland for Qld RIMPA members. This included conferences, various seminars and other professional development events.



BRANCH STATISTICS

Describe one significant event in your early branch history.

Branch: First National Convention held at Greenmount Resort, Coolangatta in 1984.

Chapter: Changed from Queensland Local Government Chapter to Queensland Local Government & Corporations Chapter in 2006 then restructured to become the Queensland Chapter in 2018.

Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

Jim Shepherd, a founding father and first Branch Council President of the Queensland Branch, Jim Shepherd has been a proud member of RIMPA since its inception. Jim held many positions throughout his records and information management career and worked to bolster the connections with RIMPA and vendor partners through the delivery of seminars, development of advertising publications and connectivity through networking opportunities.

Harry Haxton, one of Queensland's founding fathers, encouraged our industry to push the boundaries and achieve more than what we ever thought possible. From education and learning, publication and knowledge sharing his 'give it a go attitude' is the basis on which outstanding achievements are built. Harry was the inaugural lecturer in records management in Queensland and a strong champion for educated professionals in our industry.

Of what is the final Branch most proud?

This may be an historic or modern event, the people on the Branch, the way the Branch has worked together over the years to remain relevant and sustainable, the friendships that have developed etc.

Branch: The volunteers on Branch: our people have always been passionate, delivering high quality member services to the membership. We have been the recipients of the RIMPA Branch of the Year award 10 years since 2008.

Chapter: Delivering a full professional development program consistently with the 2-day annual conference being our premier event - over our 25 years the Chapter have held this event 20 times across the whole state.

The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many Branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

We were a bit apprehensive in the beginning, although we knew there was a need for change. As a Branch and Chapter, we've been significantly active since our inception, and we didn't want our members to feel abandoned and disconnected. Since RIMPA have provided more information on the One RIMPA model we are confident this won't happen and are looking forward to what comes next.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

1987

The Fourth National Convention - Denis Godfrey J.P., A.R.M.A (QLD).

Some 500 or so delegates registered, and the administration did a top job. Four main areas of learning at the convention; Law and the record; office automation and records management' records management fundamentals' the trade fair. The Law and the Record covered: Privacy and the use of records by the Law; New and old storage media legality; Public access to Records Freedom of Information and its influence; Government access to Records; Records Retention Laws.

Office Automation and Records management considered:

The office of the future; Computerization; Document Image processing; Use of Bar Codes; Merging Electronics with vision.

Records Management Fundamentals explained:

The broad concept - why, how, and when; Classification; Indexing; Alphabetic Filing; Records Disposal Scheduling.

The Trade Fair:

Showed what is available and how we can use it.; Opened up new realms of possibility. Nobody could have visited these displays without coming away the richer by far.

The workshops were backed up by two informative education seminars. Social Activities:

No conference of course, would be complete without its social functions, and this one was no exception. Cocktail Parties, Happy Hours, lunches, a trip on the Yarra River. with the most delicious wine, women, music and dancing. Then last but not least , the Convention Dinner at the Victorian Arts Centre, the food was superb and the entertainment - what can I say? - FANTASTIC.

Venue:

The Regent Hotel was an excellent choice of venue for the Conference, having everything necessary to make the fourth convention the success that it was.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

August 1989

On the education front, the branch successfully negotiated with the Education Department to retain recognition of the Records Management Certificate within the newly structured Associate Diploma of Business at Kangaroo Point TAFE.

July 1989

President Graham Dudley has announced that RMAA has joined the Australian Information Technology Council (AITC).

15th January, 1975

First meeting to discuss formation of a Queensland Branch Mr Tom Lovett travelled from New South Wales as guest speaker and addressed the meeting, giving a history of Records Management in Australia.

1988

In 1988, Australians will focus on the past. The Bi-centennial Convention in Canberra provides the opportunity for the Records Management Profession to come to terms with where it is now and the factors that will influence its future.

1989

A one-day seminar in May on "Winning the Paper War" was successful David Sless of the Communications Research Institute of Australia gave a fascinating keynote address on "A New Approach to Forms Design."

Qld Chapter Celebrates 21 Years at Symposium



Renee Burke, Louise Thomson, Susan Corneil, Nancy Tait, Mary Bourke, John van der Ziel, Josephine Marsh, Amanda Day, Brendan Felstead, Megan Cappillari and Chris Simpson

JIM SHEPHERD AWARD

This award was named in honour of one of the Association's founding fathers, Jim Shephard. It recognises long-term value towards RIMPA, industry/profession development and/or industry/profession co-operation and is presented in two categories - RIMPA Branch and Vendor.

Branch winner: Queensland Branch

Vendor winner: EzeScan



J EDDIS LINTON AWARDS

Recognises excellence in records and information management across five categories: Student, Innovation, Collaborative, Implementation and Business Benefit.



Molly Ag-Thomas with Tom Mountain's Peter Hines and Lisa Reed White

MEMORABLE MOMENTS



"I'm here for the networking, the cutting edge ideas of the profession – and the gossip! The Gala Dinner is the highlight of the program. It's good to have that connection with people socially, rather than having a work conversation, and the opportunity to relax and have fun." – Chris Foley, Objective, Melbourne



1 The evening's two MCs Austin Powers and Alex Blacklock 2 (Left to right) Matthew Bekker, Jan Stremson, Chris Holmes, Mike Stremson at the Gala Dinner



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3 (Left to right) Maureen Lipinski and Veronica Pampa (ACT Branch) 4 (Left to right) Batman, Wendy Kuiters (BAE Systems, SA) and Wonder Woman at the Gala Awards Dinner

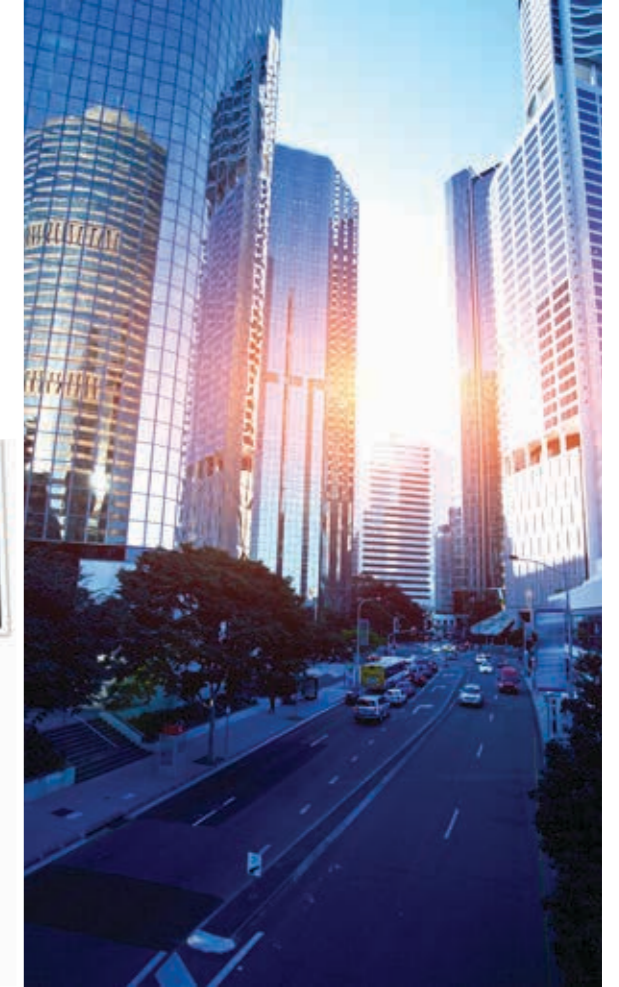


RIMPA QLD BRANCH STATE CONFERENCE 2018

"It's really nice to be in the industry, so I'm here to learn more about it. Especially the growing workshops for members to meet more of the people with us. I'm going to present myself – either it is an award, it's also a great opportunity to spend some time with others each year." – Tracy Williams, Payal Australia, Melb, Canberra

2018 inForum

1 Left to right: Queenslanders at the Business Reception: Andy Jones, Claire Webster, Chris Simpson, Gary Semmens, Jennifer Taylor, Mark Workman 2 Left to right: Paul Kordala, Francis Young, Justin Sprague at the ACA Pacific Stand



ABOVE: The delegates get their Roaring 20's on at the Networking Dinner. TOP RIGHT: The announcement of the Queensland Branch Excellence Awards, sponsored by iCognition and presented by current President, Meryl Bourke, past President, Kemal Hasandedic and name sake Chris Simpson. RIGHT: This is the Owl Member with the Queensland Branch and Chapter Council members.



