

NOTICES

CONFERENCES

■ The **Australian Society of Labor Lawyers** will be holding its 14th Annual Conference in Melbourne over the weekend 22-24 May 1992 at the Southern Cross Hotel. Highlights include:

The Lionel Murphy Memorial Address, to be delivered by Sir Maurice Byers, QC, former Solicitor-General and Chairman of the Constitutional Commission.

- A session on human rights, to be addressed by Justice Michael Kirby, President of the NSW Court of Appeal.

A session on law and order to be addressed by Professor Duncan Chappell, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology.

- A Conference Dinner, to be addressed by the Federal Attorney-General, Michael Duffy.

For details of the Conference please contact the organisers on:

tel. (03) 876 1464; fax (03) 879 9369.

■ The Centre for Conflict Resolution, Macquarie University, NSW, plans to hold a conference on **Mediation** on 23-25 October 1992. The conference will be held in Melbourne. For details please write to:

The Centre for Conflict Resolution

Macquarie University NSW 2109

tel. (02) 805 8873; fax (02) 805 8230.

■ A conference on **Environmental Dispute Resolution** will be held on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 June 1992 in Sydney. This will be followed by an intensive Workshop on Negotiation and Mediation on Wednesday 17 June. For details please contact:

Claire Harbum, tel. (02) 929 5366; fax (02) 959 4835.

■ The National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) — Victorian Regional Advisory Committee — will host a one-day seminar on 'Overcoming the Communication Barrier with the Assistance of Accredited Interpreters' at Deakin University, Toorak Campus, on Wednesday, 24 June 1992. The cost is \$40, which includes a comprehensive handbook, morning/afternoon teas and lunch. For further information and registration forms please contact the NAATI regional office on (03) 529 8101.

INFORMANT'S WANTED

David Brown who teaches law at the University of NSW has secured a grant from the Criminology Research Council to investigate the legal and ethical issues associated with the use of prisoner informants. Beverly Duffy is the research officer for the project. Contact Beverly with any information, ideas, or relevant cases at UNSW. tel. (02) 697 2229.

WRITERS SOUGHT

The *Melbourne University Law Review* has introduced a new section called 'Law and Change' to include articles which critically analyse specific law reform issues. Contributions are sought for the section, especially from law students.

Please contact the Law Review Editor, Alastair Iles on (03) 344 6593, if you wish to discuss possible topics. The deadline for the first issue is 22 May 1992.

WILLS KIT

The Nunawading Legal Service launched the second edition of its Wills Kit on 6 April 1992. The Kit is an easy to follow guide to making a simple will. For information please call (03) 877 5777.

CLASSES FOR WOMEN

Intervention orders

The Broadmeadows Legal Service is running classes for women who wish to represent themselves in court when seeking intervention orders. Classes are on Fridays at Broadmeadows Magistrate's Court.

Contact: Leane Abela

tel. (03) 309 9547 Mondays and Wednesdays.

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SYDNEY DISCUSSION FORUMS FOR WOMEN

Women's lives, men's laws, feminist futures?

Harold Park Hotel Bistro, 115 Wigram Road, Glebe, Sundays 2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

This series of discussion forums is for women to talk about recent developments in law and economic policies. Speakers will provide background information, which will be followed by open discussion.

Sunday, 24 May 1992

Rolling back the tide: Recent challenges to anti-discrimination legislation

Speakers: Chloe Mason, Andrea Durbach, Laura Beacroft, Sylvia Winters.

Sunday, 28 July 1992

Whatever happened to a womb of our own? Reproductive rights and wrongs

Speakers: Heather Dietrich and others to be confirmed.

Sunday, 20 September 1992

Challenging the FightBack package: Understanding the proposed goods and services tax

Speakers: Claire Young, Sue Outhwaite and others to be confirmed.

Childcare will be available if booked one week in advance. For further information about childcare phone Elaine Fishwick (02) 519 4360 bh. For general information Marilyn McHugh (02) 697 3863 bh.

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Johannesburg - Durban - Cape Town

June/July 1992

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For further information contact:

Penny Andrews tel. (03) 479 2284

Mary Anne Noone tel. (03) 479 2195

LORES OF THE LAND

The Victorian Council For Civil Liberties is organising a seminar for schools on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues on Tuesday, 12 May 1992, at Dallas Brooks Hall, Victoria Parade, East Melbourne from 10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Contact: tel. (03) 629 5222 fax (03) 629 4678

Admission is free.

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WOLLONGONG LAW STUDENTS ARE DIFFERENT

Surveys conducted in 1976 and 1986 by Professor John Goldring, now Dean of the Faculty of Law at Wollongong, which built on earlier studies, revealed that two-thirds of law students surveyed in a variety of Australian Law Schools had fathers whose occupation could be described as professional or managerial. The vast majority of law students came from households with high levels of income and almost half attended private schools. Other studies since have confirmed this trend.

When the Faculty of Law was established at Wollongong University in 1990, Professor Goldring decided that he would survey the students entering the law degree course at Wollongong to obtain some idea about their socio-economic background. Anonymous questionnaires were distributed to all law students entering the degree courses in 1991 and 1992.

The results of the survey have been collated. The number surveyed represents about half the law students enrolled at Wollongong University.

The TER cutoff scores for Wollongong law students indicate

that they are academically as outstanding as in other law schools in Australia. However, preliminary figures from this survey indicated that the Wollongong Law Faculty was attracting students who were quite different in social background from those in other law schools.

About 42% of respondents reported that their fathers' incomes were between \$28 000 and \$46 000 and only 10% reported fathers' incomes in excess of \$64 000; a remarkable contrast to earlier surveys of full-time law students in Australia.

Thirty-one per cent of respondents reported that their fathers had a university degree and 20% reported that their mothers had completed a university degree. Another contrast with other law schools was the fact that only 8% of respondents reported that their parents were lawyers.

Perhaps the most interesting differences relate to the schools attended: 70% attended government schools and 17% Catholic systemic schools. Only 105 of the respondents attended private schools, which is remarkably low compared with other law schools.