



CLAUDIA KARYAN FROM 'THE SECRET LIFE OF US' WITH RADHIKA KANHAI (HOLDING REDLICH) AND GEORGIE COSTELLO (MALLESONS) FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION

Premier and Cabinet says we can offer Nauru more money to ignore this constitutional hiccup. Nauru has indicated they are in need of aid...

How much should we give them? And

how do we sell it?

The boat-load of women and children from Malaysia have been in Curtin for 6 months now and all have claimed asylum. Their condition is deteriorating but processing takes time because they have no papers.

Is this a good reason to keep them there?

The bloke on that boat is claiming to be Anwar Ibrahim. He also has no papers. Malaysia is keeping quiet but we have received reports he has escaped. The bloke looks like Anwar Ibrahim but is in bad shape.

Do we still hold him?

A camp has been newly opened at Port Augusta which has electric fences, or in political parlance, "energised fences".

There have been two attempted suicides at the new camp – an 11 year old girl from Iran who tried to hang herself and an 18

year old girl who threw herself on the "energised fences". The 18 year-old turned out to be the US grand daughter of a holocaust survivor.

How do we massage the story?

The last item on the agenda –

- We have incarcerated thousands of refugees;
- Tens of thousands of Visa over-stayers;
- Suicidal children;
- And the world press is condemning us and the Australian public isn't too concerned.

Do we keep it up or make some changes?

And if you want to know what our wonderful taskforce had to say in response to this hypothetical scenario – you should have been there!

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Hypothetical (where the sound will be better, we promise!). ■

Social committee report

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As the appropriately titled Young Lawyers' Ball, "Lock, Stock, & Two Smoking Gavels", to be held at the Old Melbourne Gaol on Saturday 21 September approaches, we are pleased to report that the first part of the year has been marked by some fantastic events, and enthusiastic planning by Social Committee members for events in the future.

Legal Comedy Debate

In April, the Social Committee held the highly successful Legal Comedy Debate at Le Meridian Hotel, in aid of the Bone Marrow Donor Institute. The topic of the debate was "You can trust a Lawyer but never a Politician", and the debate was chaired by the CEO of the Law Institute of Victoria, John Cain. The senior team comprised her Honour Judge Betty King of the County Court, Jim Kennan SC, and Ross McClymont, Partner, Deacons. The junior team was represented by Lucy Turner, Solicitor, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Shivani Pillai, Barrister, and Rupert Burns, Solicitor, Victorian Government Solicitor's Office. Each team member had 5 minutes to speak, although many speakers were so entertaining, we did not have the courage to stop them when they went overtime! The Debate was finally awarded on applause to the senior team. Drinks were then served, and many people stayed on for some time after the Debate finished to talk to colleagues and discuss the performance of the participants.

End of Financial Year Drinks

The Young Lawyers' End of Financial Year Drinks Evening at the Spy Bar in Clarendon Street South Melbourne was also a great success. We were greatly assisted in



THE JUNIOR DEBATERS - LUCY TURNER (CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH), SHIVANI PILLAI (VICTORIAN BAR) AND RUPERT BURNS (VGSO)

organising the 5 July event by Prakash Patel, one of the owners of Spy Bar. The Spy Bar originally became involved with the Young Lawyers' Section through its close relationship with the law – four of the Spy Bar's owners being lawyers under the age of 35.

Running & Power Walking Group

Despite a large number of Young Lawyers' Section members expressing interest in taking part in the Group, attendance at the 2002 Young Lawyers' Running and Power Walking Group sessions has unfortunately

been low, and at this stage no future sessions are planned. The Social Committee is however planning other sporting related events/groups. A tennis competition has been mooted as one possible event.

Other Events

After the highly successful Winery Tour in the Macedon Ranges and Spa Country held by the Social Committee in March this year, there is talk of another winery tour in 2002, this time to the Yarra Valley. Details of

this and other events currently in planning stages will follow in the Law Institute of Victoria's Friday Facts.

On behalf of the Social Committee we thank everyone for their support of the Committee's 2002 events to date, and we look forward to seeing you at our events in the coming months.

If you would like to be involved in the Social Committee or hear more about anything discussed in this report, please contact us at Philippa.Moorfield@bakernet.com or Iresha.Herath@aar.com.au. ■