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NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Ellerslie Advance

The NZLLG's strategic retreat was held in Auckland at the beginning of November 1999. A group of 20 law librarians from around New Zealand came together for 2 days to discuss a range of topics relating to the NZLLG's structure, function and future direction. Those present decided to rename the retreat the Ellerslie Advance as we were looking to the future advancement of the NZLLG.

Working parties were formed with the intention of regrouping prior to the NZLLG Conference in October 2000 to formalise several key initiatives. The working parties are as follows:

1. Organisational Structure/Constitution/Marketing

- National Exec. roles
- Business planning cycle
- Strategic planning
- Membership
- Sponsorship
- Lobbying

2. Professional Education and Professional Development

- Mentoring
- Training others
- Training ourselves

3. Publications

- NZLL, website, cont. ed. papers
- NZLLG members producing writing for external publications, eg. LawTalk

4. Group Identity/Professional Issues

- Accreditation
- NZLLG documentation standards
- HR checklist
- Branding
- Mentoring
- Future trend analysis
- Profile raising

5. Ethics

- Who are law librarians?

6. Publisher Relationships

- Sponsorship
- Collaboration
- NZLLG membership

7. Membership Issues

- Mentoring
- Internal validation - recognition, etc.
- External - membership attraction, etc.

Some issues are relevant to more than one working party, but the aim is to encourage discussion and ideas to enable the NZLLG Inc. to gain mutual benefits for New Zealand law librarians and the information needs of their clients.

NZLLG Conference in 2000 - *Just Enrichment*, 19-20 October 2000

The NZLLG's 2000 conference will be held in

Christchurch, the South Island's largest city, for the first time. The conference programme is still being finalised but preliminary ideas include:

Mickie Voges, Director, Information Center Chicago-Kent Law Library, Co-Director, Intellectual Property Program and Associate Professor of Law, US

Eugenie Prime, Manager of Hewlett Packard Labs Research Library, US

David McGee, Clerk of the House of Representatives, New Zealand

Paul Reynolds, Internet Commentator and Consultant, McGovern & Associates, New Zealand.

Further information will become available over the next few months so check out the conference information on the NZLLG website, www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/nzllg.

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