



### Ever wondered what life in the law would be like outside the CBD?

Have you ever looked longingly out your office window on a Friday afternoon, towards the beaches of the peninsulas, the mountains of the snowfields or the vineyards of the country and thought: "What would it be like if I was working there?" Wonder no more! The lawyers of the LIV Regional & Suburban Young Lawyers Committee are already there, enjoying the career and lifestyle opportunities that await beyond the Paris end of Collins Street.

### What is the Regional & Suburban Young Lawyers Committee?

The Regional & Suburban Young Lawyers Committee (RSYLC) provides support, guidance and social opportunities to regional and suburban lawyers across the state. Amid the court appearances, perusal and drafting of contracts and other joys associated with being a young lawyer in the suburbs and regions, there exists a strong support network of others who are sharing similar experiences. Whether you need help to determine what to look for when appearing in front of "that magistrate", or whether you just want to debrief about the week over a quiet drink on a Friday night, the RSYLC is there.

At times it is easy to feel isolated as a young lawyer, particularly in the suburbs and regional areas. The RSYLC helps connect young lawyers within their geographical areas and throughout the state. These networks may last entire careers and may come in handy at just the right time.

# Go rural, young lawyer

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### Career, social and networking opportunities

The RSYLC and its constituents experience the same stresses and work pressures as other young lawyers, working their way up the corporate ladder across all practice areas. Increasingly, there are employment opportunities in government and other organisations, as well as traditional law firms. The RSYLC helps young lawyers reach their professional goals by encouraging them to attend career sessions it holds throughout the year. The RSYLC hosts functions with the local law associations, dinners with visiting judges and many other events at which young lawyers can meet colleagues away from the office to get professional insights.

The RSYLC also offers multiple social and networking opportunities. Regional & Suburban Young Lawyers Week is the yearly flagship event of the RSYLC, and is held in the first week of October. In 2012, events such as trivia nights, jail tours, winery lunches and paella festivals were held across

the state, much to the enjoyment of the young lawyers involved. Many events were sold out well in advance, and were also patronised by lawyers who had travelled from the city to attend. These events will be advertised later in 2013, and naturally our aim is to make them bigger and better than last year! Keep an eye out for RSYLC events as they are held throughout the year.

### Make the most of 2013

Make contact with your local RSYLC member and be part of what makes working in regional Victoria and suburban Melbourne so worthwhile (aside from the career opportunities, obviously!) Check the LIV Young Lawyers Section website for further details. A new colleague, ally and friend is just an email away. ■

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