

SOCIETY NEWS

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Australian Societies for Computers & the Law.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

New Committee. The AGM on 17 September 1984 elected the following Committee for 1984/85:

President - John Gladstone
Vice President - Toni Sutherland
Secretary - Paul Genoni
Treasurer - Colin Ash
Members - Bruce Bott, Tony Parker, Ros Ryan, Terry Woodings

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1984 meetings.

March - Inspection of Muir Williams Nicholson's Computer Installation

April - Presentation to Judges, Registrars and Administration of the Family Court of W.A.

May - Seminar at the International Microcomputer Symposium

July - Second Annual Workshop at Churchlands: 'Computers, Law & People'

August - Breakfast Meeting on Recent Developments in Copyright Protection of Computer Software (with A.C.S. and the W.A. Information Technology Month Committee)

In addition, a number of social occasions were held.

Membership. The current membership of the W.A.S.C.L. is 46 individual members, 8 student members and 5 corporate members.

1985 Program. The Society will be holding a Seminar entitled 'Information Retrieval' at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel on the 5th March 1985. For further information please contact Tony Parker on (09) 322 0321.



TASMANIA

Members wanted! Tasmania does not yet have a Society for Computers & the Law, but all those interested in forming one should contact Professor Roger Brown at the Law School, University of Tasmania, on (002) 20 2073 or by writing to G.P.O. Box 252C Hobart 7001.

Information Law Unit. The University of Tasmania is looking to the establishment of an Information Law Unit within the Faculty of Law in 1985. It is hoped to invite Professor Jon Bing of the Norwegian Research Centre for Computers & the Law to give a series of lectures in mid-1985.



VICTORIA

Committee.

J. Burnside - President
S. Thompson - Vice President
B. Morris - Treasurer
A. Pelman - Secretary
Y. Urquhart - Media Relations Officer
S. Low - Editor Publications
D. Dew - Meetings Officer
P. Catania - Research Officer
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1984 Meetings (May - December).

May - Seminar: 'Computers & Crime'

Speakers: Kevin Fitzgerald (Computer Abuse Research Bureau); Mr Justice Hampel (Supreme Court of Victoria); Douglas Meagher QC (Costigan Commission); Papers available from the V.S.C.L. for \$15:00.

August - Seminar: 'Computers, Banking & the Law'

Speakers: Ross Burns: The Cheques Bill 1984 - A Legal View
Rod Lambert: The Cheques Bill 1984 - A Technical View

Jane Levine: EFT and the Law - An Academic View
Peter Noble: EFT and the Law - A Practitioner's View
Esmond Cawsley: EFT and the Law - A Banker's View
Linda Andersen: EFT and the Law - A Non-bank View
Rod Lambert: EFT and the Law - A Technical View
Julian Burnside: Closing Address

September - Colin Tapper: 'Recent Developments in Computers & the Law'

October - Seminar & Exhibition: 'Legal Office Computer Systems 84'

Speakers: Doug Dew (S.R.M. Pty Ltd), John Stephens (Peat Marwick Mitchell Services); Paul Muntz (Solicitor); Martin Koster (Anstat Systems Pty Ltd)

November - CLIRS demonstration

1985 Program

February - CLIRS

March - Repetition injury in the word processing environment

April - Computer crime

May - Title office computerisation

June - User panel discuss their experiences

July - Litigation support and the computer

August - CCH legal data bases

September - Negligence and liability for computer data

October - New developments in word processing

November - Financial modelling for the lawyer

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NEW SOUTH WALES

Committee. See Computers & Law No.2, p5.

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1984 Meetings (June - December)

- June - Justice Michael Kirby: '1984 And All That: Must Privacy Die?'
 - June - 'Copyright: Apple Bytes Back!'
Speakers: David Catterns (Barrister); Philip Crisp (Cth. AG's Dept.); Jody Rich (Imagineering)
 - July - 'Negligence and Liability For Computer Data'
Speakers: Jane Levine (U.N.S.W. Law School); Julian Burnside (Barrister)
 - August - Philip Argy (Solicitor/Computerist): 'Practical Problems With Computer Contracts'
 - September - Colin Tapper: 'Recent International Developments in Computer Law'
 - October - 'CLIRS: Operating in Practice' (with the College of Law) (repeated November) Presented by CLIRS
 - October - The Hon. Barry Jones M.P., Minister For Science & Technology
 - October - 'Computer Technology & Industrial Health'
Speakers: Philip Marchionni (Australian Bank Employees Union); Frank Marks (Solicitor); John Toohey (Director, Occupational Health and Safety Service, Sydney Hospital)
- Plus a demonstration of new CCH Legal Databases
November - Morrie O'Connor (Telecom): 'Monopolies in Australian Telecommunications'

1985 Program.

- 6 February, 12:30 AM: Fred Herron, Law Society President, will talk on 'Information Technology & the Future of the Legal Profession', at the Law Society
- 6 March, 5:00 - 9:30 PM: Seminar 'Computerised Criminal Intelligence and Tax Evasion: After Costigan', at the Qantas Centre

Personalia. Justice Michael Kirby, the Society's only Honorary Member, has been appointed President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal. Committee Member Jane Levine is now an Associate Professor of Law at the University of New South Wales. Graham Greenleaf, Society President, is now a Lecturer in Law at the University of New South Wales.



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Committee. See Computers & Law No.2, p5

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Incorporation. The A.C.T.S.C.L. is now incorporated.

1984 Meetings.

- August - Dr Alan Cumpston: 'Is Data Processing a Health Hazard?'
- September - 'Computer Systems for Lawyers'
Speakers: Linda Julian (Law Data Services); Del Dempster (Peat Marwick Mitchell Services)
- October - Jack Waterford (Canberra Times): 'Obtaining Information From Government Data Banks'
- November - Mr D.Grainger (High Court of Australia) on 'Accessing Public Law Databases'

1985 Program.

A meeting on software protection is planned for February, and a one day seminar on computerised legal research for March.

