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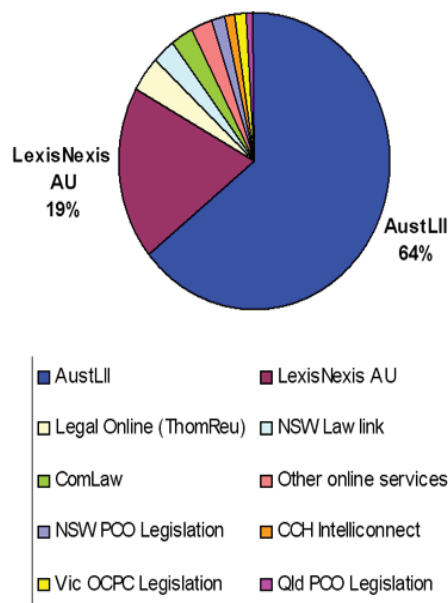
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User survey results

During May through September, AustLII ran an online user survey. We are very grateful to those users who took the time to provide us with their comments. Over that period AustLII received 649 completed surveys, which is a great result.

The qualitative survey results are currently being analysed. More information on this to come in subsequent editions of AustLII News.

The survey asked respondents to identify which online service they used the most, the results are represented graphically on the right.



Highlights of the quantitative survey results show that most respondents work in law firms (26%), followed by Universities (24%) and then Commonwealth government (6%). Most survey respondents work in organisations of between 101 and 1,000 employees. Sixty-one percent of respondents are male. Forty-four percent of respondents are between the ages of 21 and 35.

Most survey respondents use AustLII at least once a week (45%) and 32% use AustLII every working day. AustLII's most important feature according to 27% of survey respondents is currency of information, followed by integrity of information (21%).

Launch of international library

Sir Kenneth Keith, ONZ, KBE, QC (right), a judge of the International Court of Justice, launched the most comprehensive free-access international law library on the Internet, at AustLII's offices on 6 September. The library includes over 25,000 decisions of International Courts and Tribunals, over 30,000 treaties and international agreements, law journals and law reform materials. The library is available at:

www.worldlii.org/int/special/ihl

Policies and guides

AustLII's user guide:

www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/guide/user/User-guide_AustLII.pdf

AustLII's copyright and usage policy:

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/copyright.html>



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Did you know these tips?

1. AustLII does not set the font for its website. Most browsers generally default to Times New Roman font. If you would like to change font and size, just change your browser font and size settings.

2. LawCite search results can be ordered by jurisdiction, citation frequency, court, date etc. Just click the column heading to sort by that column. LawCite is available at: www.austlii.edu.au/lawcite/

3. When searching for a decision in a case database use [Name Search] to help you find decisions where you know part of the name of the decision.

New features released

LawCite integration with AustLII

Have you noticed something different in your search results?

LawCite, AustLII's free-access international citator, has just been integrated into AustLII search results. When you search over AustLII, each case or journal article in the results list will now link to the record for that case or

article, showing where and how often it has been cited. A new display option also allows sorting of search results "By Citation Frequency".



LawCite integration with CommonLII, AsianLII and WorldLII

LawCite has also been integrated into AustLII's international portals, including CommonLII, AsianLII and WorldLII. In this way you can easily find the most cited document pertaining to your search query. Just sort your search results "By Citation Frequency".



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- [Australian Capital Television Pty Ltd & New South Wales v Commonwealth \[1992\] HCA 45; \(1992\) 177 CLR 106 \(30 September 1992\)](#)
(From [High Court of Australia](#); 30 September 1992; 430 KB) ★★★★★
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- [Theophanous v Herald & Weekly Times Ltd \[1994\] HCA 46; \(1994\) 182 CLR 104; \(1994\) 124 ALR 1 \(1994\) Aust Torts Reports 81-297 \(12 October 1994\)](#)
(From [High Court of Australia](#); 12 October 1994; 316 KB) ★★★★★
- [ABC v Lenah Game Meats Pty Ltd \[2001\] HCA 63; 208 CLR 199; 185 ALR 1; 76 ALJR 1 \(15 November 2001\)](#)
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AustLII training in New South Wales

AustLII's one-day seminar on "Online legal research: Free-access resources" will be held in Sydney at The University of New South Wales on Monday, 22 November 2010.

To register please visit:
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To discuss or for more information contact AustLII's External Relations Manager: Annelies Moens on +61 2 9514 4930 or annelies@austlii.edu.au

How AustLII ranks your search results

A number of users have asked how AustLII's search engine ranks results. Whilst this is very technical, an attempt follows below.

In addition to quotes and Boolean operators such as "and" "or" and many other operators as outlined in AustLII's user guide, AustLII's search engine, SINO (size is no object) can perform free-text searches.

Search result order is determined by how many of the search terms appear in the documents searched and where they are located in each document taking into account the document size. This process provides a relevance weighting to each document.

For those that are technically oriented, the formula is as follows:

$$(a * b + (c * (d / ((e+1)+1))) * 100 / ((a + 1) * b)$$

where:

a = the total number of search terms

b = the largest number of occurrences for any of these search terms

c = the no of occurrences for this word

d = a constant to reflect how early a word must occur to deserve special weighting (currently 300)

e = the document offset for this word in the current document

The effect of this ranking algorithm is to yield a percentage. A document receives 100% where it contains all of the search terms and the greatest number of ranked hits. The relative 'importance' of other documents is proportional to this figure. This ranking process is also used when users enter Boolean operators.

AustLII's user guide is available at:
www.austlii.edu.au/austlii/guide/user/Userguide_AustLII.pdf

Thank you to Professor Andrew Mowbray, AustLII Co-Director, for the technical aspects of this explanation.

Awards and law week



Law week

The above photo is of Victorian law librarians during law week who attended AustLII's lunch time seminar on 'Celebrating 15 Years of Free Access to Law', presented by Annelies Moens, AustLII's External Relations Manager. Annelies also showcased AustLII to hundreds of individuals attending the Courts Open Day in the Victorian Supreme Court during law week.

Awards

auDA and InternetNZ named AustLII as the winner of the Best Openness Initiative in its 2009 Australian and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards.

Experian Hitwise has announced AustLII is the number one ranked website based on market share of visits among Australian websites in the Business and Finance - Legal industry for the period January-June 2010.

Bequests assist the AustLII Foundation Limited to maintain AustLII's Australian infrastructure and services as a high quality, up-to-date, free-access online public library into the future. Contact Annelies Moens for information on leaving a bequest.

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