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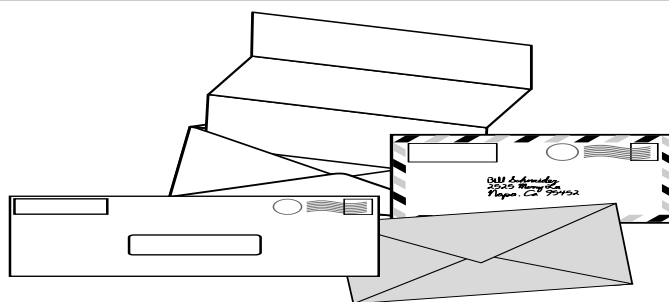
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## **From the Editor**

First of all, apologies to those who were misled by my having switched the price of joint and single subscriptions in the membership form last time. Doug says he has just about sorted out all the confusion now: maybe it is him who deserves the biggest apology!

### **Email delivery**

About a quarter of members will receive their newsletter by email this time. I hope it works out well. I have also received a small number of requests to continue with paper copies. For everyone else, it would be great if you could send in your email address asap. It is a bit of a burden having to do the distribution both ways. It is not necessary to use the web form: just send me your email address in an email message with the header 'ALS Form', and I can take it from there.

### **Web Page**

The ALS webpage is soon to come in for a much needed overhaul. Simon

Musgrave has taken on the task of helping me upgrade it. It will be quite a while until it replaces the Newsletter (for those people who have been concerned about this), but we will be able to use the web page for a number of functions, including archiving the newsletters, and a 'Members Only' section, which can be used for information and discussion, as well as the members contact list. Keep an eye out during December for these improvements – and thanks to Simon for agreeing to do this.

Also, in the last Newsletter I omitted David Nash from my list of thankees, so I would like now to thank him for useful ideas and discussion on computerising the Newsletter.

Thanks also as always to those who have contributed stories to this issue.

Merry Christmas!

**Helen Fraser**

<hfraser@metz.une.edu.au>

## **From the Treasurer**

All 70 of those members who were financial only until December 1996 were sent a letter advising them that the Society would not be able to supply them with a copy of AJL 18/2 until membership is renewed. At the time of writing, 20 renewals have been received with a further 10 being promised. Hopefully we will hear from others soon, as we are no longer able to carry members 2 years out of date.

AJL 18/2 is currently being printed and is expected to be posted late in November. Members who notified the treasurer of their failure to receive AJL 18/1 should receive it at the same time as they get 18/2.

## **The ALS webpage**

<http://www.une.edu.au/arts/ALS/als.htm>

## **AL9/ALS 98 reports**

Reports on the linguistics events in Brisbane last July, including electronically published papers, are available at their websites. Check them out:!

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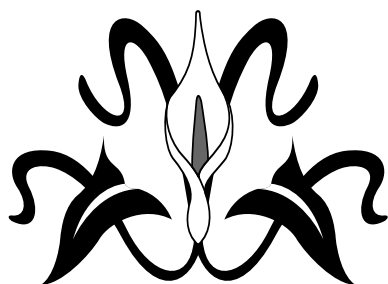
## **Membership**

Take a look at the label on your journal or newsletter to find the year you are last financial for ... and then please take appropriate action. The list of those in arrears includes quite a few prominent Australian linguists ... *how embarrassing!*

## ALS-99

The 1999 ALS conference will be held in Perth in spring, the season for Western Australia's wildflowers and whale-watching. The conference runs from the evening of Tuesday September 28 to Friday October 1. As at ALS98, selected papers will be published on the web as Proceedings of the conference.

Preliminary information is now available at the conference website <http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/LingWWW/als99>. Detailed information on registration and submission of abstracts will be made available in March, however proposals for workshops or symposia are welcome anytime. Please contact John Henderson, Centre for Linguistics, UWA 6907 ([jkh@cyllene.uwa.edu.au](mailto:jkh@cyllene.uwa.edu.au)).



