

# Kim Alderson



**K**im Alderson joined the Australian Lawyers Alliance as Conference Manager in January 2004, and is responsible for project managing our professional development calendar. In 2004 this included the Queensland, New South

Wales, Victorian and Western Australian state conferences, the Medical Negligence special interest group conference, the organisation's flagship National Conference, along with numerous seminars and networking events. In 2005 the Australian Lawyers Alliance will be expanding on this program to include state and territory conferences in the Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Tasmania.

In producing these events, Kim works closely with volunteer committee members to set programs, coordinate speakers and rally delegates to attend. She wishes to express her sincere thanks to all those who have helped throughout 2004; without them, the Australian Lawyers Alliance events would not have enjoyed the high level of success they did.

Kim graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2000 with a Bachelor of Commerce, specialising in management

and marketing. Before joining the Australian Lawyers Alliance, she worked in the IT&T industry for three years as a marketing professional, coordinating international product roadshows, product launches, training sessions, corporate hospitality at major sporting events and residential conferences. Kim lists the highlight of her career to date as managing a corporate incentive program in New Caledonia.

Kim strongly supports the social justice ideals of the Australian Lawyers Alliance and is proud to be making a contribution in her own small way.

For more information on the Australian Lawyers Alliance professional development calendar, please see the inside back cover of this edition of *Precedent* or visit our website [www.lawyersalliance.com.au](http://www.lawyersalliance.com.au).

Kim looks forward to making your acquaintance at one of these events. ■

# Ben Cochrane

**B**en Cochrane is the Legal and Policy Officer for the Australian Lawyers Alliance. His main job is to monitor legislative and policy developments within state and federal governments, and to assist members and the various branch committees to participate in these legal and policy developments. This involves researching and drafting policy and position papers, working closely with the Communications Manager, and monitoring developments as they are reported in the general and legal press.

Since starting with the organisation in February 2004, Ben has appeared before the Federal Senate Economics References Committee; drafted a funding submission to the NSW Law and Justice Foundation; assisted in researching and drafting submissions to the James Hardie inquiry; written policy papers for lobbying the federal government on the TPA reforms, and

for the Western Australian government on workers' compensation and limitations law reform.

As part of the Lawyers Alliance public affairs team, Ben maintains a small library of legal literature produced by academics, lawyers, government and statutory authorities. He also assists with the compilation of the weekly email bulletin, *Australian Lawyers Alliance News*.

Ben is responsible for convening the regular teleconferences of the Lawyers Alliance policy subcommittee, the council of presidents and special interest groups (SIGs). These various roles mean that Ben has a sound knowledge of the organisation's members, whose contributions in their respective areas of expertise give our lobbying efforts strength.



Ben has a law degree from Griffith University in Queensland and completed a year of articles at Brisbane Lawyers Alliance member firm, Quinn and Scattini. He was admitted as a solicitor in NSW on 3 December 2004. ■