

Forum on 'Prospects and problems facing country families', to be addressed by the Governor of Victoria, Dr Davis McCaughey. and *Plenary Sessions* on the 'Housing futures for Australian families', 'Children's rights and the legal regulation of families' and 'Work and family wellbeing' with politicians and representatives from the ACTU, the Business Council of Australia, the housing industry and the Australian Law Reform Commission.

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law institute of victoria. The Law Institute of Victoria has announced the following new members of the Institute Council: Renata Alexander, Frank Caldwell, Michael Meagher, Murray McCutcheon, Nick Roberts and Michael Robertson. Renata Alexander represents the Legal Aid Law Association whose 200 members include solicitors employed by the Legal Aid Commission and others working in community legal centres. Ms Alexander is an employee of the Commission. Frank Caldwell is the outgoing President of the Corporate Lawyers' Association of Victoria and the Association's first representative on the Council. He is a lawyer with the ANZ Banking Group. Mr Michael Meagher is President of the Geelong Law Association and partner in a firm of solicitors. Murray McCutcheon is a partner in Darvill McCutcheon. Mr Nick Roberts represents the Mornington Peninsular Solicitor's Association. He is a partner in the Mornington Firm Roberts and Roberts. Mr Michael Robertson is a partner in Arthur Robertson and Hedderwick practising in tax and employment law.

administrative appeals tribunal. Justice Robert Bulley has been appointed a Presidential member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Justice Bulley has been a judge of the Family Court since 1977 and will be based in Brisbane. Mr Brendan Burns has been appointed a full-time Deputy President of the Tribunal. He has been a judge of the District Court of South Australia since 1978 and before that a Stipendiary Magistrate. Mr Burns has held a variety of appointments including lecturer in law and inaugural member of the Childrens' Interest Beareau in South Australia. Mr Allen Blow, Mr Ray Watterson and Mr Kevin Lynch have been appointed part-time Senior Members. Mr Blow is a Barrister in Tasmania. Mr Lynch and Mr Watterson have previously been appointed as a part-time and full-time Senior Member respectively. Three part-time ordinary members have also been appointed, Mr Edmund O'Farwell, Mr Michael Shotter and Mr Edwin Keane. Mr Keane and Mr Shotter have each had careers in the Australian Navy whilst Mr Shotter has served for a number of years in public administration. Mr GF Brewer, Dr HD Browne, Mr JD Horrigan, DR JT Linn, Dr DJ Howell, Mr LS Rodopoulos, Mr GR Taylor, Mr JH Wilson and Mr CA Woodley have been re-appointed as part-time members.

companies and securities advisory committee. The Attorney-General has announced five appointments to the Advisory Committee on Companies and Securities. They are Mr John Argus, Executive Director (Banking), National Australia Bank Limited, Mr Dick Lester, Managing Director and Principal Shareholder of Growth Equities Mutual Limited and Michael Kent, Finance Director of the Adelaide Steamship Company Limited, Mr Kevin Driscoll, Chairman, National Homes Pty Ltd and Mr David Hoare, Chairman of Bankers Trust Aus-

ustralia Limited. The Companies and Securities Advisory Committee, established with its own secretariat and budget, provides a new concept for business involvement in policy making. It guarantees that the business community has a direct input into policy and administration on the national scheme. The Attorney-General has also announced that the Australian Securities Commission Chairman, Mr Anthony Hartnell, will also serve on the committee, to ensure the regulatory arm of the national scheme also contributes to policy formulation and development. Other appointments to the advisory committee were mentioned in [1989] *Reform* 162. One appointee not mentioned is Mr Alex Brisakis, Corporate Solicitor who is Chairman of the Associated Legal Committee.

national crime authority. Mr Peter Faris, QC has been appointed Chairman of the National Crime Authority for three years from 1 July 1989 following the retirement of Justice Stewart. Mr Faris is a leading member of the Victorian Bar, specialising in criminal law and has acted as prosecutor in many major State and federal prosecutions over the past five years. His work has included cases initiated by the National Crime Authority. Mr Faris was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Victorian Supreme Court in 1963. He went to the Bar in 1970, was a founder of the Fitzroy Legal Service in 1972 and solicitor for the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service from 1973/74. He returned to the Bar in 1975, taking silk in 1986. He is presently Chairman of the Victorian Director of Public Prosecutions Committee of Review of the Victorian Drug laws.

trade practices commission. Emeritus Professor Brian Johns, formerly the Director of the Bureau of Industry Economics, has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Trade Practices Commission. His appointment follows national advertising

seeking expressions of interest in the position. Before his appointment as the first director of the Bureau of Industry Economics in 1977 Professor Johns had a distinguished teaching and research record in the field of industrial economics and held a chair in economics at the University of Newcastle. The Commission has statutory responsibilities to administer and enforce the consumer protection and restrictive trade practices provisions of the Trade Practices Act 1974. It now consists of three full-time and eight associate part-time members. Dr Kerry Schott has been appointed an associate member of the Trade Practices Commission for a three year term. As an associate member of the Commission, Dr Schott will be engaged on a part-time basis supplementing the skills and experience available to the Commission, particularly in the fields of economics and broader industrial issues. Dr Schott is an Executive Director and Chief Economist of the Merchant Bank, Whitlam Turnbull and Company Limited and holds a Doctorate in Philosophy from Oxford University. She is also a member of the Board of Australian Airlines Limited. She has been an advisory to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on high level economic policy issues and formerly worked as a senior officer in the then Department of Employment and Industrial Relations.

trade practices tribunal. Justice John Stanley Lockhart has been reappointed as President of the Trade Practices Tribunal for five years. Justice Lockhart was appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia in October 1978 and has been President of the Tribunal since October 1982.

administrative review council. Dr Cheryl Saunders, President of the ARC was appointed to a personal Chair as Professor of Law at Melbourne University on 7 August 1979.

australian institute of family studies.