RIMPA OwlMember with conference delegates



Lucy Schelberg



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SA COMMITTEE REGISTER

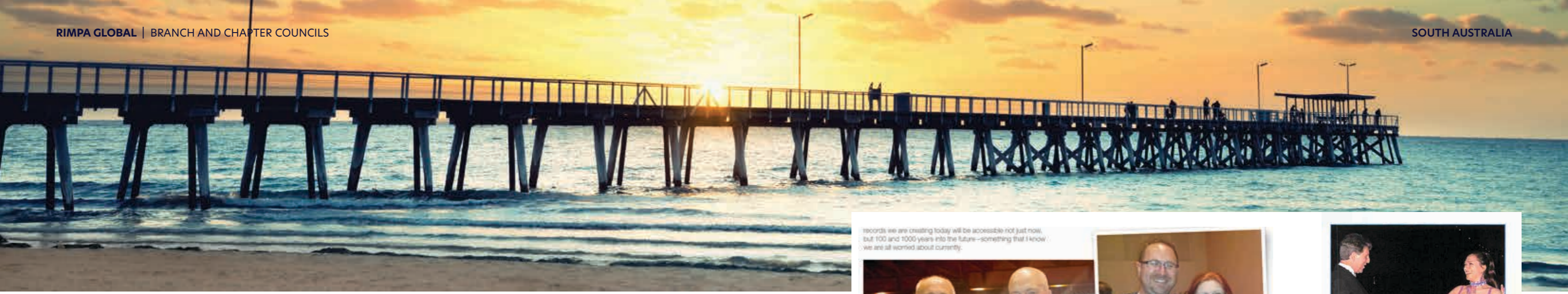
Year	President	Secretary	Vice President
1983/84		Helen Francis	
1984/85			
1985/86			Malcolm Nairn
1986/87	Brian Tyndale		
1987/88	Helen Francis	Helen Onopko	
1988/89	Andrew Wood	Helen Onopko (until ?)	
1989/90	Andrew Wood	Spiros Sarris	Helen Francis Tony Aldous
1990/91			
1991/92	Helen Francis	Helen Schoder	
1992/93	Helen Francis	Helen Schoder	George Smith
1993/94	Helen Francis	Helen Schoder	
1994/95	Peter Crush	Helen Schoder	
1995/96	Peter Crush	Kristen Green	
1996/97	Peter Crush	Kristen Green	
1997/98	Brigitte Stephen	Kristen Green	
1998/99	Bernadette Bean	Kristen Green	
1999/00	Kristen Green	Emmy Smout	
2000/01	Kristen Green	Colleen Turk	
2001/02	Kristen Green	Colleen Turk	
2002/03	Kristen Keley		
2003/04	Kristen Keley	Colleen Turk / Marie Feltus	
2004/05	Helen Onopko	Marie Feltus	
2005/06	Helen Onopko	Marie Feltus	
2006/07	Helen Onopko	Marie Feltus	
2007/08	Bonita Kennedy		
2008/09	Bonita Kennedy		
2009/10	Bonita Kennedy		
2010/11	Bonita Kennedy		
2011/12	Bonita Kennedy	Kristen Keley	
2012/13	Bonita Kennedy	Kristen Keley	
2013/2014	Paul Fechner		
2014/2015	Paul Fechner		
2015/2016	Bonita Kennedy		
2016/2017	Bonita Kennedy		
2017/2018	Donna-Maree Findlay	Maryann Galloway	Bas de Groot
2018/2019	Kristen Keley	Maryann Galloway	
2019/2020	Donna-Maree Findlay	Maryann Galloway	
2020/2021	Paul Fechner	Maryann Galloway	Deanna Nikolettos/Cheryl Dias
2021/2022	Paul Fechner		Helen Onopko/Cheryl Dias

OVERVIEW

South Australia was the third State to establish a Branch following Victoria. During the Covid era they combined with the Northern Territory Branch.

The 3rd legendary National RMAA Conference was hosted by the SA Branch in Alice Springs, titled "Spring into Records in Alice". This conference set the model for future conferences for decades.





BRANCH STATISTICS

When was your Branch established? Name the people on the first Branch Council.

1977 - unsure of which month however. We were the 3rd State to establish following Victoria then NSW

Name the people on the final Branch Council.

Some were: Maurie Andrews (Brambles), Margaret Mainland (Adelaide City Council), Andrew Wood (Local Gov), Malcolm Nairn (Local Gov), Matt Selfridge (Local Gov). Within a year came Peter Crush (Adelaide City Council), Spiros Sarris (Australian Archives), George Smith (Australian Archives).

Describe one significant event in your early Branch history.

Helen Onopko - The 3rd legendary National RMAA Conference hosted by the SA Branch at Alice Springs. Titled "Spring into Records in Alice". This conference set the model for future conferences for decades.

Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

Helen Onopko - Peter Crush, who established the Education Committee in SA, liaised with colleagues in all other states and built the structures for qualifications and knowledge in recordkeeping throughout the 1980s and 1990s. A wise and dedicated man.

Of what is the final Branch most proud? This may be an historic or modern event, the people on the Branch, the way the Branch has worked together over the years to remain relevant and sustainable, the friendships that have developed etc.

Helen Onopko - "Surviving the Covid era, during which we amalgamated with the NT Branch and a large Branch of SA & NT Councillors."

Maryanne Galloway - "How well we worked together,

especially during COVID and seamlessly forming SANT Branch with lovely Cheryl. We've kept a good number of people on council & we seem to have a glue that binds us both professionally & socially. A significant event for me was at Hilton International 14 October 2021 which went so well. We had great attendance & had Anne & Cheryl join us from interstate and there seemed to be a collective feeling that we're glad to get together in person. The drinks afterwards were fun too!"

Keith Nicholas - "We should be proud of the way we have joined with NT it a pandemic and still managed to grow the membership."

The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many Branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

Helen Onopko - "A bit like jumping off a cliff initially, but like any change for the good, its an adjustment period and we've all become resilient. We embrace the new structure and keep looking forward."

Maryanne - "Whilst I'll miss the obligatory catchups, OneRIMPA makes sense. Hopefully, we can still catch up informally & embrace the new normal."

Debra Leigo - "Looking forward to replacing Branch meetings with regular SANT Community of Practice catchups."

Keith Nicholas - Trepidation and excitement. The organisation is progressing with the times. Communities are becoming national and global and the changes in RIMPA reflect that. I just hope we as SA branch continue to connect with each other and assist each other to promote and progress the organisation and our objectives."

records we are creating today will be accessible not just now, but 100 and 1000 years into the future—something that I know we are all worried about currently.



Left: Thomas Kufford and Andrew Watland.
Above: Steve Skarvinn and Petra Seewald.
Right: The Welcome Reception took place at the National Wine Centre. It was a great opportunity for delegates to meet, mingle and enjoy some fine South Australian wine.
Above right: Margaret Meade, Jo Hancock and Tony McCaughy.



RMAA Federal President Chris Frupp warms a round of applause as he grooves with a belly dancing vision at the Adelaide convention dinner.

inForum provides so many opportunities to network with the Welcome Reception, Newbies Session, Gala Dinner, vendors lunch and break times, it's awesome. I really enjoyed catching up with those who I met last year in Canberra, and making new friends and contacts all over Australia and New Zealand. The feeling of being accepted and recognised as an equal by people who have been in the industry longer than I've been alive (sorry to make you all feel old) is invaluable. The changes these people have seen, what they've endured and the experience they've gained, and the freedom



MEMORABLE EVENTS

1987

3rd Convention

The Sheraton was a superb venue for the Convention and the ubiquitous Alex Van Kersen (now at the Sheraton Bangkok) always there to keep an eye on things.

The success of the convention was due in no small measure to the dedicated delegates, top quality speakers, confident and committed trade exhibitors and a top class Convention Committee with whom I was proud to be associated - Helen Francis, Brigitte Kleinig, Maurice Andrews, Matt Selfridge. and Lain Nielsen.

1998

After an extensive advertising campaign in the national local government press the Branch conducted a very successful one day seminar in the regional centre of Mr Gambier on Friday the 23rd of October 1992. Several members flew down from Adelaide to join 10 locals for the day.

The seminar addressed the basics of records management with speakers from local government and the profession. Peter Smith from Sydney updated us on the national TAFE initiative.

2003

August saw the SA Branch host the 'standards in recordkeeping' roadshow at the Adelaide Hyatt in conjunction with Fuji Xerox, while September saw an exodus of records people to Melbourne for the 2003 National Convention.

In November, the SA Branch held a breakfast at the Adelaide botanic gardens, which incorporated a speaker on the topic of, 'Emotional Intelligence'.



PRIZES, RECIPIENTS & ACCOLADES

Margaret Mainland (past president of SA Branch) - Awarded Life Member of RMAA - November 1987.

"Surviving the Covid era, during which we amalgamated with the NT Branch and a large Branch of SA & NT Councillors. We should be proud of the way we have joined with NT in a pandemic and still managed to grow the membership."

