

Networking in the Territory

As part of a joint initiative between Commonwealth, State and Territory governments, businesses throughout the Northern Territory are being encouraged to 'network' and help boost the Territory's economy.

The \$25 million AusIndustry Business Networks Program was launched in Darwin last month by Federal Member for the Northern Territory, Mr Warren Snowden and the NT Trade Minister, Mr Eric Poole. The program is aimed specifically at small to medium sized enterprises (SME's) and businesses in regional communities which represent a high proportion of local income generation and jobs, but often lack the infrastructure to compete alone.

Through the program, businesses are being encouraged to form networks to co-cooperate in areas such as exporting, research and development and marketing. Financial assistance of up to \$108,000 for each network is available, along with the services of a trained broker. For further details of the program, contact Des Masters on 08 300 1500.

5 Day Advocacy Workshop

The Australian Advocacy Institute will present a five day intensive advocacy skills workshop at the Supreme Court in Melbourne from 21-25 January 1995.

Over a five day period participants will immerse themselves in preparing and presenting various components of the trial process in small workshops.

Demonstrations, lectures and group discussions will augment workshop sessions.

For further information contact Anne Craig, Tel: (06) 249 7600, (Fax) 06 248 0639.

Consumer Credit Code - Survey

A new National Consumer Credit Code will be introduced Australia-wide early in 1996 and your assistance is needed to ensure consumers understand the legislation involved.

The NT Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading, who will be responsible for implementing the code in the Territory, are currently surveying the educational resources used by credit providers, industry groups, financial counsellors and others.

Collecting such information will ensure that Consumer Affairs agencies develop education products that assist you and your clients in understanding the provisions of the new Code.

The National Consumer Education Advisory Committee have developed a form on which to 'stock-take' current education needs.

If you would like to assist in this process, survey forms are available from the Law Society. Alternatively, for more information contact Jackie Halsey, Education Officer at the Office of Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading on (089) 996141.

Winter School: Call for Papers

The organisers of *Drugs-Policies, Programs and People*, the annual "Winter School in the Sun" conference in Brisbane, are calling for expressions of interest from practitioners wishing to run a workshop or seminar at the conference.

"Winter School in the Sun" is a project of the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and is recognised as the premier conference on alcohol and other drugs for the Asia Pacific Region. The ninth annual Winter School will be held at the Brisbane City Travelodge from July 1-4 1996.

For a list of suggested areas for workshops or for information on registration details, contact the Alcohol Drug Foundation, Queensland Tel: (07) 3832 3798 Fax: (07) 3832 2527.



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Facsimile machine with broadcast facilities

Due to a recent upgrade of its facsimile requirements The Law Society of the Northern Territory has for sale a Pitney Bowes Model No 9200F facsimile machine with a Pitney Bowes 9200LP plain paper laser printer.

This unit is in full working order and is approximately three years old. It has memory facility for 99 facsimile numbers and also 24 grouped broadcast numbers. Manuals are included. Please contact The Law Society for further details on 81 5104.