



MENTIONS

PRE-LAW AT NTU

Nine students successfully completed the NTU Aboriginal Pre-Law Program this year. This was the third Program held at NTU to prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for studies in a law degree.

The Program was conducted intensively over a five-week period commencing on 11 January. It included the subjects of Torts, Constitutional Law, Legal Process, Legal Research and Writing, and Criminal Law. Students were assessed by way of assignments and exams in each subject.

Lecturers from the Law Faculty of NTU conducted most of the teaching. A highlight of the Program was the teaching of the Legal Process component by recent Aboriginal law graduate David Woodroffe. David attended the Perth based Pre-Law Program in 1994 and went on to study law at NTU. David has been closely involved with the planning of Pre-Law at NTU since the Program was first offered. He is currently employed as an articled clerk at the North Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service.

INTERNET GUIDE TO HUMAN RIGHTS

Human Rights Explained is an information resource on human rights available on the internet. It covers all the important human rights issues in Australia and in the international arena, stretching from the nature and meaning of human rights through the role of the UN and all the human rights treaties to Australia's human rights record. The Guide provides this information in two ways:

- it identifies the issues and charts their boundaries; it highlights basic facts, figures and important features, and introduces the reader to the language, literature and the views of important thinkers in the area; and
- it directs the reader to other sources of relevant information and further reading, whether on the Internet or in hard copy, and provides brief summaries of what readers will find when they get there.

www.hreoc.gov.au/hr_explained/

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH FOUNDATION PROJECTS

In February, 20 young Indigenous students were awarded scholarships under the Minerals Council Scholarship

Program to assist with their secondary or tertiary studies. This was the first year of the program which is a joint initiative of the Australian Youth Foundation and the Minerals Council of Australia. Each year 20-30 scholarships will be awarded to Indigenous students under the age of 25.

The Hand Brake Turn Parramatta Program is based on a successful initiative of the same name which currently operates in Dandenong, Victoria. Initially funded by the Australian Youth Foundation, the Hand Brake Turn program is a ten-week training course which provides vocational education and training to long-term unemployed young people. The aim of the course is motor vehicle crime prevention and many of the young people involved have been in trouble with police for motor vehicle offences.

For more information visit the AYF's website at <http://www.ayf.org.au>

FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS MANUAL

The *Financial Counsellors Manual Western Australia* was produced for financial counsellors both new to the field and experienced. Workers in the human services field will find that this 800-page manual quickly and clearly

answers questions about the financial problems of their clients.

Cost: members \$30, non-members \$80 plus \$12.00 postage.

Contact: FCAWA, 33 Moore Street, East Perth 6004, tel 08 9325 1617.

THE ESSENDON COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRE

'Tent Service' protest!

On Monday, 7 June ECLC will deliver its normal Monday night drop-in legal advice and referral session on the street — where they think they may soon be if the government 'reforms' them!

From 3 p.m. there will be speeches, entertainment, music and community voices in support of the Centre.

Changes proposed by government include: reducing the legal assistance available from community legal centres; taking away community control (management); and removing the capacity of community legal centres to undertake law reform and community development work.

Where: outside the Wingate Avenue Community Centre, Wingate Ave, Ascot Vale
Monday, 7 June, 3pm – 7pm
Inquiries: tel 03 9376 7929

CONFERENCES

Children and Crime: Victims and Offenders

Host: Australian Institute of Criminology

Date: 17-18 June 1999

Venue: Parkroyal Brisbane

Contact:

Conference Co-ordinators

P.O. Box 139

Calwell, ACT 2905

tel 02 6292 9000 fax 02 6292 9002

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National Social Policy Conference Social Policy for the 21st Century: Justice and Responsibility

Date: 21-23 July 1999

Venue: University of NSW

Contact:

Conference Registrations

Social Policy Research Centre,
UNSW, Sydney 2052

fax 02 9385 1049

website: www.sprc.unsw.edu.au

Freedom of Information and The Right to Know

Hosts: The Communications Law Centre and the International Commission of Jurists (Australian section).

The conference will commence with discussion of fundamental issues such as the community's right to know, openness and access to information generally. It will then move into a detailed focus on Freedom of Information issues and developments in Australia and overseas.

Venue: Sheraton Towers Hotel, Melbourne

Date: 19 and 20 August 1999

Cost: Government/Corporate/

Business: \$295.00

Community Organisations: \$175.00

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