- *Helen Onopko*

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- *Maryanne Galloway*



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

March 1987

Defence Research Centre, Salisbury played host to approximately 20 members on the 24th of March. After a delightful BBQ lunch, members were shown a film on "Defence in the 80's" and then a demonstration of the Centre's computerised Records Management system.

May 1987

SA Branch recently celebrated a 10th Birthday. Members enjoyed a lively dinner at the API Commerce Club.

July 2004

Branch elections in July saw renewed interest in the SA Branch. We are enjoying one of the largest councils in our history with 15 councillors. The mix within this group is diverse even numbers of private consultants, local government, commonwealth government and state government specialists and private enterprise professionals.

TASMANIA

OVERVIEW

In 1986 meeting was held at the Hydro-Electric Commission to discuss formation of the RMAA Tasmania Branch.

The meeting was attended by over 50 people from all levels of government, from this the branch was formed.

Tasmania was eventually combined with Victoria in 2021 to form the Vic/Tas Branch.

TASMANIA COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President	Secretary	Vice President
1986/87			
1987/88	John Behrens	Jackie Elliot	
1988/89 (<Nov)			
1988/89 (>Nov)			
1989/90			
1990/91			
1991/92	Tina Howard	Debbie Stokell	Jill Saunders
1992/93	Tina Howard	Jill Saunders	
1993/94	Tina Howard	Susan Hill	
1994/95	Trish Wichmann	Susan Hill	
1995/96	Trish Wichmann	Tina Howard	
	Trish Wichmann	Tina Howard	
1996/97	Trish Wichmann	Tina Howard	Dennis Wheeler
1997/98 (< mid term)	Jill Saunders	Tina Howard	Coral Matoham
1997/98 (> mid term)	Jill Saunders	Judy Prokopiec	
1998/99	Jill Saunders	Judy Prokopiec	
1999/00	Jill Saunders	Judy Prokopiec	
2000/01	Jill Saunders	Lisa Mason	
2001/02	Kate Walker	Lisa Mason	
2002/03	Kate Walker		
2003/04	Kate Walker	(President)	
2004/05	Kate Walker	(President)	
2005/06	Kate Walker	(President)	
2006/07			
2007/08	Cathy Fyfe		
2008/09	Lynne Welling	Emma Savage	
2009/10	Lynne Welling	Emma Savage	
2010/11	No council		
2011/12	No council		
2012/13	No council		
2013/2014			
2014/2015			
2015/2016			
2016/2017			
2017/2018			
2018/2019	Heather Ragg		
2019/2020	Heather Ragg		
2020/2021	Chris Holmes/Sandra Ennor	David Nowlan	Bethany Sinclair-Giardini/ Heather Ragg
2021/2022	Sandra Ennor	David Nowlan	Tim Newbegin/Heather Ragg



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

"It's definitely the people and leaders/ trailblazers that I have developed long term friendships with going back to people like Judith Ellis, Julie Apps, David Moldrich, Anne Cornish, all of whom have made significant contributions to RIMPA and the industry in general.

I feel a slight sense of loss because of the wonderful things we achieved as a state based group but I'm very excited by what the future holds for RIMPA Global."

- John Sim Life MRIM

"I'm most proud of the connections established and the friendships formed after many years working in the industry. I feel humbled to have been part of RIMPA's history and is excited that RIMPA Global will be a sustainable and relevant step to a bright future for the recordkeeping industry."

- Sandra Ennor ARIM

MEMORABLE EVENTS

1987

The Tasmanian Branch recently held a one day seminar titled "Records Administration and Today's Information Manager". Dennis Coomber gave the Keynote Address and David Hawkes from the Commission of Planning and Development delivered a paper on Management's Expectations from Registries. The seminar was well attended by representatives from Local, State and Federal Government departments and private sector. Some attendees travelled from Launceston and Devenport.

The Records Management Association of Australia was invited to participate in the compiling of the International Glossary of Records Management Terms. This document has been forwarded to all Federal Councillors and Branch Secretaries for direct input by the membership at large.

The responses have now been incorporated and returned to the International Records Management Council for further editing and it is hoped that a document of standard terms and definitions will be available to all Records Management Association of Australia members through IRMC soon.

1988

The response to the branch's Education and Training Committee's activities has been overwhelming and the thirst for knowledge is manifested by this strong support.

The Council conducted a three day Indexing and Classification Workshop attended by 31 participants.

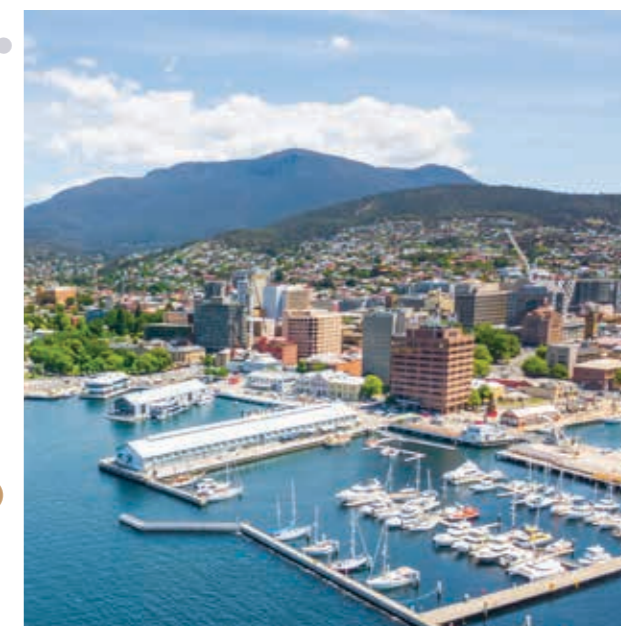
The Course Co-ordinators were Susan Wright and Denis Comber of the Records Management Office of New South Wales, sessions included the following:

- Analysis of Subject Heading and Thesaurus Structures Keyword
- Classification Principles Structures etc.
- Source Data Arrangements and Storage media
- Data Captive and Flow
- Search and Control Features of Available Software
- Participant Hands On Experience of Records
- Management Software and Group Projects

1992

The Branch has conducted three successful workshops this year.

- **Jan 92: Vital Records Identification Workshop**
To continue over several sessions to enable participants to identify the vital records in their organisations and prepare a plan to protect these records.
- **Feb 92: Practical Thesaurus Use Workshop**
Participants were given practical exercises using several functional thesauri.
- **March 92: Disposal Programs Workshop**
Participants gained an understanding of the policies and legal requirements of the management of records disposal and the objectives and benefits of a Records Disposal Program.



1993

The 10th National Convention is now over and I'm sure all those who attended would agree it was a resounding success. There were 420 registrations which well exceeded the branches expectations. The convention had some great speakers with Professor Kee being a popularly quoted and commented on speaker. The Workshops also proved to be well attended with many issues being discussed relating to Education, Local Government and Office Automation.

1998

The Education Committee ran a very successful afternoon seminar on Library/Records Integration. Discussion was lively and informative.

The Marketing Committee arranged an Information Session on the Records and Archives Competency Standards, to raise awareness of the use of competency standards in the workplace and the Education Committee, in conjunction with Marketing and Functions, this is gearing itself up for the State Seminar planned for April 1999.

2003

The first RMAA Tasmania Branch members' meeting for 2003 was held at Hydro Tasmania on the 25th of February and was attended by about 30 people. The guest speaker was John Behrens, Information Management Manager for Hydro Tasmania who spoke about the Hydro's Electronic Mail Archiving Strategy. Along with support staff, John demonstrated the software involved in the strategy and the achieved benefits.

1994

A training session on Basics in Records Management was held at the end of November with 20 members attending. The Christmas function "Go for Gold" had members demonstrating their operational skills. The function was a big success and enjoyed by all.

1999

Tasmania Branch Seminar, 'Records Management: Looking to the Future', held in April was a great success and enjoyed by those who attended. Members, some of whom don't get the opportunity to attend National Conventions, were able to listen to speakers both from interstate and the local scene. Speakers covered a range of topics including change management, electronic records, and emerging technologies.

Our exhibitors, CV Services International, GMB Records Management Solutions and Advanced Data Integration, though few in number, were of a very high standard and enabled seminar attendees to compare leading records management software.



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

May 1993

The TAFE Certificate in Records Management Course at Hobart has been well supported with 26 participants. The course has now commenced at Burnie TAFF and approaches have been made for the course to be introduced in Launceston.

