

ALRC



ALRC Management mulling over corporate goals earlier this year.

Standing l to r: Professor Michael Chesterman (former part-time Commissioner), Stephen Mason, Pauline Kearney, Justice Elizabeth Evatt, Mary Fisher

Sitting l to r: Chris Sidoti, Catherine Watts, Russell Agnew

The ALRC's senior management held a two-day conference in Katoomba in February to map out managerial strategies for the coming year.

Anne Sutherland-Kelly, formerly a legal officer at the New South Wales Law Reform Commission, joined the ALRC in May to work as a Law Reform Officer with the Equality team. Before joining the NSWLRC she was a solicitor with Corrs Chambers Westgarth in Melbourne.

Jane Wangmann, fresh from the College of Law, also joins the Equality team as a research assistant.

Hannah Alexander recently joined the Health, Housing and Community Services team as a part time research assistant.

Donna Hayward is the latest DOHHACS recruit. She joined the team in August to work as a Law Reform Officer. She comes from the NSW Attorney-General's Department.

Rhonda Kasalo has returned after a 10 month absence on maternity leave to our word processing and desktop publishing unit. Her daughter Ashley — the most beautiful baby in the world — has just started walking.

Louise Bayutti, who managed the media and public hearings for the Commission's reference on Multiculturalism, has returned to the Commission for the hearings for the Equality before the law reference.

NSWLRC

The Honourable GJ Samuels AC, QC has been appointed Chairman of the Commission on a part-time basis for a three-year term effective from 3 April 1993. Mr Samuels is a retired member of the Supreme Court of New South Wales Court of Appeal. He was admitted to the Bar in England in 1948, to the NSW Bar in 1952 and appointed Queens counsel in 1964. He

is a former President of the Bar Association. In 1972 Mr Samuels was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and a Judge of Appeal in 1974 until retiring in 1992. Mr Samuels was until recently acting judge of the Supreme Court and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Law Foundation. He is Chairman of the Migrant Employment and Qualifications Board, and since 1976 has been Chancellor of the University of New South Wales.

Mr Samuels replaces the Hon RM Hope AC, CMG, QC, as Chairman of the Commission. Mr Hope was appointed Chairman of the Commission in February 1990. During his term he was involved in the following major references: Scrutiny of the Legal Profession — Complaints Against Lawyers, Review of the Adoption Information Act 1990, Alternative Dispute Resolution — Training and Accreditation of Mediators, and Criminal Procedure: Police Powers of Detention and Investigation after Arrest.

The Commission has three additional part-time Commissioners. Mr Malcolm Craig, QC was appointed in 1992. Mr Craig is the Commissioner in charge of the environmental law reference. Justice David Hunt, Chief Judge at Common Law, Supreme Court of New South Wales, was also appointed in November 1992. Justice Hunt is involved in the defamation reference as is the Commission's most recent part-time Commissioner, Professor Michael Chesterman, Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of New South Wales and until recently a part-time Commissioner with the ALRC. Professor Chesterman, an expert in media law, was appointed a part-time Commissioner for a period of two years commencing 20 January 1993.

Two new legal officers, Mr Ben Reichel and Ms Ronnit Lifschitz, commenced in February this year. Mr Reichel joined the Commission after completing the practical legal training course at the College of Law. Ms Lifschitz was formerly Associate to Justice Gaudron in the High Court of Australia.

Ms Adrienne Bailey, the Commission's most experienced senior legal officer, has gone on maternity leave for 12 months.

Mr Joseph Boulais has joined the Commission for 6 months as part of the Jobskills Program.

Victorian Law Reform Committee

Since this joint parliamentary committee was established in November 1992 it has appointed a secretariat of three permanent staff members. The Secretary is Mr Sturt Glacken, a barrister with experience in parliamentary practice and procedure

at the federal level. The office manager is Mrs Rhonda MacMahon, an administrative officer with extensive experience in the Parliamentary Committee system. Ms Jessica Klingender, a barrister with experience in journalism and editorial work, is the part-time research officer.

For its reference on Restitution the Committee has engaged as consultants Professor Arie Freiberg, from the Department of Criminology at University of Melbourne; Professor Pat O'Malley, Dr Tom Fisher and Dr Christopher Corns, all from the National Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at La Trobe University.

