

## PERSONALIA

### Administrative Review Council

Since the last issue of *Admin Review*, there has been one resignation from membership of the Council and no new appointments.

Greg Wood, formerly a Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, resigned from the Council in April. Mr Wood took up an appointment as Australian High Commissioner to Ottawa in May.

### Administrative Appeals Tribunal

#### *Reappointments:*

Dr Paul Gerber, Deputy President (part-time) – for 12 months from 1 January 1997

Mr Bruce Barbour, Senior Member (full-time) – for 5 years from 22 August 1996

From 6 March 1997:

Mr Alf Argent, Member (part-time) – for 2 years

Mr David Coffey, Member (part-time) – for 3 months

Associate Professor Bruce Davis, Member (part-time) – to age 70

Sister Margaret McGovern, Member (part-time) – for 5 years

Mr Ian Way, Member (part-time) – to age 70

#### *Resignations:*

Ms Joanna Kowalski, Member

#### *Resignation of AAT Registrar*

The resignation of the Registrar of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, David Schulz, was announced. Mr Schulz left the Tribunal in mid April to take up the position of Executive Director of the justice administration program in the Queensland Department of Justice. The justice administration program covers the Queensland Supreme, Appeals, District and Magistrates Courts and the Alternate Dispute Resolution program.

Mr Schulz has had many years of distinguished service in Commonwealth tribunals. He was responsible for ensuring the smooth transition

of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to self administration following passage of the *Courts and Tribunals Administration Amendment Act 1989* and was appointed as the first holder of the new statutory office of Registrar.

At the beginning of 1994 Mr Schulz also became the first Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal. That Tribunal operated initially from Administrative Appeals Tribunal premises while Mr Schulz worked to establish it as a separate organisation. His contribution meant that the Tribunal was able to commence operations several days after the *Native Title Act 1993* was passed by the Parliament and that most of the Tribunal's operational structures were established by the time the new President and Registrar were appointed several months later.

Mr Schulz was also Registrar of the Security Appeals Tribunal which was amalgamated with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 1996.

### New Principal Member for Veterans' Review Board

On 7 April 1997, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, announced the appointment of Brigadier Bill Rolfe (Rtd) as Principal Member of the Veterans' Review Board. Brigadier Rolfe took up his two year appointment immediately.

At the time of his appointment, Brigadier Rolfe was working in the Attorney-General's Department. He was previously Director-General of Defence Legal Services from 1990 to 1992.

Brigadier Rolfe graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1968 and served in Vietnam where he was seriously wounded in 1970, suffering the loss of both legs. He has a law degree from the Australian National University and is a graduate of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's School.

The function of the Veterans' Review Board is to hear and determine appeals against decisions by the Repatriation Commission and the as

assessment of the rate of pension payable to veterans and their dependants.

### **New Privacy Commissioner**

On 23 December 1996 the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Hon. Daryl Williams AM QC MP, announced the appointment of Moira Scollay as the new Federal Privacy Commissioner.

Ms Scollay's appointment commenced in February 1997 and is for a term of 5 years. Ms Scollay replaces Mr Kevin O'Connor who was appointed as the first Privacy Commissioner in 1989 and whose term as Privacy Commissioner expired at the end of December 1996.

Ms Scollay has held a number of positions in academic institutions and the federal public sector, including the Public Service Board, the Department of Industrial Relations, the Australian Taxation Office and the Child Support Agency, most recently as Second Commissioner of Taxation and Deputy Registrar of the Child Support Agency.

### **Re-Appointment of President of National Native Title Tribunal**

On 17 April 1997, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, the Hon. Daryl Williams AM QC MP, announced the re-appointment of the Honourable Justice Robert French as President of the National Native Title Tribunal until 31 December 1997.

Justice French has been President of the Tribunal since 2 May 1994. His appointment was due to expire on 1 May 1997. The Attorney-General said that Justice French had "indicated that he would return to the Bench when the three-year term expired but he has agreed to accept re-appointment while a successor is found".

### **New President for IPAA**

Michael Keating was elected President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia at

the Institute's Annual General Meeting which was held in Melbourne at the end of November 1996. Mr Keating replaces Elizabeth Proust who served for 2 years as National President of IPAA.

Mr Keating currently holds positions in the Economics department at the Australian National University, the Faculty of Commerce and Administration at Griffith University, the ANU Council and the Australia Post Board. He was Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1991 to 1996.

### **New Executive Director for AIJA**

The Australian Institute of Judicial Administration Inc has announced the appointment of Greg Reinhardt as its new Executive Director. Mr Reinhardt was formerly a senior lecturer in the Law School at the University of Melbourne and has practised widely in the area of commercial litigation. His research interests include civil procedure and the court process and he is currently a Member and Academic Secretary of the Victorian Attorney-General's Law Reform Advisory Council.

As Executive Director, Mr Reinhardt is appointed as a Professorial Associate in the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne. Professor Reinhardt replaces Peter Sallmann as Executive Director of the AIJA.

### **Victoria's First Legal Ombudsman**

The office of the first Legal Ombudsman in Victoria was officially opened on 6 February 1997. The Legal Ombudsman, Marg O'Donnell, was formerly director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Division in the Queensland Department of Justice. Ms O'Donnell has been appointed for a 7 year term.

Other new bodies created by the Victorian Legal Practice Act, which commenced on 1 January 1997, are the Legal Practice Board, chaired by Ken Marks QC, and the Legal Profession Tribunal, chaired by Richard Fullagher QC.