August 1988

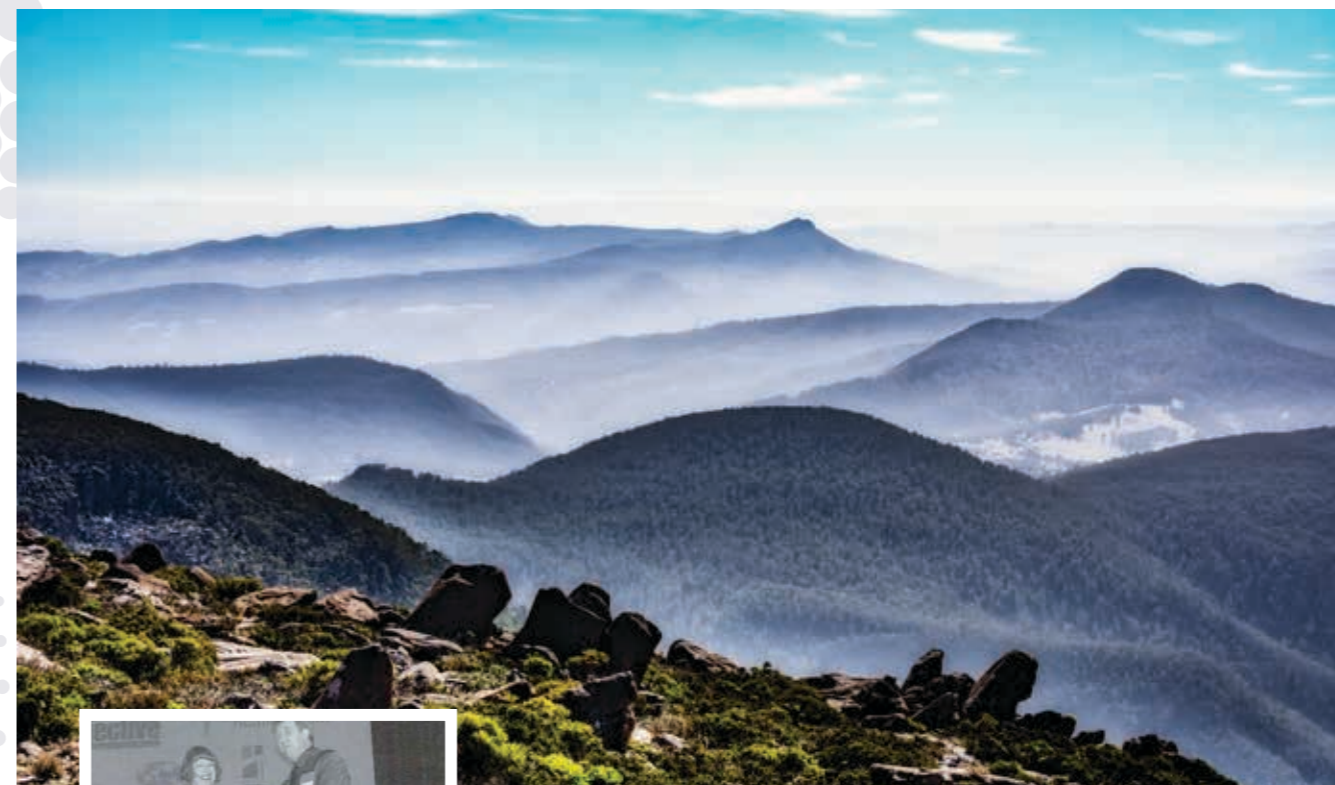
Since the branches' formation 18 months ago, our membership has grown to 68 which showed that there was a strong desire in this State for education in the managing of information.

August 1988

The highlight of the IRMC year will be the involvement of International Records Managers being invited to participate as speakers and panelists at the 11th International Congress on Archives, in Paris, France. There will be two speakers from Australia, Mr. Peter Smith and Ms Christine Shervinton.

January 2003

The January 2003 membership report puts the total Tasmanian membership at 113. Tasmania has 1 Member status, 32 on Associate status, with the remainder as either Affiliate or Corporate members.



Winner of the Most Outstanding Group Award
Western Power Corporation
Accepted by Kerry Nichole



Winner of the Most Outstanding Student Award
Gillian Drew



Winner of the Most Outstanding Individual Award
Craig Batchelor

PRIZES, RECIPIENTS & ACCOLADES

Presented at the Hobart Convention:

Most outstanding student - Gillian Drew

Most outstanding individual - Craig Batchelor

Most outstanding group - Western Power Corporation (accepted by Kerry Nichole)

Group: Hydro Tasmania

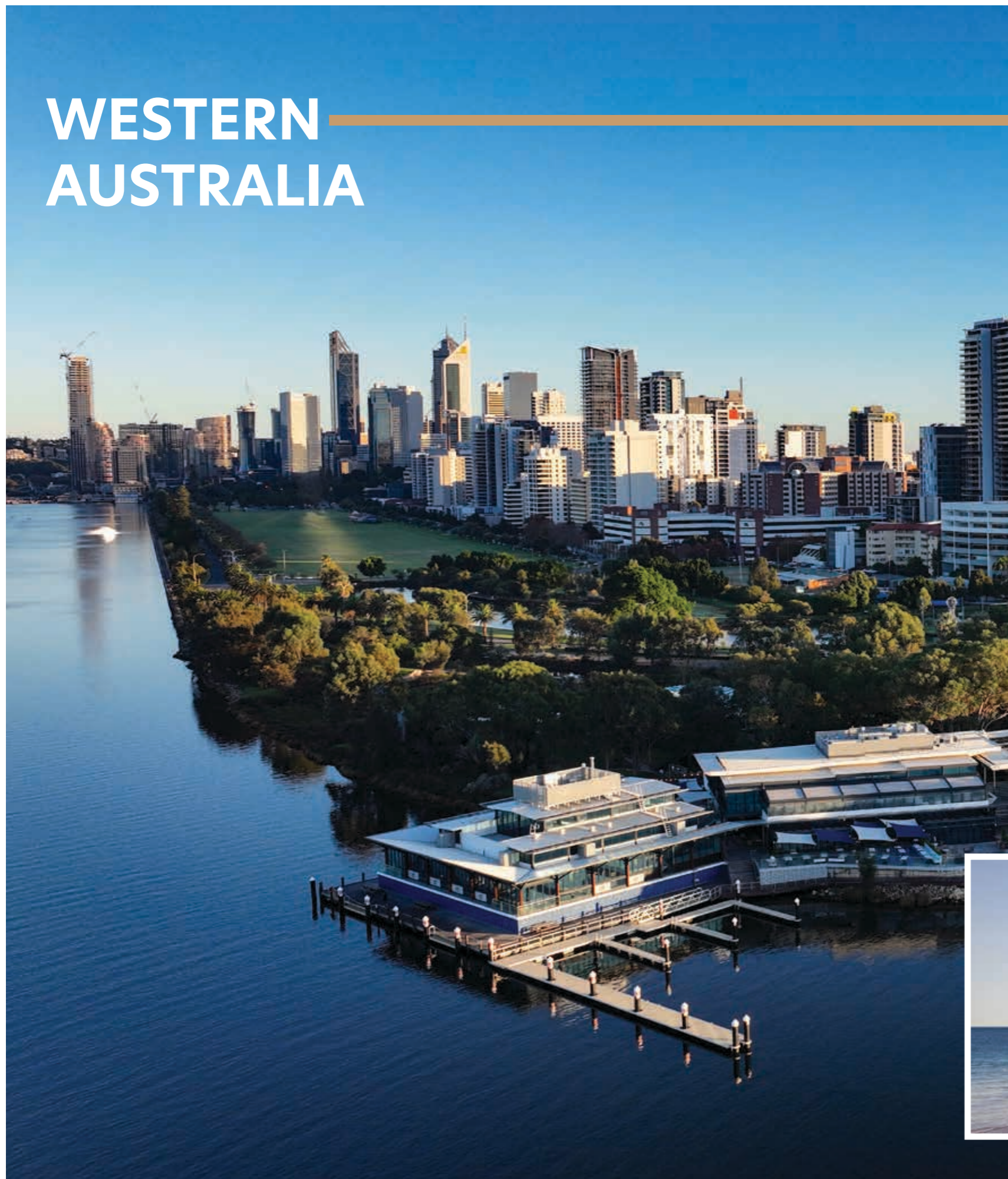
Hydro Tasmania recognised that as storage and transmission of documents increasingly becomes primarily electronic, that they must adopt appropriate management policies and techniques equivalent to those for hard copy records.

Through the acquisition and implementation of hardware and software comprising a document management repository and environment, and associated search tools, including deployment across Hydro Tasmania, process development, training and document conversion, Hydro Tasmania has ensured that they have introduced the necessary policy, systems, infrastructure, and processes to meet its statutory obligations as they relate to Document Management.

Through their project, Hydro Tasmania ensured that the Corporation's information asset is secure and enhanced the availability and value of the Corporation's information asset by improving document management practices (and "culture"), to enable the Corporation to meet challenges on competitive behaviour.

