

# Editorial

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Wow! What a response. Many thanks to our readers for their encouraging comments on our first journal.

## Young Lawyers' Logo Competition

Now that the Journal has had a face-lift we thought it was time the Young Lawyers logo was revamped. First prize will be two tickets to this year's Young Lawyers' Ball. All entries are to be forwarded to Mr Darren Hogeboom at the Law Institute and will be judged by our editorial team. Entries close on Friday 16 August 1996 (also the deadline for contributions for our third edition). Happy sketching!

## On the move

Did your last copy of our Journal come via your previous employer? When changing jobs, in addition to updating your practising certificate you must write to "Records" at the Institute with your forwarding address. We always welcome new members to the Young Lawyers' Section. Membership is not automatic upon admission to practice or employment with a firm. If you want to check who is on our list, please telephone Darren Hogeboom at the Law Institute on 9607 9385.

## Committee Vacancy

New committee members are needed urgently. Contact us if you are interested. First in, best dressed.

## The Sheriff

Our cover story is by our "Litigation correspondent", Miss Mary Studdert, who tracked down a real sheriff. Mary reports how debt collecting can be exciting, with Sheriff Bruce Fordyce's tales of massage parlours, Rolls Royces and garden gnomes.

## Minimum Wage Case - The decision

There has been a mixed reaction to the decision of the Full Bench of the Employee Relations Commission to base minimum rates of pay for Young Lawyers on the Legal Professional Employee Award.

Go on - spend the next hour reading your Journal. After all, you are only worth \$8.33 an hour.

*Glen Pauline & Vicki Bolton*

# Chair's Report

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Now that I know at least two people read my report in the last Journal (thanks Mum and Dad) I realise I should concentrate on the content of my report as well as form.

Since the last Journal the Young Lawyers have had one section of members leave and another join.

## WILP

After beginning as a small working party, the Women In the Legal Profession group (or WILP as they are known to those of us who don't have the time to say or type long titles) have gone on to become a significant force for reform in the legal world. Their comprehensive publication "Working together in the Nineties" is a credit to their

hard work and has shown law firms how workplaces can and should work for everyone. Sadly for Young Lawyers, WILP is leaving the fold and venturing out into the big wide world to broaden its wings. We know they'll continue to make their mark and wish them well.

## Associate Membership

As one leaves another arrives... the Law Institute has decided to introduce associate membership to allow non-lawyers, in

particular law students, to become members. The Institute is likely to make membership of the Young Lawyers part of the associate members "package". The injection of new blood into the already vibrant body of Young Lawyers is an exciting prospect. New members can't help but be a positive force for the growth of the section (although the drinks budget for the Ball may need to be revised).

## Volunteers needed

To test the enthusiasm of the current members I'm making a plea for help for two projects. One is the Young Lawyers Ball, which was such a success last year that only one of those previously involved has the nerve to try to top it this year. Simon McGregor, (if he can't do it no-one can) needs some new recruits to promote the Young Lawyers Ball - no reasonable offers refused. The other event that needs your involvement is this year's "Will Care for Kids", which is the fancy title for a charity fundraising project that used to be called Will Week and raised over \$100,000 for charity in 1994. The Community Issues Committee needs volunteers to help publicise and organise the event, which is planned for September.

If you can help in any way with either of these activities contact Darren Hogeboom or Ingrid Leighton at the Law Institute.

Now that my begging is over you are free to read the rest of the Journal in peace - Enjoy!

*Jason Newman*  
*Chair, Executive Committee*  
*Young Lawyers Section*