A new board of management has been appointed for the Australian Institute of Family Studies. The four new members of the board are: Associate Professor Bettina Cass, Justice Elizabeth Evatt, Professor Robert Gregory and Ms Annemaree Lanteri. Two former board members have also been re-appointed, the Justice John Fogarty and Dr Meridith Edwards. Associate Professor Cass is a sociologist from the Social Work Department of the University of Sydney. From 1986 to 1988 she was head of the Government's Social Security Review. Justice Evatt is the President of the ALRC and Chancellor of the University of Newcastle. She is also Chairperson of the United Nations Commission on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and was Chief Judge of the Family Court of Australia from 1976 to 1988. She was Chairman of the Family Law Council from 1976 to 1979 and has been a Deputy President of the Arbitration Commission since 1973. Professor Robert Gregory is from the Department of Economics at the Australian National University. He is a member of the Australian Science and Technology Council, a member of the board of Reserve Bank of Australia and was First Assistant Commissioner of the Industries Assistance Commission from 1973 to 1975. Ms Lanteri is a Melbourne Solicitor with Wisewould Schilling and Chair of the Family Law Section of the Law Institute of Victoria. Ms Lanteri has published in the area of family law and also lectured at the Faculty of Law University of Melbourne. Justice Fogarty is a Senior Judge of the Family Court of Australia. Dr Edwards is First Assistant Secretary, Social Policy Division, Department of Social Security. She has been member of the Institute Board since 1987 and a member of the Family Law Council since 1983. She is

an economist and former Senior Lecturer at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

national bioethics consultative committee. The NBCC's chairperson is Ms Robyn Layton, a barrister and a Commissioner of the Health Insurance Commission and former Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The members are: Ms Rebecca Albury, lecturer in Sociology at the University of Wollongong; Mr Don Chalmers, Head of Law Department, University of Tasmania; Professor Max Charlesworth, Professor of Philosophy, Deakin University; Ms Sheryl de Lacey, Clinical Nurse Consultant; Ms Heather Dietrich, lecturer and researcher in science, University of Technology, Sydney; Sister Regis Mary Dunne, Director, Provincial Bioethics Centre for the Queensland Catholic Diocese; Professor John Funder, Deputy Director, Medical Research Centre, Prince Henry's Hospital, Victoria; Dr Sandra Gifford, Lecturer, Department of Social and Preventative Medicine, Monash Medical School, Victoria; Dr Charles Gurd, retired Secretary of the Northern Territory Department of Health; Rev Colin Honey, Master of Kingswood College, University of Western Australia, lecturer and researcher in medical bioethics; Professor Con Michael, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Western Australia.

australian law reform commission.

The appointment of Professor Richard Harding as a part-time member of the Commission expired in August. Professor Harding has been a part-time member of the Commission since September 1984. Mrs Dorothy Kitching, the Commission's Assistant Legislative Counsel retired in September. A Senior Law Reform Officer, Ms Wendy Amigo has left the Commission's staff and is now

working for the Director of Public Prosecutions in Sydney. The Commission's Administrative/Finance Officer, Mr Bill Looyen, has been seconded to the Australian Securities Commission to assist them in devising and installing systems for financial management. So far as the ALRC can tell, the money is still all there. Mr Peter Harrigan, an accountant who holds the Degree of Bachelor of Commerce and an Associateship in Local Government Administration, has been appointed for the period of Bill Looyen's secondment. Louise Levido has been appointed as the Commission's Library Officer and Michelle Clarke has been appointed a temporary Librarian whilst Joanna Longley is on long service leave overseas.

new south wales law reform commission. Ms Leanne O'Shannessy has left the Commission on a 12 month secondment to the Cabinet Office. Ms O'Shannessy began work at the Commission in June 1986 and was involved in a number of reference under the Community Law Reform Program, the Artificial Conception projects on In Vitro Fertilisation and Surrogate Motherhood, the reference on the Jurisdiction of Local Courts over Foreign Land, and that on Wills for People Lacking Will-Making Capacity. Mrs Judy Maynard is on leave from the Commission and is currently living in Boston in the USA: her work has been on the Neighbour and Neighbour reference under the Community Law Reform Program. Ms Rosemary Chandler left the Commission in August 1989 to enter private practice as a solicitor. Ms Chandler was seconded to the Commission to work on the reference on Torrens Title: State Guarantee of Title and the Assurance Fund.

law reform commission of victoria. Ms Jude Wallace has been appointed Deputy Chairperson of the VLRC. Ms Eve Grim has been appointed to the Commission's staff. Prior to her appointment she

worked as a lawyer with the Victorian Law Institute. Mr Murray Raff has left the Commission's staff. Senior Sergeant Tim Cartwright has been seconded to the Commission's staff from the Victorian Police.

areas of law currently under review

administrative law

NTLRC

- *Administrative Appeals.* DP on Appeals from Administrative Decisions: Appellate Structure is being considered by the Committee. Due for release later 1989.

ARC

- *Access to administrative review.* Submission to the National Legal Aid Advisory Committee.
- *Multiculturalism and Commonwealth Decision-Making and Grievance Procedures:* Setting up 18 month project in Melbourne.
- *Review of the AD(JR) Act:* Discussion Paper on requests for statements of reasons to be circulated in the near future.
- *Subordinate and intermediate tribunals:* arrangements in train for conference later this year with these tribunals.
- *Broadcasting.* Discussion Papers on review issues with regard to broadcasting and report in preparation.
- *Informal rule-making.* Proceedings of Conference being collated.