Hydro Tasmania demonstrated a very good project which combined many different elements to arrive at a records management program that will ensure quality records across the organisation. Accepting the award on behalf of Hydro Tasmania was Margo Graeme-Evans who accepted the award saying "it has been a challenge to manage our electronic records and I believe it will remain a challenge for many years to come".

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



WESTERN AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President	Secretary	Vice President
1979	Marita Keenan		Graham Dudley
1985/86	Richard Leggo	Maggie Exon	Graham Dudley
1986/87	Graham Dudley		
1987/88	Margaret Medcalf	Alan Howard	
1988/89	Graham Dudley	Alan Howard	Margaret Medcalf
1989/90 (< Nov)	Margaret Medcalf	Alan Howard	Graham Dudley
1989/90 (> Dec)	Margaret Medcalf	Shirley Cowcher	Graham Dudley
1990/91 (< ?)		Shirley Cowcher	Neil Granland
1990/91 (> ?)		Alan Howard	Neil Granland
1991/92		Norma Easthope	
1992/93		Norma Easthope	
1993/94	Neil Granland	Norma Easthope	
1994/95	Shirley Cowcher	Norma Easthope	
1995/96	Shirley Cowcher	Norma Easthope	
1996/97	Ken Ridley	Norma Easthope	
1997/98	Ken Ridley	Norma Easthope	
1998/99	Ken Ridley	Maggie Exon	Margaret Pember
1999/00	Laurie Varendorff	Maggie Exon	Margaret Pember
2000/01	Laurie Varendorff	Maggie Exon	Lesley Ferguson
2001/02	Lesley Ferguson	Maggie Exon	
2002/03	Lesley Ferguson		
2003/04	Lesley Ferguson	Anthea Ulvestad	
2004/05	No Branch Council this year		
2005/06	Trissa Dent	Jane Larke	
2006/07	Lisa Read White	Jane Larke	
2007/08	Lisa Read White	Jane Larke	
2008/09	Lisa Read White	Jane Larke	
2009/10	Lisa Read White	Jane Larke	
2010/11	Lisa Read White	Megan Whittle	
2011/12	Lisa Read White		Julie Coxall and Leith Robinson
2012/13	Lisa Read White		Leith Robinson
2013/2014	Lisa Read White		
2014/2015	Lisa Read White	Jill Jones	
2015/2016	Lisa Read White		
2016/2017	Lisa Read White		
2017/2018	Lisa Read White		
2018/2019	Mimma Sardi		Debbie Cutts
2019/2020	Carolyn Atkinson	Ming Ghee Khoo	Larry Knowles
2020/2021	Carolyn Atkinson	Ming Ghee Khoo	Larry Knowles
2021/2022	Carolyn Atkinson	Nicole Roberts	Ming Ghee Khoo



BRANCH STATISTICS

Describe one significant event in your early Branch history.

A significant moment for the WA RMAA Committee in late 1998/1999 was the lobbying for the development of the WA State Records Act. Laurie Varendorff, Neil Granland and Vicky Wilson worked extremely hard to have the State Records Act established.

Laurie penned an article titled: The story behind the process of lobbying for the passage of the Western Australian State Records Act 2000, which may be of interest:

<https://www.microfilm.net.au/blog/story-behind-process-lobbying-passage-western-australian-state-records-act-2000/>

Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

It is hard to determine how to decide who made the most notable contribution to the WA committee, as there were so many really important contributions made over the years by those who planned events, wrote the newsletter, campaigned, presented at events, recorded minutes, etc. It's what made WA so successful for so long.

1997 RMAA National Convention

Convention (Chair) - Neil Granland (Programme) - Vicky Wilson (Treasurer) - Norma Easthope (Marketing) - Gail Murphy (Social events) - Norma Easthope, Gail Murphy in conjunction with the convention organisers Congress West.

There was quite a lot of buzz about the impact of technology on records. Raising the awareness of records within the community by bringing together some really amazing speakers such as Luciana Duranti, Sue McKemish, Maggie Exon, and Mike Steemson, just to name a few.

It was in 1997, a year after the 1996 Australian Records Management Standard was released and technology was just beginning to make an impact in Records Management. It had been some time since a conference had been held in WA.

Information Week 2002

(Archives and Records Management Week 2002)

Building the Archive Box Tower in the Murray Street Mall Perth CBD: The Box Tower was a great morning and caused a bit of a stir! It was a joint effort between RMAA and National Archives Australia (NAA) and Tony Caravello (NAA Director).

RMAA members included:

- Lesley Ferguson
- Kye O'Donnell
- Gail Murphy
- Laurie Varendorff

This was decided during a joint meeting between ASA and RMAA whilst thinking of events for the week. Totally Confidential Records management for the use of the boxes. City of Perth were very accommodating too. There was quite a crowd and was featured in the newspapers.

WA has always been one of the most active branches in terms of holding events and member networking forums. Through the early 2000's the branch successfully campaigned for minimum competencies to be included in all job descriptions. WA introduced the first mentoring program around 2006 that became the model for RIMPA.



However, one of the most notable was Neil Granland who was the heart of RMAA in WA during his time with Branch Council. His passion and enthusiasm for records is without question and he was instrumental in having the National 1997 convention in WA plus lots of other work e.g. sitting on the State Records Advisory Committee (SRAC), State Records Act involvement etc.

Depending on the era, other key players would include:

- Laurie Varendorff
- Marita Keenan
- Maggie Exon
- Margaret Pember
- Vicky Wilson
- Shirley Cowcher
- Gail Murphy
- Norma Easthope
- Ken Ridley
- Lesley Ferguson
- Trissa Dent
- Kye O'Donnell
- Lisa Read White
- Kandy-Jane Henderson

Great contributions were also made by:

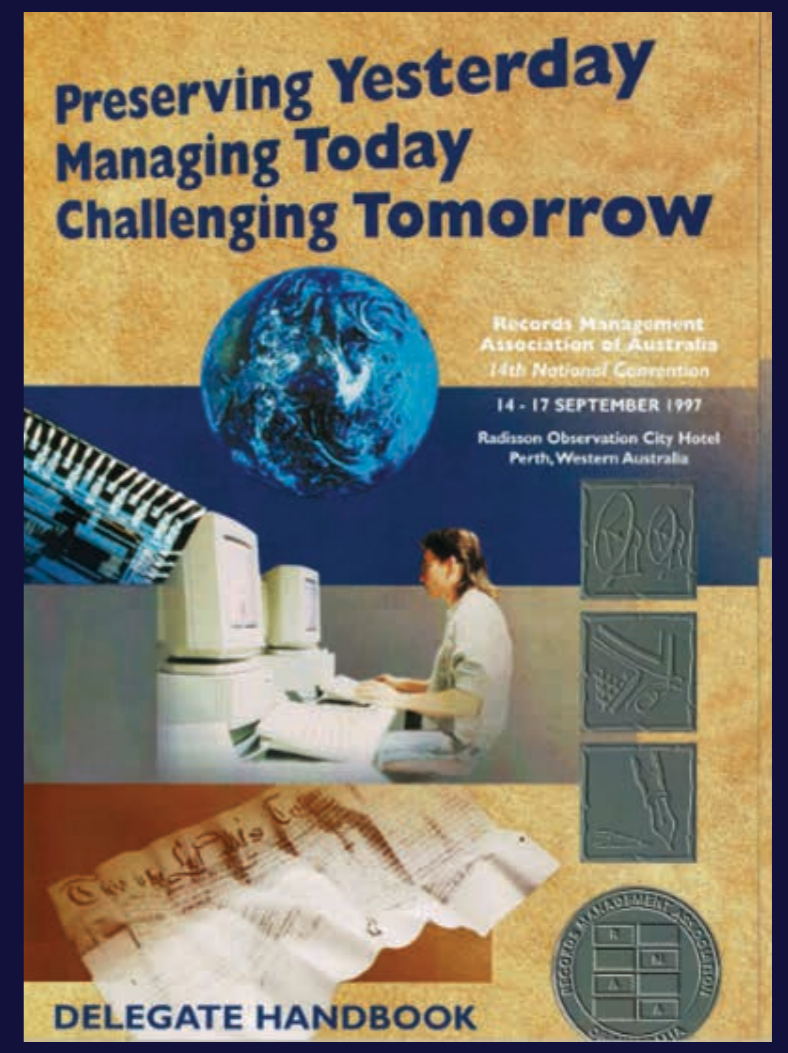
- Leith Robinson- WA Newsletter
- Megan Whittle - Secretary
- Camille Peters - Photography

The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

The WA Branch Council are incredibly proud of all accomplishments by various volunteers since its inception in the 1980's. The branch history is long and rich, and the passion and dedication of past and present volunteers has been extraordinary. The WA Branch has done an amazing job supporting WA members and has brought camaraderie, loads of fun, connections, and opportunities.

