

# Australian Young Lawyers

Australian Young Lawyers have been busy in the last few months with a number of major initiatives. With the International Young Lawyers Conference being held in Sydney in September, plans are well under way to make this a conference you won't forget! The seminar program features a broad range of topics presented by high calibre speakers. In addition, fantastic events have been planned to ensure that you party the nights away. Special conference rates apply to Australian young lawyers. For further details, see the article in this issue.

Also on the agenda, Australian Young Lawyers are putting together a submission on funding and full fee paying students at Australian law schools. The submission is in response to the West Committee Report, released in April this year, which advocated that universities more freely make places available for fee paying students. Young Lawyers believe that access to places at law school should be on the basis of merit not wealth. Young Lawyers therefore oppose the changes as proposed by the West Report. Special

thanks to Nick Auden of Freehills for the enormous amount of work he has undertaken in relation to this submission.

Australian Young Lawyers are in the process of instigating a scheme whereby young practitioners can obtain funding to implement programs which will have the effect of promoting the administration of justice, access to justice or general improvement of the law in Australia. This looks set to be a fantastic initiative which will produce great results. More details next issue.

Finally, a reminder - applications for the Weary Dunlop Scholarship close 31 August 1998. For further details, contact Gerard O'Neil at Law Council of Australia ph (02) 6247 3788.

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