



# NOTICES

## CONFERENCES

### Australian Federalism — Future Directions

14-15 July 1994

Regent Hotel, Melbourne.

*Convenor:* Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, University of Melbourne.

*Contact:* The Meeting Planners on tel. (03) 819 3700 or fax (03) 819 5978.

### AIJA

The 13th Australian Institute of Judicial Administration Inc (AIJA) Annual Conference will be held in Fremantle on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August 1994. As usual, in conjunction with the AIJA conference will be the Court Administrators' Conference and the Biannual Librarians' Conference. These will be held on Friday 12 August.

*Contact:* Mrs Margaret McHutchison, tel (03) 347 6600.

### Labor Lawyers

The 16th Australian Society of Labor Lawyers National Conference is to be held in Fremantle, WA, from 7-9 October 1994.

The Conference will cover diverse areas such as consumer rights, family law, children's rights, legal aid, access to justice, the judiciary, separation of powers, freedom of speech, public interest v privacy, human rights, taxation reform, industrial law, immigration, federalism, and electoral reform.

If interested in presenting a paper, giving a speech, or attending, please contact Nuala Keating, Secretary, Labor Lawyers (WA), GPO Box 51596, Perth, WA, tel. (09) 370 1257; fax (09) 272 7759.

### Australian Institute of Criminology conferences

- **Aboriginal Justice Issues II:** 14-17 June 1994, Townsville. Topics to be discussed include *Mabo*, judicial issues, preventing family violence

and Aboriginal/police relations. For information please contact Sandra McKillop on (06) 274 0223.

- **Access to Justice:** 20-22 July 1994 (Sydney)
  - **Sentencing:** 18-21 October (Brisbane)
  - **Family Violence:** 22-25 November (Canberra)
- For information please contact the:  
Conference Unit  
Australian Institute of Criminology  
GPO Box 2944, Canberra, 2601.  
tel. (06) 274 0200.

### People's Rights!

**An international conference on public  
legal services**

27-30 June 1994

*Venue:* University of Kent at Canterbury, England

*Contact:* Law Centres Federation, Duchess House, 18-19 Warren St, London W1P 5DB

Fax: (071) 387 8368

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## PUBLICATIONS

■ Queensland Advocacy Incorporated is an independent, community-based systems advocacy organisation for people with a disability, living in Queensland.

Its mission is to promote and defend the rights of people with disabilities, primarily through law reform and policy development. Free legal advice is offered as well as advocacy. Funding is through the Department of Health, Housing and Community Services.

The organisation has published a new book, *Include Me In*, covering Queensland disability law and policy. The book is intended for people with a disability, their advocates, families and lawyers.

For more information contact Queensland Advocacy Inc. on (07) 236 1122.

■ *'Capsicum Gas: Should the Police Have Another Weapon?'*, by Damien Lawson and Felicity Ruby is the first publication from the Coalition Against Repressive Police Equipment and Training (CARPET). The report details the increasing trend to para-militarism in Australian policing, highlighting the medical, legal and social ramifications of the use of chemical weapons. The Victoria Police propose to introduce a highly toxic and potentially lethal capsaicin gas for routine operations and will test it over the next six months in the city watch house and in selected areas without disclosing any information for public discussion. For your free copy of this report ring (03) 419 8700 during business hours or write to CARPET, PO Box 222, Fitzroy, 3065.

■ A discussion paper, *Creating Safer Communities*, has been prepared by the Victorian Community Council Against Violence. The paper is a useful guide to the principles and activities of safer communities projects.

It is relevant for community groups, universities, schools and others interested in the area. Copies are available from the VCCAV. Please phone (03) 603 4477 for further information.

■ The papers from the 1993 *National Community Legal Centres Conference* are now available.

Cost: \$15 includes postage.  
Contact: QAILS, PO Box 3049, South Brisbane MAC, Qld 4101.tel (07) 844 1635, fax (07) 844 9736

## TRIBUNAL

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) was established on 1 January 1994. Justice Deirdre O'Connor, President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, is acting president.

Two registers have been established by the NNTT under the *Native Title Act 1993* and are open for inspection on payment of a \$20 fee. The registers record details of all claims for native title of land and water, and details of all native title determinations made at common law.

The registers may be inspected at any registry of the AAT.

## COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE FUNDRAISER

The Fitzroy Legal Service (FLS) will be holding its annual dinner at the Collingwood Football Club some time in March.

Friends and supporters of the FLS are welcome to attend. If interested, please telephone (03) 419 3744 and ask for Denise.

## WORKING GROUP

The Victorian Community Council Against Violence has established a working group to facilitate the inclusion of curriculum materials on violence against women in the education and in-house training programs of various organisations. The group will run workshops which will be of interest to those professions and services which are likely to come into contact with women who have been physically or sexually assaulted.

The first task of the group is to identify ongoing education in the legal, criminal justice, police and medical fields.

For further information or to join the working group please contact Marg D'Arcy on (03) 603 4477.

## CONSULTANCY

**Research into Gender Bias and Women Working in the Legal System**  
The Ministry for the Status and Advancement of Women (MSAW) was

established in July 1993 as a separate government agency to provide policy advice to the New South Wales Government on the status of women, and to co-ordinate programs, conduct research and initiate projects to assist with the advancement of women.

The Ministry is currently undertaking research in the area of gender bias and the law. Expressions of interest are invited for a three-part research project on women working in the legal system. The aim of the project is to investigate the disparity between the high number of women graduating from law schools and the comparatively low number of women represented at senior levels of the profession.

The product of the research will be a report, to be published by the Ministry. It is proposed that following its publication, views will be sought on the paper from key/interested parties.

Up to \$50,000 is available for this consultancy, and some research support will be available from the Ministry. Proposals must include a proposed budget.

An information kit, which includes additional information about the work being undertaken by the Ministry in the area of gender bias and the law can be obtained from the Ministry by telephoning Cathy D'Mello on (02) 334 1153.

Applications close on Friday 18 March and should be addressed to:

Ms Jane Bridge  
Ministry for the Status and  
Advancement of Women  
Level 11, 100 William St  
Woolloomooloo NSW 2011

## CONSUMER EDUCATION TRUST: NSW

The Consumer Education Trust was established to promote public education and research on matters related to financial services. The Trustees expect that an annual sum of up to \$10,000 will be available for this purpose. The Trustees have approved guidelines for applicants, who should be located in New South Wales, for the grants.

The Trustees call for applications for a grant of up to \$10,000. Applications must comply with the guidelines and be received no later than the close of business on 31 May 1994. For a copy of the guidelines or for other information please contact Ms F. Martin, tel (042) 213 382.