

NOTICES

FAIRLEA PRISON

The Victorian Government proposes closing Fairlea Women's Prison and transferring the women to Pentridge. Many of the women in Fairlea have children. There is no place for children to live or visit in Pentridge. There is a vigil in place outside the prison and volunteers are needed urgently. Petitions are also circulating. Contact Chris (03) 363 1811 or Shelley (03) 350 4555.

PUBLICATIONS

■ The Legal Aid Commission of Victoria in conjunction with the Office of the Public Advocate and Northcote Community Legal Service have produced a new publication titled *Take Control: Powers of Attorney - A Do-it-Yourself Kit*. The kit is available at a cost of \$8 or \$4 concession, plus postage. For more information contact Sophia Panagiotidis on (03) 607 0223.

■ The Tenants Union of New South Wales has published a report titled *Migrant Access to Tenants' Services*. The report examines migrant access to services for tenants in NSW and access strategies for recently arrived migrants and the Pacific Islander and Arabic communities. The project was funded

by the Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs under the Migrant Access Projects Scheme (MAPS). Contact (02) 247 3813.

CONFERENCES

■ Environmental Defender's Office (NSW) in conjunction with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council and the Australian Museum

*People * Place * Law*

A conference on Aboriginal culture and heritage protection, the environment and law.

Venue: Australian Museum, Sydney

Date: 8-11 September 1993

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■ EEO Unit

University of New South Wales

Crossroads To New Partnerships

Venue: Australian Jockey Club, Randwick Racecourse

Date: 20-21 September 1993

Aim: To explore the essential components of how equity and equality can be maintained at workplaces undergoing major structural and cultural changes.

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ESSENDON COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE GOES TO THE HIGH COURT

In June 1993 the Essendon CLC acting for a woman who was sexually abused as a child was given leave by the High Court to appeal against the AAT refusal of her crimes compensation claim on the grounds that too much time had passed.

The abuse occurred between 1974-1980 and a crimes compensation claim was made to the Crimes Compensation Tribunal in 1990. This claim was turned down and she appealed to the AAT. This was also unsuccessful. Although claims for crimes compensation normally have to be lodged within a year of the injury, the legal centre argued that where a person is a victim of incest or sexual assault they often cannot deal with it until adulthood.

The legal centre referred to recent overseas court decisions that normal time limits of compensation claims should not apply to injury in childhood. The centre believes that victims of sexual assault who were abused in childhood do have special circumstances.

The appeal to the High Court, Canberra has been listed for 9 September 1993.

For more information contact Essendon CLC on tel (03) 376 7929.

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