## BAD NEWS!

Despite the very best of intentions, Newcastle University has had to reluctantly reject the possibility of hosting ALI 2000. The University Residential Advisory Board (URAB) will not allow any on-campus accommodation to be made available during the June/July student vacation. Residences are leased to students on a February to November basis and no sub-letting would be considered despite financial incentives for both students and the residences. Representations to the Vice-Chancellor were completely unsuccessful. Alternatives such as off-campus venues and an on-campus conference with off-campus accommodation were investigated in detail but were found to be unviable due to various factors including unwillingness of local accommodation providers to commit themselves to student-priced accommodation for a year in which they are expecting a large influx of overseas visitors. URAB policy effectively prevents the University of Newcastle from hosting any international conference of the type that so successfully intermingled students with scholars of international renown in Brisbane in July this year. An invitation has now been extended to Melbourne University to host ALI 2000.

**Doug Absalom**

## DELTA

<http://www.nceltr.mq.edu.au/delta.htm>

The Database on English Language Teaching for Adults in Australasia is a bibliographic database containing 3000 records, which covers the teaching and learning of English as a second language in Australasia, and the related fields of literacy, applied linguistics, and second language learning, teaching and testing. Material from South East Asia has been included since mid 1997.

DELTA indexes and abstracts books and book chapters, journals and journal articles, theses, book reviews, research reports, government reports and multimedia.

DELTA is produced in the Resource Centre of the National Centre for English Language Teaching and Research, at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. The database is updated quarterly.

DELTA is also available on the CD-ROM, AUSTROM, a suite of Australian databases published by Informit at RMIT. Further information on AUSTROM is available from: Informit, RMIT Publishing, PO Box 12477, A'Beckett St, Melbourne Vic 8006. Phone: (03) 9349 4994, Fax: (03) 9349 4583

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## Status of PACIFIC LINGUISTICS as publisher - DEETYA guidelines

We have become aware that there may be confusion in the minds of academics as to whether Pacific Linguistics qualifies as a commercial publisher for DEETYA's purposes in measuring research output. We would like to assure readers that PL does qualify.

The relevant DEETYA guidelines for 1998 (para 4.4.6) include, inter alia, that the book/chapter has been published by a recognised commercial press or publisher. A recognised commercial press or publisher is an entity which as its core business produces books and distributes them for sale. For this purpose university and other self-supporting higher institution presses, and the Australian Government Publishing Service (AGPS) are also regarded as commercial publishers, provided that they have responsibility for the distribution of the publication and not only its printing. Pacific Linguistics fulfils these criteria:

- \* Its core business is the publication and sale of linguistic descriptions, dictionaries, atlases and other material on languages of the Pacific, the Philippines, Indonesia and Southeast Asia. The authors and editors are drawn from a wide range of institutions around the world.

- \* It is associated with the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, run by an editorial board made up of the academic staff of the School's Department of Linguistics. (This does NOT mean that it is an 'in-house' publisher.)

- \* Manuscripts are accepted for publication only on the advice of referees - scholars with relevant expertise who are normally not members of the editorial board.

- \* Accepted manuscripts undergo typesetting and copy-editing to the highest standards of publishing practice.

- \* Pacific Linguistics is fully responsible for marketing, distribution and sale of its publications.

Accordingly, there can be no doubt that PL falls within DEETYA's guidelines as a commercial publisher.

Yours sincerely,

**Malcolm Ross**  
**Co-Managing Editor**

## **News from University of Melbourne**

There are now over 200 postgraduate students in the Department, including 45 PhDs. A number of these are working on Austronesian languages, and there has been a regular series of Austronesian lunch-time talks and participation in the monthly Victorian Austronesian Circle.

The Department is currently hosting: Prof E. Annamalai, from Mysore, India; Prof Bernd Nothofer, Frankfurt University; Dr Syahdan and Dr Mahsun, Mataram University, Indonesia. Recent visitors include Prof Gerrit Dimmendaal, Leiden University.

