

## Editorial

Barbara van Bronswijk's report on the survey of small archives reveals that the typical small archive is one within an independent school, managed by a part-time university-trained archivist with over six years of on-the-job training who works alone and is expected to accept responsibility for all aspects of the operation of the archives. For this issue I tried to solicit articles about small archives, and now I suspect I have found out why this proved difficult: many of the potential authors are too busy *doing* the activities to have the time to write about their experiences.

I am pleased though that Kylie Percival, Francesca Zilio and Helen Morgan did find the time to share their experiences in the implementation of archival management systems and that Robert Thornton has highlighted for us the 'rose-tinted images' held by the City of Adelaide Archives.

Josette Mathers discusses similarities between providing access to records about child migrants and about members of the Stolen Generation, using the Personal History Index (PHIND) as a case study. This index to information about child migrants to Catholic institutions was awarded a Mander Jones Award at the recent ASA Conference in Melbourne.

The National Archives of Canada's approach to the acquisition and documentation of electronic records in personal archives collections is outlined by Lucie Paquet, who distinguishes between the 'prehistoric' era of word-processors and diskettes and today's technological era of the Internet.

Steve Stuckey and Anne Liddell of the National Archives of Australia recount the lessons learned from endeavouring to bring recordkeeping concerns to the attention of legislators framing the recent Electronic Transactions Act. Also from the National Archives, Ian Batterham writes about the Archival Quality Trademark Scheme for paper and board products.

And finally, in a thought-provoking review article, Anne Picot challenges recordkeepers to 'lift their heads from the desktop' to undertake public advocacy for accountability and adherence to ethical standards, and to respond to public concerns about the behaviour of governments and organisations affecting individual rights and public obligations.

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