We are proud to be part of the immense change. It has been a pleasure watching RIMPA grow and obtain the recognition it deserves. This is an extraordinary opportunity and we look forward to the rewards, benefits and further support it will bring members.

We are all feeling nervous, excited, and hopeful, however there is some trepidation looking to the future.



MEMORABLE EVENTS

1989

The combined International Records Management Council (IRMC) 2nd Internal Congress and the 6th National Australian Convention of the RMAA was held in Perth from 11th to 14th December 1989. The theme: Excellence in Communication: The Proper Approach to Information Technology. Twenty-seven papers were delivered during the convention. The Steering Committee for the event consisted of Graham Dudley (Convenor), Margaret Medcalf, Christine Shervington, Alan Howard and Roley Sharpe. (SC)

The Conference was scheduled for 1989 but was rescheduled to 1990 due to the 1989 Pilot Strike. (LV)

Held at Radisson Observation City, Scarborough. (GD)

1994

Representatives of the RMAA and the ASA met with a number of concerned politicians, at Parliament House in April, to discuss various issues pertaining to the proposed new Western Australian public records legislation.

It has been very refreshing to see the different approach at the Commonwealth level, where the proposed new legislation has been the subject of a frank and open review, with ample provisions for input from all stakeholders and all concerned sections of the community.

2000

The 14th of June 2000 one-day Seminar 'e-COMMERCE or e-CHAOS?' Managing Records in the new millennium' has come and gone.

A great success by all accounts based on the feedback from attendees. With 135 attendees and excellent presentations by all presenters, the event will be one to be referred to over time.

The event was captured on video by Edith Cowan University and the video will be available from ECU once the work of editing has been completed. Watch the RMAA web site, WA Branch page for the announcement of the availability of the video.

It is intended to publish the presentations and the PowerPoint slides on the web page as soon as possible. We are working to have them posted on the RN/IAA site by the time you read this report.



1990

The months of November and December 1989 have been dominated by the National Convention and International Congress held in Perth in early December.

Membership in Western Australia stands at 193

The one-day course at Port Hedland which was a joint effort between the RMAA and the WA Records Management Liaison Group was a success. 49 people attended the course. The feedback from participants was positive and other courses for regional areas may be considered in the future.

1997

14 RMAA National Convention, Perth, Preserving yesterday, managing today, challenging tomorrow.

2003

A milestone in Western Australian recordkeeping regulation was passed in March when the State Records Principles and Standards had their first anniversary. To mark the event an interesting group spoke about implementation of the standards.

Des Pearson, Chair of the State Records Commission, reflected on progress with recordkeeping plans.

Gaynor Deal from Water Corporation spoke about the impact of the standards on contractors' recordkeeping.

Gail Murphy from Information Enterprises gave an insight into the experiences of a consultant writing recordkeeping plans; and Kye O'Donnell launched the Recordkeeping Plan Model for Local Governments.

Some innovative work is being produced as a result of this new Legislation.

PRIZES, RECIPIENTS & ACCOLADES

Inaugural RMAA Scholarship:

Susan March: November 1992

The inaugural RMAA Scholarship has been awarded to Susan March. The presentation was made by Ray Holswich at the Radisson function. Sue has been a member of the RMAA for over 10 years.

Student Award

Melissa Okely

Melissa Okely (WA) completed her qualifications in 2005, obtaining a double degree Bachelor of Science (Communication & Information Technology) and Bachelor of Science (Library Technology).

She obtained a course average of 82.75% (High Distinction) and was awarded the Australian Library and Information Association Prize for Undergraduate Librarianship as graduating student with the highest course weighted average.

In addition she won the ASA's Mander Jones Award (Student Category) in September 2003 and the Golden Key International Honour Society (New Member Undergraduate Scholarship) in November 2001. Whilst studying Melissa also worked in the Library, Records and Archives fields at University of Western Australia and State Library of Western Australia.

Melissa has demonstrated an outstanding achievement in her studies and an ongoing commitment to the industry. Melissa was thrilled to win the award but unfortunately could not make it to Cairns to accept it personally due to other commitments.



Group Award

Records and Archive Management Services - Edith Cowan University. Bart Gagatek, Project Team Leader accepted the award.

Edith Cowan University is located in Perth, Western Australia. The University's origins go back to 1902 when it began as a teaching college. Today it is WA's second largest university with approximately 23,000 students.

In 2006, the University was the recipient of a grant under the Workplace Productivity Program for a project titled "Enterprise Records Management Solutions". The project called for a team of 4 specialists to undertake a number of tasks related to records management at both ECU and Curtin University. Stage 1 of this program covered a Electronic Business Information Systems Gap Analysis and Compliance Review.

This required the team to undertake a gap analysis of existing disparate record keeping systems in terms of compliance with approved standards and to recommend methodology to obtain either compliance or integration with a compliant system.

The awards committee was impressed with both the thoroughness and quality of the submission as well as the depth and outcomes of the project.

Individual Award

Margaret Pember

Margaret Pember is an archives and records management lecturer at Curtin University of Technology in Perth. She recently completed a doctorate at The University of Western Australia. Margaret's PhD research focused on the extent of recordkeeping as a profession.

Margaret comes to the field of records and information management after 12 years experience as a secondary school teacher. An interest in archives motivated a return to university in the 1980s. Since then Margaret has worked in the records, archives and library environment in Australia, the UK, Singapore and Fiji. Research interests include information disaster planning and risk management, information as a corporate resource or asset, the professionalisation of recordkeeping, and professional development and continuing education for records and information professionals.

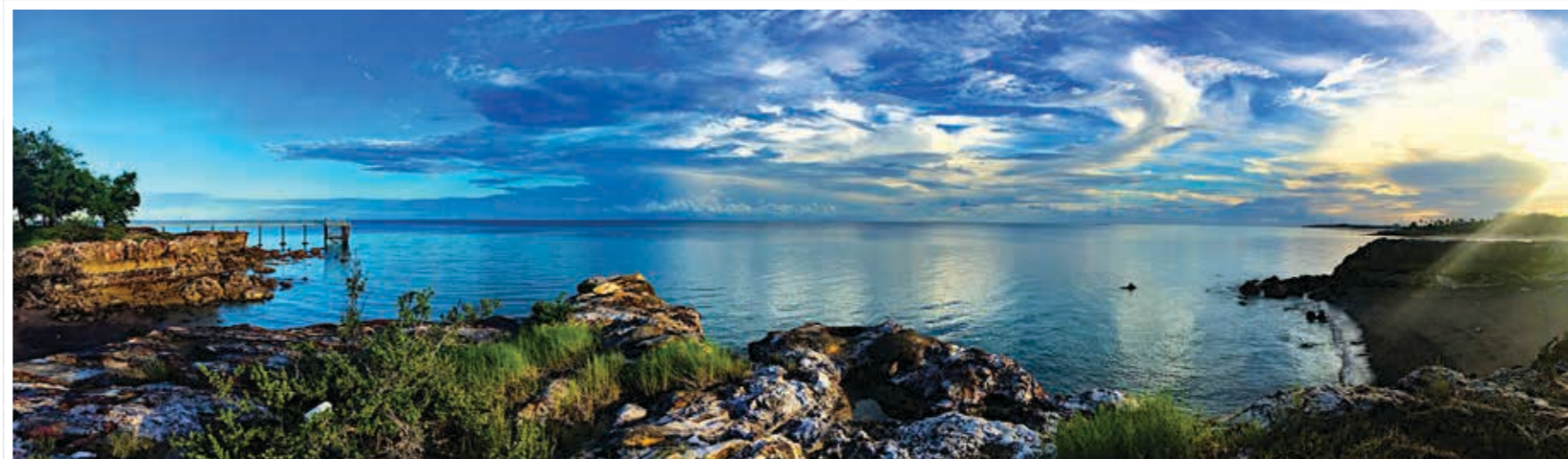
NORTHERN TERRITORY

NORTHERN TERRITORY COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President	Secretary	Vice President
1986/87			
1987/88	Ray Holswich	Lorraine Baulch	
1988/89	Ray Holswich	Lorraine Baulch	Judy Watts
1989/90 (< Oct)	Ray Holswich	(President)	Judy Watts
1989/90 (> Nov)	Lorraine Baulch	Bronwyn Cook	Lyn Mayr
1990/91	Judy Watts	Bronwyn Cook	Lorraine Baulch
1991/92	Judy Watts	Gloria Corliss	Yvonne Smith
1992/93 (< Feb)	Judy Watts	Ray Holswich	
1992/93 (> Feb)	Ray Holswich		Don Brech
1993/94	Ray Holswich		
1994/95	Ray Holswich	Linda Bell	Greg Coleman
1995/96	Ray Holswich	Linda Bell	Greg Coleman
1996/97	Greg Coleman	Linda Bell	
1997/98	Greg Coleman	Linda Bell	Barry Garside
1998/99	Greg Coleman	Linda Bell	
1999/00	Barry Garside	Linda Bell	
2000/01	Barry Garside	Linda Bell	
2001/02	Greg Coleman	Linda Bell	
2002/03	Greg Coleman	Linda Bell	
2003/04	Pat Parry-Jones	Lyn Kickett	
2004/05	Pat Parry-Jones	Joan Sohl	
2005/06	Joan Sohl	Loretta Hempsall	
2006/07	No Branch Council this year		
2007/08	Anastasia Govan	Chris Roberts	
2008/09			
2009/10			
2010/11			
2011/12	No Council		
2012/2013	No Council		
2013/2014	No Council		
2014/2015			
2015/2016			
2016/2017			
2017/2018			
2018/2019			
2019/2020	Donna-Maree Findlay	Maryanne Galloway	
2020/2021	Paul Fechner	Maryanne Galloway	Deanna Nikolettos/Cheryl Dias
2021/2022	Paul Fechner/Sandra Ennor		Helen Onopko/Cheryl Dias

OVERVIEW

Originally created in 1986 as the Northern Territory Branch but eventually combined with South Australia in 2020 to become the collaborative SA/NT Branch.