The annual postgraduate student conference was held on 19th September and attended by students and staff from Melbourne, Monash and La Trobe Universities.

The Department recently hosted three workshops : (1) dictionaries and computational analysis of texts, (2) media, multimedia and endangered Languages (led by David Nathan visiting from AIATSIS), and (3) an international workshop on anaphora.

Alastair Pennycook and Brian Paltridge gave presentations at the ELICOS Association Conference in October; Brian also presented a paper at the Australian Communication Skills Conference in Melbourne.

Peter Austin gave two invited lectures at the University of Otago in September, and Tim McNamara attended the research team meeting of TOEFL 2000 in San Diego.

Jean Mulder has been invited to serve on the Linguistic Society of America's Committee on Language in the School Curriculum for a three-year term commencing January 1999.

Alastair Pennycook's book *English and the discourses of Colonialism* has just been published.

A collection of working papers on Sasak edited by Peter Austin is being published by the Department.

Current information about the Department can be found at our web site <http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/Dept/LALX/publications/dept.news.html>

**Peter Austin**

## **News from University of Adelaide**

Prof. Peter Muehlhaeusler has been on study leave researching archives in Germany in search of material on Australian Indigenous languages. Dr Rob Amery has been appointed on a 3-year contract half-time. Current research projects include mission linguistics, Kaurna language, teaching of Australian Indigenous languages, language maintenance and revival, South Australian Pidgin, Norfolk, Fraser Island and environmental linguistics.

**Rob Amery**

## **News from the Typology Centre**

Since our very successful International Workshop on the Connection Between Areal Diffusion and the Genetic Model of Language Relationship in August, work in the Research Centre for Linguistic Typology at the ANU has been heavily directed towards the production of publications.

Sasha Aikhenvald has been extremely busy making the final revisions to her monograph, *Classifiers: A typology of noun classification devices*, which will be published in 1999 by Oxford University Press.

Meanwhile Geoff Haig's monograph, *Relative Constructions in Turkish*, has just been published by Harrassowitz Verlag. This is a revised version of his prize-winning doctoral thesis from Christian Albrechts-Universitaet in Kiel.

*The Amazonian Languages*, a volume edited by Bob Dixon and Sasha Aikhenvald is currently in press with Cambridge University Press for their Language Surveys Series. This consists of fourteen chapters each written by an expert on a particular language family or linguistic area.

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## **University of Sydney news**

Mark Donohue has joined the staff on a three year University of Sydney postdoctoral fellowship. He will be continuing fieldwork on Papuan languages.

James Martin has been elected to the Academy of the Humanities. William Foley is on leave until mid 1999, learning Tibetan. Arlene Harvey has accepted a position at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore

### **New books**

James R Martin & R Veel [Eds.] 1998 *Reading Science: critical and functional perspectives on discourses of science*. London: Routledge.

Simpson, Jane, and Luise Hercus. [Eds.] 1998. *History in portraits: biographies of nineteenth century South Australian Aboriginal people*. Canberra: Aboriginal History Monograph Series 6.

**Jane Simpson**

## **News from La Trobe**

Hilary Chappell began study leave with a research visit to Europe where she made use of the rare manuscript collections in the SOAS and British Museum libraries in London then spent five weeks working at Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l'Asie Orientale in Paris. She has recently left for a six-month field trip to Hsin-chu in Taiwan in October.

## **UNE News**

We have a new member of staff, Jennifer Peck, who will be teaching in our sociolinguistics program until the end of 1999.

We are happy to welcome Jeff Siegel back from Hawaii to resume his position at UNE.

Michael Dunn finishes his contract with us at the end of 1998.

## **Language in the School Curriculum**

To keep in touch with developments in LiSC, visit

<http://www.arts.unimelb.edu.au/Dept/LISC/>

or email Jean Mulder <[j.mulder@linguistics.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:j.mulder@linguistics.unimelb.edu.au)>

## At the Coalface

**Arka, I Wayan.** 1998. *From Morphosyntax to Pragmatics in Balinese*. PhD Dissertation, Linguistics Department, University of Sydney, Sydney.

