

Editorial

Greetings Sportsfans to the second edition of the Young Lawyers Journal for 1998.

Our Editorial Committee took a long hard look at themselves and gave 100% to make this Journal one of the best ever and we can confidently say we have turned the corner and are now enjoying the business end of the season, just one edition at a time.

Enough of the sporting cliches! If you haven't already guessed, this edition has a sporting theme and highlights both sports law as a doctrine as well as sporting lawyers and the way in which they balance a demanding career with the rigours of sports training. Our cover girl, Evelyn Halls, provides a particularly pertinent example of a legal eagle who has been able to strick a balance between the 'cut and thrust' of her career and her fencing.

This edition also highlights the many and varied activities that the Young Lawyers Committees have organised and those that are yet to come. An important event that was held in June was the Gordon Lewis Speakers Trophy. This prestigious event was organised by the Editorial Committee and was a resounding success (if we do say so ourselves). For further details, photos and the winning speech, turn to pages 16-18.

The must-attend event of this month is the Young Lawyers Conference which will be followed by the Young Lawyers Cocktail Party on 21 August 1998. The Professional Development Committee have gone to great lengths to organise these functions and ensure that your mind is challenged by day and your stamina by night. We hope to see you at either the Conference of the Cocktail Party - or both.

As part of the Law Institute's efforts to build greater awareness of Young Lawyer's initiatives, we have also

included a Students' Section in this edition and call on all students and Young Lawyers to write in with their comments on the recent proposed amendments to Admission Requirements. Please feel free to voice your views on any other burning legal issues you may care to raise as we propose to include a Letters to the Editor section in the next edition.

We should also mention the upcoming aija Congress in Sydney in September. See the details on pages 26 and 27 and then see if you can slip the requisition form under your partner's nose for immediate signing. It is sure to be a beneficial conference for both the depth of knowledge to be gained and the nightly networking opportunities.

In addition to all this, we have also included some follow-up articles on Careers which continue on from the theme of our last edition. If you are thinking of either trying your luck at a firm overseas or taking the plunge and going to the Bar, the articles on pages 22 to 25 provide some very helpful tips for young players.

Because we know that you like to play as hard as you work, we sent a roving reporter out to check out the snow conditions at each of the mountains - see the report on pages 30 to 31. For those of you who aren't so into physical exertion, we have reviewed the latest CDs and chowed down at some restaurants of note. (See reviews on pages 28, 29 and 32).

You will no doubt agree that this bumper edition is jam-packed with something of interest for all Young Lawyers - the sporty and not-so-sporty alike.

Please read on and look out for the next edition which will be on your desk in December.



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