

Bumper Christmas '97

Welcome to the bumper Christmas '97 issue of the Computers and Law Journal.

This has been a landmark year for the Journal. During 1997 the editors have produced substantial issues with a number of quality articles and the feedback from readers has been excellent. Once again this year the Journal was voted by NSW Society members as the number one service to members by the Society, beating the monthly seminars and the Gala.

The editors' strategy for building the readership (from subscribers as well as from new members of the NSW, interstate and New Zealand Societies) will be finalised early next year and

outlined in this space in the first issue for 1998.

Meanwhile, this Christmas issue has some fascinating and varied reading. University of Queensland computing science and law student Annelies Moens has written a survey piece on the use of copyright and of patent law for software protection. Melbourne Editor Kent Davey contributes the second part of his series on Privacy Protection for Internet E-mail in Australia. US lawyer Ms Oxana Iatsyk has submitted an interesting insight into Russian copyright regimes in her article entitled Russian Intellectual Property Law Provisions and their Implications for Western Parties.

Another Editor, David Standen, and colleague Tim Hughes contribute excerpts from the Gilbert & Tobin Internet Compliance Manual in their article Legal Compliance Issues and the Internet. Victorian lawyer John Vincent Sinisgalli brings a timely (bearing in mind an imminent hearing of special leave application before the High Court) summary of the important Data Access case, and John Lambrick briefly reviews recent issues in electronic commerce in his Banking and Finance article.

Happy reading and the Editors wish you a very good Christmas. See you all next year and thanks for your support.



**A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS
OF THE NSW SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERS AND THE LAW**

Welcome to the NSW Society for Computers and the Law.

New members include:

Mr Khajaque Kortian of Sprusons

Dr Ian J Albrey of CSIRO