



NOTICES

PUBLICATIONS

The Legal Aid Commission of Victoria (LACV) has produced the booklet *From Awards to Employment Agreements – Your Rights Explained*. The booklet looks at changes to employment laws in Victoria. It is aimed at anyone affected, from employees to community advocates. The booklet is available free of charge from the LACV, tel (03) 607 0223.

The second edition of the *Power of Attorney kit* has been produced by the Office of the Public Advocate, the Northcote Community Legal Service and the LACV jointly. The Kit Called *Take Control* covers making financial, medical and enduring powers of attorney. The cost is \$8 full price and \$4 concession. For information contact the LACV, tel (03) 607 0223.

The Flemington/Kensington Community Legal Centre has produced *Listen to Me* which is a teaching resource kit consisting of a video and accompanying booklets. Areas covered include: young people, police and conflict; high-rise living and policing; and young women and the police. The kit has been designed for use at secondary school level, within the police force and for tertiary students in the areas of law, criminology, youth work and other related disciplines.

Price: \$40

Contact: tel (03) 376 4355 or fax (03) 376 4529.

The Consumer Law Centre of Victoria is an independent, non-profit community organisation. The CLCV has published *Reforms to the Victorian Water and Energy Industries: Consumers and the Public Interest*. The publication explores the implications of reform, focusing on price, quality of service, equity of access, public accountability and the future role of government in regulating these services. This report, together with other papers dealing with 'Community Service obligations' and 'Information Disclosure and Public Utilities' is priced at \$25 (private/public sector) and \$10 (unwaged/community organisations) plus \$3 postage.

Contact: CLCV (03) 629 6300.

LEGAL SERVICES

The **Victorian Disability Discrimination Law Advocacy Service** has opened. The service has two main aims namely:

- the promotion of the *Disability Discrimination Act* to all people affected by the Act; and
- the provision of legal advice and assistance in the lodging and investigation of complaints.

The service is engaged in consultation, will provide training and education, and seeks to raise the level of awareness of the community. In addition, it provides free legal advice on issues relating to complaints under the *Disability Discrimination Act*. The service wishes to hear from people who are interested in learning about rights and obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act*. Contact: (03) 602 4877

Norwood Community Mediation Service

The Norwood Community Mediation Service, a service provided by the Norwood Community Legal Service Inc., has celebrated its 10th anniversary. It has the distinction of being the first mediation service established in Australia.

The service has not only mediated in disputes but has also given advice, information and been involved in community education and law reform issues arising from casework files. The sorts of problems the service is likely to be asked for advice on include: trees, fences, behaviour, barking dogs, strata titles, etc.

Most of the work of the Mediation Service involves neighbours, however, people who have disputes with clubs, organisations or shared households also contact the service for assistance. For more information contact: tel (08) 362 1199

The **Fitzroy Legal Service** has moved to new premises at: 124 Johnston St, Fitzroy, 3065. The telephone number remains (03) 419 3744.

Springvale Legal Service celebrates its 21st birthday on 16 September 1994. A history of the centre has been published for the occasion. Contact: (03) 562 3144.

CONFERENCES

Synergy in Sydney 1995

The Sixth Asian Pacific Special, Health and Law Librarians Conference and Exhibition

Darling Harbour, Sydney

Date: 27-30 August 1995

Call for Papers

Abstracts of papers due: 22 October 1994

Notification of accepted papers: 15 December 1994.

Contact:

tel (02) 332 4622; fax (02) 332 4066

ACMS, PO Box 468

Paddington NSW 2021

First International Conference for the Association of Forensic Linguists

Date: 10-13 July 1995

Venue: UNE Armidale

Contact: (067) 73 3185

fax (067) 73 3735

E-mail: deades@metz.une.edu.au

ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

In March 1994, 60 people including representatives from South Australian companies, law and accounting firms, academia and the United Nations Environment Programme attended a research and information day on companies' environmental obligations at Flinders University School of Accounting, Finance and Management.

The event was organised by the Business Law Section of the School and brought together academics and practitioners from various disciplines to examine influences on the development of corporate environmental policies, legal obligations, compliance trends and accountability, and to explore areas for further research and development.

The day included an address on 'Personal Liability of Corporate Officials for Environmental Clean-up: Lessons from Abroad' from Associate Professor Cindy Schipani of the University of Michigan who was the School's Distinguished Overseas Visitor for 1994. Information about the seminar can be obtained from:

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