This is a study of Balinese grammar from a lexicalist perspective. It aims to account for intricate facts in the relationship between morphosyntax, semantics and pragmatics, and in doing so, to highlight the significance of the facts with regard to linguistic theory and language typology. It begins with a demonstration that Balinese exhibits well-defined notions of subjecthood and termhood, whereby the grammatical system is organised in two layers of structure: surface grammatical structure, where subjecthood is relevant, and a syntacticised argument-structure, an intermediate structure between surface syntax and semantic structure, where termhood is relevant. It is argued that the proposed a-str within a parallel-structures-based model of grammar is crucial for an explanation of voice-marking alternations, and other things. The model also permits an account of typological variation, and an integrated and precise account of dependency restrictions. An unrevised version is available from: <http://www.sultry.arts.usyd.edu.au/ling/papers/arka>

### **University of Sydney Honours theses**

**Kevin Jansz**, a student from computer science, did his honours project on an interface for browsing the Warlpiri dictionary. The system is written in Java and browses an XML version of the dictionary, and contains a number of innovative interface ideas that we hope to extend in future work. The work is part of a dictionary interface group that Chris Manning and Jane Simpson coordinate.

**Adeline Cheok** has completed an honours thesis comparing the way in which female and male lawyers ask their colleagues to do things, *Linguistic strategies of female and male lawyers in leadership positions*.

**Saskia Rogers** has completed an honours thesis on means for creating humour in Alice in Wonderland, *Enacting subversion in Wonderland*.

**Rob Amery** (1998) *Warrabarna Kurna! Reclaiming Aboriginal Languages from Written Historical Sources: Kurna Case Study*. Linguistics, University of Adelaide.

This thesis addresses the questions: Is it possible to revive a language that once ceased to be spoken, on the basis of written records? What is the nature of this language revival? What factors support such a revival? What are the limitations?

Warrabarna Kurna is a longitudinal study of the reclamation of Kurna (both as a linguistics and social process) which is taking place within the context of a linguistic and cultural renaissance and re-emergence of a distinctive Kurna identity over the last few decades. The thesis traces all known Kurna sources (mostly from the period 1836 to 1858) and all known emerging uses of the language in the modern period (1989-1997). The revival of Kurna began with the writing of six songs in 1990. Since then, the language has developed considerably, its functions expanding and there are early signs that the language is beginning to take root within Nunga households. This study challenges widely held beliefs as to what is possible in language revival and challenges widely held notions about the very nature of language itself.

A limited number of copies of the thesis (2 volumes) will be available from Rob Amery, Linguistics, CESGL, University of Adelaide SA 5005. e-mail <ramery@arts.adelaide.edu.au>. (Hard Bound \$75; Soft Bound \$60)

### **Funding for Master's in Polynesian syntax**

Funding – from the Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand, UOC 702 ‘The Representation of Tongan Syntax’ – for an MA degree in Polynesian syntax will be available in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Canterbury in the academic years 1999 and 2000. Interested applicants should have an honours degree (or equivalent) in Linguistics and background in syntactic theory and/or Polynesian linguistics.

The research program under which the studentship is funded aims to develop a lexicalist account of Tongan syntax within the framework of Head-driven Phrase Structure Grammar and to investigate related comparative and theoretical issues that arise out of the research.

The MA grant will be worth NZ\$6,375 per annum. Unfortunately this sum does not include registration fees at the University of Canterbury (likely to be around NZ\$3,000 per annum). However, additional funding is also likely to be available in the form of research assistantships and/or tutoring in the Department of Linguistics.

Interested applicants should send a letter outlining their background and interests in syntactic theory and/or Polynesian linguistics to:

Dr Mike Dukes, Department of Linguistics University of Canterbury Private Bag 4800 Christchurch, New Zealand.

