

# Justice Evatt to deliver first memorial lecture

The Honourable Justice Elizabeth Evatt AO, President of the Law Reform Commission of Australia, will deliver the inaugural Alicia Johnson Memorial Lecture next month.

Justice Evatt's address will be *Protecting Children's Rights: Implications for Australia of the International Convention*.

The lecture is sponsored by Women's Advisory Council and will be held on the 9th floor of NT House in Darwin on Friday 11 October at 6pm.

Alicia Johnson died earlier this year. She grew up in Melbourne and graduated from Monash University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Law/Economics.

She was admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 1988.

She began working with the Australian Legal Aid Office in 1988 and resigned after accepting a Lecturer's position at the NT University Law School early in the year.

Alicia Johnson was committed to social justice. She was a member of the NT Domestic Violence Task Force, the NT Law Reform Committee and the Family Planning Association.

She worked tirelessly for disadvantaged youth and women who had experienced violence and sexual assault. There is a small park in the Bees Creek area called *Alicia's Park*.

It was dedicated to her by the "long grass" people, another group she regularly assisted.

The Womens Advisory Council has issued an open invitation to interested people to attend the lecture.

## 1991-92 Law Society Council: results of last month's AGM

The Society's annual general meeting was held at the Hotel Darwin Convention Centre on Friday 30 August. The following office bearers were elected at that time:

President: John Stirk (McBride & Stirk); Vice-President: Terry Gardner (Australian Government Solicitor's Office); Secretary: Neville Henwood (Cridlands); Treasurer: Brian Cassells (William Forster Chambers); Alice Springs Representative: Max Horton (Martin & Partners); Councillors: David Farquhar (Cridlands), Judith Kelly (Philip & Mitaros), Richard Coates (Legal Aid Commission), David Alderman (Ward Keller), Leanne Robertson (Department of Law), Diana Elliot (Waters James McCormack).

Portfolio responsibilities have been allocated (and in some cases accepted with considerable reluctance).

Please note that portfolio responsibilities are essentially the pivotal role

of sub-committees and needn't necessarily be a member of Council.

They are:

Ethics/Legal Practitioners Act: Terry Gardner; Criminal Law: Geoff Barbaro (William Forster Chambers); Courts/Litigation/Federal Law: Richard Coates; Professional Indemnity Insurance: David Alderman; Continuing Legal Education/Professional Conduct Rules Amendments: Leanne Robertson; Business Law/Public Purposes Trust: Neville Henwood; Legal Aid: John Stirk; Law Reform: Max Horton; Public Image/NTU: Judith Kelly; Family Law: Diana Elliott; General Practice: David Farquhar; Supreme Court Library Committee: Meredith Harrison (Dept of Law); Young Lawyers: Simon Nish (Dept of Law).

Society representatives, Admission Board: Ned Aughterson, Richard Morgan, Eileen Terrill, Kym Livesley, Neville Henwood.

## \$75,000 in recurrent funding for DCLC

The Federal Government has announced recurrent funding of \$75,000 for the Darwin Community Legal Centre (DCLC).

The Minister for Justice and Consumer Affairs, Michael Tate, informed the DCLC committee in a letter before NT federal representatives Warren Snowdon MHR and Senator Bob Collins publicly announced the funding.

Mr Tate said the level of Commonwealth funding is reviewed each year, but the committee could anticipate \$75,000 per year over the next three years providing the Centre's development is satisfactory.

The Centre is now in a position to consider a full-time staff member and a telephone facility.

The DCLC received a \$20,000 grant from the Public Purposes Trust which will be used to purchase capital equipment.

It is anticipated the Centre will move into the old Supreme Court building later this year.

The DCLC committee will then decide whether the city, Casuarina or Palmerston is the best location for its operations.

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