Victorian Law Reform Advisory Council

This 15 member council is chaired by Justice John Phillips, Chief Justice of Victoria. Its Secretary is Professor Sally Walker, Reader at the University of Melbourne Law School. The remaining members are Mr Douglas Graham QC, Solicitor-General; Chief Judge Glenn Waldron, Chief Judge of the County Court; Professor Michael Crommelin, Dean of the University of Melbourne Law School; Professor Marcia Neave from Monash University Law School; Mrs Susan Crennan, QC; Miss Rowena Armstrong, QC, Chief Parliamentary Counsel; Ms Pamela Bone, Journalist with the Melbourne Age; Professor Margaret Manion from the Department of Fine Arts, University of Melbourne; Ms Elizabeth Alexander, Chartered Accountant, Price Waterhouse; Mrs Jan Pannam, Solicitor, Stedman Cameron; Ms Karin Clark, Solicitor, Arthur Robinson and Hedderwicks; Mr Alan Goldberg QC, barrister; and Mr Greg Craven, Crown Counsel and the Attorney-General's representative.

Queensland Law Reform Commission

The vacancy on the Commission caused by the departure, early last year, of deputy-chairperson Mr Pat Keane QC was filled by Mr RS O'Regan QC. Mr O'Regan was with the Commission for only a short time before his appointment to the Criminal Justice Commission. (He was not Deputy Chair of the Commission, as our last issue stated.)

Of the two full-time commissioners, Ms C Richards resigned in April 1992 and Ms Lindy Willmott left the Commission in October 1992 when her term of appointment expired. The two new full-time Commissioners are Mr Wayne Briscoe, formerly Senior Research Officer for the Western Australian Law Reform Commission, and Mr James Herlihy, who was Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Queensland before becoming a member of the

Criminal Code Committee appointed by the Attorney-General Mr Dean Wells. Mr Herlihy worked in the Policy and Legislation Division of the Attorney's department.

Administrative Review Council

Dr Susan Kenny has been appointed President of the Council with effect from 9 February this year. Dr Kenny is a barrister whose practice primarily involved commercial, constitutional, governmental and administrative law, particularly relating to immigration and freedom of information issues. Dr Kenny has been involved in the Tasmanian Dam case, the War Crimes constitutional challenge, the ASIS case on confidentiality and *Shell v Australian Conservation Foundation*.

Dr Kenny assisted in the preparation of the report by the Advisory Committee on Executive Government to the Constitutional Commission. In 1991 and 1992, as Counsel Assisting the Solicitor-General, she appeared with him in a number of prominent High Court cases and represented Australia in the International Court of Justice.

Dr Kenny is a member of the Constitutional Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia, an editorial consultant to the Public Law Review and contributing author to *Government: Practice and Procedure*.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Ms Geri Ettinger of Sydney and Associate Professor Stan Hotop of Perth have been appointed part-time senior members for a period of five years. Both were previously part-time members of the Tribunal.

Ombudsman

The Prime Minister announced in April that he would recommend the appointment of Ms Philippa Smith as Commonwealth and Defence Force Ombudsman. The appointment, which will be for five years, commenced on 17 May 1993.

Ms Smith has held senior positions in the Australian Council of Social Service, the Australian Consumers' Association and the NSW Department of Health. At the time of the announcement, she was a consultant with Issues Australia, where she

worked on complaint procedures in a variety of organisations, and also a part-time member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

The Prime Minister also expressed his appreciation to Ms Lindsay Shaw, who acted as Ombudsman following the resignation of Mr Alan Cameron, who has been appointed Chairman of the Australian Securities Commission.

ACT Law Reform Unit

Ms Tracy Reid has left the Unit for the Department of Foreign Affairs while Peter Quinton, Acting Deputy Law Officer, has been seconded to manage Human Rights and Community Law for a number of months. During his absence, Kate Waterhouse is in charge of the Unit.

Tasmanian Law Reform Commissioner

Ms Allison Trimble, who was previously with the Office of Parliamentary Counsel in Tasmania, has been appointed to the position of Assistant to the Tasmanian Law Reform Commissioner. Ms Trimble will fill this position during the absence of Mr Jim Connolly on extended leave overseas.

Northern Territory Law Reform Committee

The Committee amended its Constitution last year. As a result, the Northern Territory's Ombudsman, Mr Ian Knight, has joined the Committee. In accordance with the NT Government's policy of non-discriminatory language Justice Dean Mildren is no longer Chairman; he is President of the Committee.

The member nominated by the NT Police Force is Superintendent Rob Jobson.

Ms Joanne Hoffman, a member of the Darwin Community Legal Service, resigned from the Committee in May this year. She is replaced by Mr Graham Jefferson, another member of the DCLS.

Ms Jenny Hardy, the nominee of the Solicitor-General of the Northern Territory, resigned from the Committee in June this year to take up a hardship post in Kirabati where she is working with Australian Volunteers Abroad in a legal capacity.