**For further information** send email to: [m.dukes@ling.canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:m.dukes@ling.canterbury.ac.nz)

## **Associate Lecturer Applied Linguistics**

### **Department of Linguistics, University of Newcastle**

Applications are invited for the above position. The primary teaching responsibilities will be in the general area of Applied Linguistics, focussing primarily on TESOL; however, the appointee will be required to teach a range of subjects within the discipline of Linguistics at introductory and advanced levels. The Department is currently developing proposals for new subjects in Applied Linguistics; the successful applicant will have the opportunity to provide significant input into these proposals.

Preference may be given to applicants with demonstrated strengths in related areas of Linguistics such as sociolinguistics, language acquisition, cross-cultural communication or language in education.

Further information: Peter Peterson, Dept of Linguistics University of Newcastle NSW2308. Phone: 02 4921 5155, Fax: 02 4921 7170 email: [LNPGP@cc.newcastle.edu.au](mailto:LNPGP@cc.newcastle.edu.au)

## **NZLS Conference99**

The Thirteenth New Zealand Linguistics Conference will be held in the International Student Centre, Massey University, Palmerston North, from the morning of Wednesday 24th November through Friday afternoon, November 26th November, 1999.

The following plenary speakers are scheduled (tentatively): Prof. P. Austin (Uni. of Melbourne), Prof. L. Campbell (Uni. of Canterbury), Prof. J. Holmes (Victoria Uni. in Wellington), Assoc. Prof. K. P. Mohanan (National Uni. of Singapore), Prof. Sik Hung Ng (Victoria Uni. in Wellington), Prof. M. Shibatani (Uni. of Kobe).

Further information about the conference will be sent through email. Register your interest by emailing John Newman at <j.newman@massey.ac.nz>. Information about the conference will be posted at the web site <http://www.massey.ac.nz/~wwlingui/NZLS/1999Conf.html>

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## **New e-mail newsletter**

**Multilingual Matters** will be sending out a free e-mail newsletter from January 1999 on a monthly basis. It will include: Contents, with abstracts, of papers in journal issues due to be published in the coming month; Title, bibliographic and content information on books due to be published in the coming month; Other items of news about Multilingual Matters and/or the language world in general; Some special offers on new and existing titles.

The journals to be abstracted include: Journal of Multilingual & Multicultural Development, Current Issues in Language and Society, The Bilingual Family Newsletter, Language and Education, Language Culture and Curriculum, International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism, Language Awareness

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**Richard Baldauf**

## **The Don Laycock Memorial Prize for Skeptical Linguistics**

The celebrated linguist, skeptic and polymath Don Laycock died on 28 December 1988. Don was an expert on both linguistics and skeptical issues, and combined them in his own inimitable style to become a pioneer of skeptical linguistics. His interests ranged from Melanesian languages through bawdy songs to channelling and Tarot cards. Fellow contributors to the 1989 volume *Skeptical* identified him as the nearest to a Renaissance Man that the twentieth century had produced. After his death his meticulous work on the Enochian 'language' - which was allegedly channelled to an associate of the Elizabethan mystic John Dee - was turned by a colleague into one of the very few 'classics' of skeptical linguistics.

As an encouragement to research in the area of skeptical linguistics, and as a fitting tribute to Don's memory on the tenth anniversary of his death, an annual book prize worth \$A100 is to be offered for a student essay or research report of publishable standard on a matter of skeptical linguistic interest..

Some (by no means all) of the obvious topics are: Glossolalia, Automatic Writing, Channelling and extraterrestrial languages, Xenoglossia, Reverse Speech and similar phenomena, Non-standard philological and epigraphic theories.

A panel has been formed to judge entries; it currently comprises Jane Curtain (Monash University), Alan Libert (University of Newcastle) and Mark Newbrook (Monash University).

Entries (no more than 5000 words) should be sent to Mark Newbrook, Dept. of Linguistics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia. In 1999 they should arrive by 30 September.

