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Editor's note

Geoff Coates, Ballarat



Geoff Coates

This month's issue of *Plaintiff* goes to the presses without a message from our newly elected President, Dr. Peter Cashman.

At the time of getting this issue together Peter was on the other side of the world dealing with the intricacies of the American court system in the breast implant litigation.

Dr. Cashman was one of the successful candidates in our first attempt at a coordinated round of elections for office bearers at both State and National levels.

In the June edition of the magazine you will find the full list of those elected to office. Apart from a few minor problems the elections went off quite well and members can now look forward to regular May elections for all of their office bearers both State and National.

This edition is devoted to Year 2000 issues. The issue has been in planning for some time, I have spoken to many people about it and two surprising things have emerged. The first is that in Australia there seems very little action contemplated. This is in contrast with the scene in America and no obvious explanation is apparent.

Secondly, many Australian lawyers seem to think that it is just a 'beat up' concocted by computer engineers to generate work. Will planes really fall out of the sky? Will computers really think (as was suggested by John Clarke in a hilarious episode of "The Games") that someone born in 1955 is really minus 45 years old?

The optimists among us will be securing cheap flights on the 31st December whilst the pessimists will stay home and watch the New Year's countdown on television, just hoping that when we eventually get back to work after our Christmas break our computers will still be functioning.

In this issue there are also case notes on some significant High Court cases which have been handed down in recent months, changing the landscape for Plaintiff Lawyers significantly.

This issue also sees APLA's Executive Officer, Jane Staley, handing over her responsibilities as Production Editor of this magazine to Joanne Choe, a student at the University of Sydney and one of the editors of the student newspaper there, *Honi Soit*.

Welcome Jo and thank you Jane. ■

Election Results

Jane Staley, Executive Officer

The Branch election results for NSW and Tasmania have now been declared. As no position was contested, all positions were declared elected unopposed. The results are as follows:

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