MEMORABLE EVENTS

November

At the first Branch Council meeting held following the AGM, the following Branch Executive was appointed for the current year: Greg Coleman, President; Barry Garside, Vice President; Linda Bell, Secretary; and Pauline Hollier, Treasurer/Registrar. Ray Holswich and Greg Coleman were appointed as the two Federal Directors representing the Territory.

The branch was very pleased to host 2 records management seminars in late July and early August which were conducted by Catherine Robinson of the Records Management Office of NSW. Both seminars were a sellout, and they were particularly well received. The thirst for training in the Territory continues, and the branch is hoping to provide more seminars in the near future.

1997

November

The Northern Territory was represented this year by the following agencies:

Department of Business, Industry & Resource Development, Department of Corporate & Information Services, Department of Employment, Education & Training, Department of Infrastructure Planning & Environment, Power & Water Corporation, NT Treasury, Northern Territory Archives, National Archives (NT) and Department of Workplace Relations (NT).

This year saw the largest number of delegates sponsored by their agencies from the NT. Our appreciation is given to those agencies which provided this support to their delegates.

We are now planning to meet with other records managers to exchange ideas, planning our Christmas social function, and of course, to continue our council meetings.

2004

2000

August

A recent branch networking luncheon attracted an encouraging 18 members and it's good to remain in contact with our grass roots - our local membership - after being focused nationally for the best part of 2 years.

The encouraging fact is that 5 members have applied for, and been approved, associate status in the last 6 months. These 5 new associates include people with library, education and private sector backgrounds. This diversity is welcome in an association representing individuals and organisations in many varying fields.

The next push will be to recruit associate members to Branch Council so, anybody with their hands out of their pockets at the Branch AGM in August, had better look out!

PRIZES, RECIPIENTS & ACCOLADES

We congratulate Merci Betts who has recently been granted associate membership status.

Merci, who recently became the first Territorian graduate from the Edith Cowan University Records Management course, continues the challenge, having recently taken on the much sought after job of minute secretary for the Branch Council!



ABOVE: Delegates at the International Food Markets, Bismarck Park

DARWIN 1991

RIGHT: Commemorative luncheon Darwin 1991

VICTORIA

OVERVIEW

The Victorian Branch Developed the first set of Local Government Training Workshops led by Julie Apps. These workshops became a benchmark for others that followed and were delivered to almost all of Victoria's councils (210 at the time).



VICTORIA COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President	Secretary	Vice President
1969/70	Mike Leigh		
1970/71			
1971/72			
1972/73			
1973/74			
1974/75			
1975/76			
1976/77			
1977/78			
1978/79			
1979/80			
1980/81			
1981/82			
1982/83			
1983/84	Philip Taylor		
1984/85	Philip Taylor		
1985/86			
1986/87			
1987/88	Bill Williams	Gary Omond	Philip Taylor
1988/89		Gary Omond	
1989/90	Bill Williams	Rosemary Kaczynski	
1990/91 (< mid term)		Rosemary Kaczynski	
1990/91 (> mid term)		Rosemary Kaczynski	
1991/92	David Moldrich	Rosemary Kaczynski	Judith Ellis
1992/93	David Moldrich	Rosemary Kaczynski	Judith Ellis
1993/94	David Moldrich	Rosemary Kaczynski	
1994/95	David Moldrich	Rosemary Kaczynski	Judith Ellis
1995/96	Rosemary Kaczynski	Keryn Smart	Judith Ellis
1996/97 (< mid term)	David Moldrich	Candace O'Shaughnessy	Rosemary Kaczynski
1996/97 (> mid term)	John Sim		
1997/98	John Sim	Sandra Pickett	
1998/99	John Sim	Rhonda Kinghorn	Sandra Pickett
1999/00	Sandra Pickett	Dianne Moore	
2000/01	Anthony Mohn	Adele Di Fresco	John Williams
2001/02	Anthony Mohn	Heather Addison	Ruth Edge
2002/03	Peter Gaca	Debbie Mags	David Brown
2003/04	David Moldrich	Jeanette Inglis	
2004/05	Jeanette Inglis	Debbie Mags	
2005/06	David Moldrich	Dragana Mitrovich	
2006/07	Debbie Prout	Carol Jackaway	Sandra Ennor
2007/08	Debbie Prout	Carol Jackaway	(Secretary)
2008/09	Debbie Prout	Alison Hunter	Carol Jackaway
2009/10	Andrew Gipp	Alison Hunter	
2010/11	Debbie Prout	Alison Hunter	Mal Mackisack
2011/12	Debbie Prout	Alison Hunter	Mal Mackisack
2012/13	Tim Newbegin	Alison Hunter	David Nowlan
2013/2014	Tim Newbegin (to December 2013) and Ally Kearney (January onwards)		
2014/2015	Ally Kearney		
2015/2016	David Nowlan		
2016/2017	David Nowlan		
2017/2018	David Nowlan		Jeanette Inglis
2018/2019	David Nowlan	Keri Ricketts	Graham Hawtin
2019/2020	Chris Holmes	Saribel Minero	Bethany Sinclair-Giardini
2020/2021	Chris Holmes/Sandra Ennor	David Nowlan	Bethany Sinclair-Giardini/ Heather Ragg
2021/2022	Sandra Ennor	David Nowlan	Tim Newbegin/Heather Ragg

BRANCH STATISTICS

Describe one significant event in your early Branch history.

Development of the first set of local government Training Workshops in conjunction with Julie Apps. These became a benchmark for others that followed and were delivered to almost all of Victoria's councils (210 at the time).

Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

Frank Upward - for creating and paving the continuum theory.

Chris Hurley - for having the courage to speak up and advocate about the Heiner Affair.

Hard to beat those two!

Of what is the final branch most proud? This may be an historic or modern event, the people on the branch, the way the branch has worked together over the years to remain relevant and sustainable, the friendships that have developed etc.

Sandra is definitely most proud of the connections established and the friendships formed after many years working in the industry.

John says It's definitely the people and leaders/trailblazers that I have developed long term friendships with going back to people like Judith Ellis, Julie Apps, David Moldrich, Anne Cornish, all of whom have made significant contributions to RIMPA and the industry in general.

The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

Sandra feels humbled to have been part of RIMPA's history and is excited that RIMPA Global will be a sustainable and relevant step to a bright future for the recordkeeping industry.

John feels a slight sense of loss because of the wonderful things we achieved as a state based group but is very excited by what the future holds for RIMPA Global.



Left: Table centrepiece. Above: RIMPA Chair Debbie Proud.



1989

August 1989

Victorian Branch saw growth in 1988/89 (111 in March 88, 134 in March 89). The Branch is conducting several education events including a one-day seminar at the University of Melbourne and 2 x one day hands on training sessions on the 30th and 31st of May.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

1999

August 1999

The Victoria Branch is proud to announce that the RMAA and the Australian Society of Archivists Inc. (ASA) will be joint hosts of an Archives and Records Management Week in Melbourne between the 8th and 12th of November. The International IT/21 Delegation involved in the International Standard (ISO46) will be visiting our shores as part of their official duties.

Members will have the opportunity to join the festivities, including a one-day seminar scheduled for the 12th of November. Seven international delegates are confirmed to speak on a diverse range of issues affecting the Archives and Records Management industry.



Left: Speaker Bill Tolson, from the US, and conference organiser, Kirsten Kaley. Above: Dinner guests dancing.



NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND COMMITTEE REGISTER

Year	President
2002-2003	Trish O'Kane
2003-2005	Helen Hancox
2005-2006	Douglas Wilson
2006-2007	Micky Stevens
2007-2009	Julia Harris
2009-2012	Paula Smith
2012-2013	Lisa Judge
2013-2016	Paula Smith
2016-2018	David Pryde
2018-2019	Katherine Clarke
2019-2021	Tracey Sim

OVERVIEW

Creation of the New Zealand branch of the Records Management Association of Australia reached the final phases as Kiwis began to sign up, many of them being awarded enhanced professional status in the organisation.

Formation of the New Zealand branch of the RMAA was approved at the Association's AGM in Adelaide on September 16, 2002, the culmination of several years' discussion amongst the two countries' recordkeepers and, finally, 12 months of intensive negotiations between Federal President Chris Fripp and the New Zealand steering committee lead by Trish O'Kane of SWIM Ltd.

BRANCH STATISTICS

Describe one significant event in your early branch history.

In preparation for the new branch, Chris Fripp and RMAA Vice president Kate Walker held workshops in Auckland and Wellington to recruit members and assist their up-grades to professional status with the result that the branch starts with some 45 members, 16 of whom are Associates, the highest proportion of professional members in any RMAA branch.

Workshops in Auckland and Wellington, lead by RMAA President Chris Fripp, earlier this month, attracted numbers of prospective members seeking professional status in the Association. Thirteen achieved Associate Member status.

Leader of the NZ branch project steering committee, Trish O'Kane, said the response to the initiative was very gratifying and augured well for a strong start for the Kiwi branch. "We have enough professional members to form a Branch Council as soon as the Association directors give us the nod ... and we believe they are very keen to get us on board."



The Chief Archivist, Dianne Macaskill, is to address the new NZ branch of RMAA at its founding AGM meeting on November 12. Ms Macaskill will be giving details of the recent re organisation and re-staffing of Archives New Zealand.

Ms Macaskill said the outcome of the work, that had involved extensive consultation with staff and other stakeholders, was an organisation re-design which covered systems, processes and structure.

Four new administration groups have been created within Archives N.Z. They are:

- Access Services, (Jeremy Cauchi, Acting Group Manager)
- Government Recordkeeping (Michael Hoyle, Group Manager)
- Archives Management (John Roberts, Acting Group Manager)
- Business and Finance Services (Group Manager, Lindsay Ferguson).

"At its September AGM, the Records Management Association of Australasia (RMAA) elected New Zealand Branch foundation member, David Pryde, MRMA, its new President and Chairman of the Association's Board."

Name significant contributions from previous or current branch councillors.

1. Trish O'Kane - Inaugural Branch President - Professional, articulate, great leader and champion left field thinker
2. Mike Steemson - One of the best people to have in your events team - IQ editorial committee, motivator and supporter of all things RMAA/RIMPA
3. Stephen Clarke - Branch Councillor - ISO Standards Committee IT21, Chief Archivist 2020-22

MEMORABLE EVENTS



Mike Steemson,
Principal, The Caldeson Consultancy

Mike Steemson, an associate member of RMAA, heads the New Zealand based Caldeson Consultancy, in Wellington, N.Z. He is vice-president of the Wellington chapter of ARMA. He helped form and was appointed chairman of a committee creating a *New Zealand Guide to AS 4390*. He is a member of the Australia delegation on the authoring sub-committee of ISO's recently published Records Management Standard, ISO 15489.

Of what is the final Branch most proud? This may be an historic or modern event, the people on the Branch, the way the Branch has worked together over the years to remain relevant and sustainable, the friendships that have developed etc.

Every Branch Council has been collegial, collaborative and striving to support and arm our members to be relevant in an ever changing paradigm. The many people who have passed through the Branch Council have been servers and supporters of the profession, upholding the vision and the values of RIMPA as they did so.

Many members are life long friends, not just in Auckland and Wellington but across the country because the RIM community in NZ is small, mobile and continues to punch above its weight.

The transition to One RIMPA is a monumental change for many Branches. What is the feeling of Branch Councillors as we step away from the formal branch structure and embrace the new Ambassador model?

I think on a whole the Branch supports the concept because many of the pillars that support the One RIMPA concept were originally suggested by the branch. The successes and failures that the company achieved from founding an off shore Branch were learned and "One RIMPA" is a more level playing field for everyone.



Chief Executive of the National Archives of the UK, **Natalie Ceeney**, addresses the RMAA's 24th International Convention in Wellington in September



2002

NZ RMAA held a range of "RMAA Lunch time talks" in 2002, all of which were held in Wellington. Examples of the talks included Desiree Barnes, Alison Midwinter, & Trish O'Kane "Developing Retention Schedule for E- & Paper Records" on April 9, Chris Fripp, Pres., & Kate Walker, Exec Sec., RMAA.

Joining the Aussies: Chapter plans on June 11, A.G.M. 11.30am to 12.30pm. Speakers: Chris Hurley, Archives NZ, Bernie McKendry, IIA Officer, and Dave Clemens, Chch College of Education: Illegal Record Destruction on July 9, RMAA AGM Lindsay Ferguson & John Roberts, Archives N.Z. Re-organisation at Archives NZ on November 12.

2003

Twenty-plus Auckland recordkeepers and vendors met in the Council Chamber at the Auckland Town Hall to approve the Chapter launch and elect officers. NZ Branch Vice-President Michael Steemson, ARMA, addressed the meeting explaining the Association's professional status project and development plans, and the NZ Branch events programme and other projects.

The Chapter launch came on day one of the Branch's Archives and Records week that was moderately successful with events in the four main centres of the country. The week was timed to coincide with Archives New Zealand's Wellington launch of its important

Government Recordkeeping programme and guidelines that it has called 'Continuum'. The Auckland City Council, a corporate Association member, carried a special A & R Week intranet display for the whole staff

Another milestone event was the appointment of the branch's first MRMA. Wellington City Archivist, Joanna Newman, was approved as Member at the National Board meeting in February and was due to receive her certificate at a presentation during the branch's April members meeting.

2004

The New Zealand Branch's biggest ever monthly members' meeting in September attracted 80 people to hear Greg Goulding, Senior Analyst, Archives NZ, flesh out details of the new NZ Public Records Bill, replacing the out-of-date Archives Act. The bill got its first reading in the NZ Parliament on Thursday 16 September.

Auckland Chapter: Chapter President, David Pryde, ARMA, NZ National Director, is doing a grand job of developing the membership in Auckland. The Chapter recently duplicated the branch's AGM experts seminar 'Making Things Relevant to Recordkeepers'. The event attracted 40 delegates, of whom over half were first timers. Now to convert them to members of RMAA! David reports: 'There has been good response to our drive for members to upgrade. The Chapter Council has grown from two to six. We have made contact with the ARANZ Auckland Branch and presentations on the NZ Public Records Bill are jointly planned in Auckland and Hamilton. I have no doubt there will be high attendances.'

A&R Week, March 2004.

Wow! We had a wonderful Archives and Records Week, which culminated in the NZ Record Recordkeeping Vendor Showcase. Around 20 vendors from NZ and Australia showed off their products to 200 delegates at the event, which was sponsored and organised exclusively by the NZ Branch and was the first of its kind in the country.

2005

In December, RMAA NZ Branch President, Helen Hancox, ARMA, made a splash in the city tabloid Wellingtonian's 'Women in Business' feature about her company, Flying Filing Squad. The following week, the same paper ran a front-page story about freelance archivist Kevin Bourke unearthing forgotten NZ Government World War II plans to block harbours in the event of Japanese invasion.

Helen's work and company were described exotically. "There's nothing flighty about the Flying Filing Squad," said The Wellingtonian. "The scavenging Black-backed Gull logo, her office title 'Top of the Pecking Order' and office car 'Golden Egg' simply illustrate Helen Hancox's business credo 'It's got to be fun!'"

2007

2007 RMAA Conference - not named INFORUM yet, was the first and only time held outside of Australia in Wellington New Zealand. Helen's work and company were described exotically. "There's nothing flighty about the Flying Filing Squad," said The Wellingtonian. "The scavenging Black-backed Gull logo, her office title 'Top of the Pecking Order' and office car 'Golden Egg' simply illustrate Helen Hancox's business credo 'It's got to be fun!'"

2016

The branch backed a workshop in Auckland late last month. The gathering was the first Auckland recordkeeping network event organised by Archives NZ. Archives' Government Recordkeeping Directorate staff could "talk about their work to optimise Archives New Zealand's regulatory role," NZ Branch president, former RIMPA chair, David Pryde, MRIM, announced in April's edition of RIMPA's Around the RIM e-zine.



Left: Individual Award winner, **Barbara Reed** Top right: Student award winner **Natalie Goodban**. Bottom right: **Kirsten Thorpe** collects the Group Award on behalf of the Government Recordkeeping Branch of SRA NSW



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