**Further information** is available from (e-mail: [mark.newbrook@arts.monash.edu.au](mailto:mark.newbrook@arts.monash.edu.au); fax: 03 9905 2294; phone: 03 9905 2290).

**Mark Newbrook**

## **Workshops at Sydney University Text, Meaning & Variation**

A workshop focussing on the analysis of semantic variation in discourse using quantitative tools. Dec 14-15, 1998.

Speakers: Doug Biber, Barbara Horvath, Ruqaiya Hasan, Christian Matthiessen Each will be giving a 1 1/2 hour plenary session and a 1 1/2 hour hands on workshop, plus one extra session by Doug Biber. Fee \$160.

### **Taking a Stance: appraisal systems in discourse**

A workshop focussing on the analysis of affect, ethics and aesthetics in English texts. December 17-18, 1998. Speakers: Doug Biber, Suzanne Eggins, Mary Macken-Horarik, J R Martin, Ray Misson, Wendy Morgan, Peter White. Each will be giving a plenary session. In addition offers of papers for parallel sessions are welcome (to Mary Macken-Horarik, UTS, PO Box 123, Broadway NSW 2007). Fee \$160

### **Appraisal tutorial**

December 16, 1998,

Peter White will be offering a special day-long tutorial on appraisal for those interested in an up-to-date account of work in this rapidly developing area of research: Dealing with attitude (affect, judgement, appreciation), graduation (force, focus), engagement (modality, polarity, projection etc.), involvement, voice, tenor. Fee \$80.

All fees include lunch and morning and afternoon teas. Make cheques out to the Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association and send to Dr Scott Kiesling, Dept of Linguistics, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia.

For more information contact Jim Martin at [jmartin@mail.usyd.edu.au](mailto:jmartin@mail.usyd.edu.au) >

**Scott Kiesling**

## **AMEP 50th Anniversary Conference**

Information is available at this website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/amep/amep.html>

## About ALS

### Objectives

- 1) To further interest in, and support for, linguistic research and teaching in Australia.
- 2) To organise an annual meeting and visits of local and overseas speakers.
- 3) To publish a journal of international standing.
- 4) To organise an International Congress of Linguists when appropriate.
- 5) To organise an Australian Linguistic Institute.

### Benefits of membership

- 1) Free quarterly Newsletter.
- 2) Free subscription to the *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.
- 3) Membership rates for ALS conference registration.
- 4) Entitlement to present papers at the Annual Conference.
- 5) The more intangible benefits of belonging to the network of Australian linguists.

## ALS subscriptions and address changes

Please use the form below for both subscriptions and address changes, or email directly to the Treasurer, Doug Absalom. Please note that the Treasurer maintains the **only** membership and address list, so this information should be sent directly to him rather than to the Newsletter or Journal editors. Thanks.

## The ALS journal

The ALS publishes a journal, *The Australian Journal of Linguistics (AJL)* twice a year. The last issue was 18/1 (March 1998), with 18/2 currently in progress.

Correspondence regarding general AJL matters should be sent to Peter Collins. Correspondence regarding papers and reviews should be sent to any of the editors or the reviews editor (all addresses on this page).

## Next Newsletter

The ALS Newsletter is published four times per year. This is the fourth issue for 1998. The next issue (99/1) will come out in mid February. Copy will be due on the first Monday in February.

Please send copy, and any queries, comments or suggestions to the Newsletter Editor, Helen Fraser, contact details this page.

## Exchanges

I am sent the following newsletters in exchange for this one. If you would like a copy, please let me know.

- *Literacy Now*
  - *Linguistic Society of PNG Newsletter*
  - *Talking about Australia: A guide to conferences on Australian themes in culture and the humanities*
  - *Pacific Area Contact Linguistics Association (PACLA) Newsletter*
  - *Australian Language Matters*
  - *Griffith Gazette (Griffith University)*
- Helen Fraser** (address this page)

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