

QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE 2002

Novotel Twin Waters Resort • Sunshine Coast • 8–9 February



Justice Moynihan,
Keynote Speaker

On 8 and 9 February 2002 the APLA Queensland State Conference took place at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast.

Over 250 delegates attended the conference eclipsing the record for the number of delegates to a State Conference set by the APLA Queensland Conference last year.

Despite the spectacular weather outside and the sweltering heat inside the conference room, delegates stayed to hear a wide range of excellent presentations including:

- Major Claims - Richard Douglas SC
- Solicitor's Negligence - Grant Dearlove
- A Practical Guide to Infant Claims - Jo Rennick
- Public Liability - Travis Schultz

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Stephen Hoey and Cameron Fraser from Therapy Solutions, the major sponsor for the conference, presented a paper on 'Lifestyle Considerations: The Catastrophic Client'. Using a series of photos they took delegates through a day in the life of a catastrophically injured person, demonstrating the impact of severe disability on the life of not only the injured person but also their family and friends.

The keynote speech on 'Access to Justice' was presented by His Honour Justice Moynihan, Senior Judge Administrator of the Queensland Supreme Court. His Honour's comments, together with an interview of Steve Roche, President of APLA Queensland, gained coverage in the *Weekend Australian*.

His Honour Judge McGill SC also presented a paper on 'A View from the Bench'.



Members partying the night away! From left, Trevor Slack, Mark Thompson, Dylan McKimmie, Kalista Gill, Karen Aitken and Lisa Rennie

The APLA Queensland Civil Justice Award was presented by Steve Roche to Arnotts Limited for its excellent work in Workplace Health and Safety and Rehabilitation. This award recognizes the outstanding work Arnotts has been doing in reducing workplace injury and improving rehabilitation for injured workers. Since Arnotts became a self-insurer for workers compensation they have not had a single common law claim against them, and have introduced successful injury reduction and rehabilitation programs.

Outside of conference hours, the delegates enjoyed the facilities at the Resort, including sailing, surfing, canoeing or just lazing by the pool.

A nine-hole Ambrose Golf Tournament proceeded with the players set upon by a savage thunderstorm half way through the round. A few hardy players returned after the storm passed to complete their rounds.

A cocktail party and BBQ also took place on the Friday night, followed by pool playing and karaoke in the bar.

All in all, the conference was an outstanding success enjoyed by delegates from all over Queensland.

The planning for next year's conference is well under way, with all invited to attend.

APLA Queensland thanks all of the speakers who participated in the conference and APLA staff members Jane Staley, Tamara Dickson and Eva Scheerlink for their excellent assistance. And many thanks to all the conference sponsors: Therapy Solutions, Plastics Australia and ipac securities limited.

Until next year. **PL**

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APLA Queensland President Steve Roche presenting the Civil Justice Award to Arnotts representatives



International guest speaker Richard Meeran with APLA Public Affairs Manager Eva Scheerlink

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