

“Thriving and Surviving – Employment Practices and Achieving a Healthy Balance (the Guidelines)”

The Guidelines were launched in August 2001 and are designed to address employment issues concerning young lawyers. The Professional Development Committee will be monitoring the implementation of the Guidelines into Victorian law firms and will continue to ensure the Guidelines are up to date.

Hanover Mooting Competition

The annual mooting competition is a joint initiative of the Professional Development Committee and Hanover Welfare Services. The heats will be held every Thursday evening, beginning 6 June 2002, in the Supreme Court from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The participants involve young lawyers from law firms and the Victorian Bar and the event is an opportunity for participants to improve their advocacy skills as well as

raising money for homeless people in Melbourne.

There are plenty of exciting projects in 2002 for the Professional Development Committee and we hope to see you at some of the events which will be held throughout the year. If you would like to be involved in the Committee, please contact either Catherine Dwyer at cdwyer@asw.net.au or Katie Coghlan at katiec@jjh.com.au.

Law reform committee report

Karyn Cooper, Deacons, Co-Chair Law Reform Committee

The Law Reform Committee has a number of projects in preparation this year, following on from successful projects in 2001, including a submission to the Attorney General’s Street Prostitution Advisory Group. The Law Reform Committee comprises a diverse group of young lawyers from commercial and criminal practices, government and political offices who are all interested in achieving reform in a number of areas.

Some projects on the agenda for this year include assisting the Big Issue with a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in relation to the voting rights of homeless people, future comment on the proposed new anti-terrorism laws, a submission in relation to reform of the Legislative Council and information forums/debates on current issues. The Committee also assists and liaises with the Bill of Rights Sub-

Committee and the Refugees in Detention Sub-Committee of the LIV. The Committee will continue to look into drug reform issues and will hopefully send a representative to the national drug conference on “Drugs and Young People” which is being held in Sydney in May 2002.

New members are always welcome! If you are interested, please contact Jacqui Boymal in the Young Lawyers’ Section of the LIV on 9607 9379.

Social committee report

Philippa Moorfield, Baker & McKenzie and Iresha Herath, Allens Arthur Robinson, Co-Chairs Social Committee

This year the Social Committee is hoping to reach an even wider range of members by encouraging people to join in the various drinks functions, the Young Professionals Network, the Comedy Debate and the Running and Power Walking Group, among other events.

We are pleased to say that our very first event for the year, the ever popular drinks evening at the Spy Bar, was a huge success.

The event was held on 22 February 2002 and we had a great turn out with approximately 160 people filling the Spy Bar.

Thanks to Abby Thorebeck for organising yet another fantastic event and to Michael Page for providing sponsorship to ensure a door prize, free drinks and finger food. We anticipate that these drinks nights will be held quarterly again this year.

On Tuesday 5 March 2002, the Running and Power Walking Group held its relaunch event for 2002. The event attracted a number of new faces and we hope to see everyone at the twice weekly training sessions in the CBD. Brendon Gale kindly agreed to lead our relaunch event, with a 25 minute run/walk around the Flagstaff Gardens, before

heading back to the Law Institute for drinks and an informal chat with members.

On 17 March 2002, the Social Committee held a winery tour in the Macedon Ranges and Spa Country. The bus left from the city at 9:45am and there was morning tea followed by wine tasting at Cope Williams Winery and Knight Granite Hills Estate. There was also wine tasting, lunch and a wine tour at Cleveland Winery. From all accounts the day was very successful and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Georgie Jenz for all her organising and the effort she put in.



TOUR OF THE VINEYARD AT CLEVELAND WINERY

In April the Social Committee held its very successful Comedy Debate. We will provide a full report of the event in the next edition of the Young Lawyers' Journal.

In September, the first Young Lawyers' Ball will be held. We anticipate this being a huge night with some of the proceeds going to charity. Although this event is still

in the planning stages we can tell you that it will be a strictly black tie event and that it will be held in the fantastic location of the Old Melbourne Gaol. It is anticipated that the ticket price will not exceed \$65.00 and that will include a full open bar with finger food and a fantastic DJ and band. If you would like more information on the

Ball, or would like to get involved in the organising, please contact Iresha Herath (iresha.herath@aar.com.au).

On behalf of the Social Committee we welcome everyone to our events for 2002 and we hope that we are able to cater to all your wishes.



LUNCH ALFRESCO AT CLEVELAND WINERY