

High Court costs increased 2.92%

The High Court has amended the Second Schedule of its Rules, allowing for an increase in the scale of costs for all work and services performed after 23 February.

An explanatory statement issued by the High Court said the Federal Costs Advisory Committee, in its report to the Justices of the Court, recommended an increase of 2.92 per cent to solicitors' costs as set out in the Second Schedule.

The Law Council said it can be anticipated that an identical percentage increase will be observed by other courts with federal jurisdiction.

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Rehab scheme for young offenders

Ending Offending is a new skills training course being offered at Amity House for clients with alcohol related offending behaviour.

It is based on a Scottish alcohol education course which was designed to assist in the modification of alcohol related offending behaviour among young people.

This is achieved by developing positive attitudes toward responsible drinking, education about alcohol related problems and the skills necessary to prevent re-offending behaviour.

These skills include self monitoring and assessment; decision making and problem solving; awareness of positive and negative role models; dealing with peer pressure; emotive, cognitive and behavioural strategies.

The criteria for inclusion in the course is that the person must be in the 17-29 age group, be presenting for the second or subsequent alcohol related offence (not drink driving offenders because specific courses are being designed for that purpose), show no physical or psychological alcohol re-

lated brain damage, have no significant psychiatric disorder, be willing to enter a contractual agreement and abide by attendance requirements.

The referral process via the legal/judicial system will require two court appearances.

Following that, the person attends court where the case is adjourned for two weeks and the person ordered to Amity House for assessment of their suitability for the course.

An assessment is provided to the court where, if the circumstances are appropriate and the person willing, sentence is passed and the client is ordered to attend the course under the supervision of the Director of Amity House as a condition of a bond.

Ideally, the bond should be six months to allow for progress assessment.

Clients are required to sign a contract of attendance and participation.

If they fail to meet the conditions the appropriate authorities are notified of the breach of bond.

-- by Julie Frost of Amity House. For further information telephone 818030 or fax 818456.

Businesswoman of the year award

The Northern Territory Business Woman of the Year award will again be presented in 1992.

The award is seen by the business community as recognition of the contribution of women to the development of the Territory.

This year's awards specifically provide for an award for high achievers in the public sector as well as the private sector.

Nominations close on 17 April.

Nominees must have lived in the NT for three years and must submit a detailed resume.

Criteria for the private sector are: the

nominee must have been established in business for at least three years in the NT, must be able to supply details of the financial viability of the business, must demonstrate commitment to the development of their business and have set and achieved corporate goals.

Public sector criteria are: the nominee must be a CEO or EO Level 1-3 (NT government) or an SOS grade A, B or C or SES band 1, 2 or 3 (Commonwealth) and be able to provide a history of career advancement.

Further information from Penny MacDonald, telephone 275440.