

From the Profession

Win a Lawyer's Survival Pack

Law Society members have the chance to win \$2450 in prizes in a Law Council of Australia membership drive which closes on 12 September.

All new members who join a Law Council Section – Criminal Law, Family Law, General Practice, Federal Litigation, Business Law or International Law – before this date, and existing financial members who introduce a new Section member before 12 September, will go into a draw to win a "Lawyer's Survival Pack" which includes:

- a *Microsoft* software package, valued at almost \$1300 (*Microsoft Office*, *Microsoft Powerpoint*, *Microsoft Encarta* and *Microsoft Wine Guide*)
- a *Shaeffer* 1030 Laque Ballpen and a *Lefax* Westminster Personal Organiser worth \$650
- a mixed dozen of quality red wine from Jim Murphy's Market Cellars, Canberra, valued at \$300 (not available as a lottery prize in the Northern Territory due to NT law)
- a CCH book voucher to the value of \$200

For further details about the membership drive and how to enter the draw, see the flyer enclosed in the July and August editions of *Australian Lawyer* or contact Christene Jackson at the Law Council secretariat on (06) 247 3788.

Remember, if you are an existing financial member and are nominating a new member, please ensure your name is entered on the application form for the new member.

Section membership is open to all practising lawyers who are members of their State or Territory legal organisation

Berlin – A Chance to Win

The International Bar Council, of which the Law Council of Australia is a member, is holding its twenty-sixth biennial conference in Berlin, Germany, from October 20-25.

By requesting a copy of the 72-page Berlin Preliminary Program, lawyers in Australia will be automatically entered into a prize draw for one of six IBM *VoiceType* dictation systems, which comes with a 25,000 word vocabulary for legal dictation designed for corporate and private practice lawyers.

The Berlin Conference will feature a "Plenary Session on "Freedom of Expression – Privacy vs Freedom of the Press" and separate working programs covering a plethora of topics on business law, general practice, energy and natural resources law and many other areas. There will also be a special program for guests.

Requests for the Preliminary Program must arrive at the IBA in London by September 1 to qualify for entry into the draw. Contact the International Bar Association, 271 Regent St, London W1R 7PA, England. Fax: +44 (0) 171 409 056; telephone: +44 (0) 171 629 1206.

New Law Council Public Affairs Officer

Mr Brian Hill has taken over from Melissa McKerihan as the Public Officer for the Law Council of Australia.

Mr Hill's background is in daily journalism on *The Age* and *The Australian* and in public relations. He has worked as ministerial adviser at both Federal and State levels.

Law Society of WA: Winter Conference in Darwin

"2005: Adapting to Change – Competition and Service" is the theme of the Law Society of WA's conference to be held in Darwin from Thursday 19 September to Tuesday 24 September 1995.

The venue for the conference will be the Plaza Hotel. Darwin members of the profession are cordially invited to participate in the conference and Law Society of the NT President, Terry Gardner and Immediate Past President, Neville Henwood are among those listed on the program to participate.

Copies of the brochure will be distributed to firms and offices and further copies of this are available from Ms Judy Jones at the Law Society of WA, tel: 09 221 3222.

ALRC Online

The Australian Law Reform Commission announces that it has recently established a home page on the Internet at: <http://uniserve.edu.au/alrc>.

The site will be developed as a location for access to the Commission's publications and other law reform sources as well as providing a site to contribute to and keep in touch with current Commission inquiries.

The home page currently provides access to the five most recent reports from the Commission with the remainder, dating back to 1989 to be added.

In addition the home page provides links to a number of Australian and international law reform sources. Links with other legal databases can be accessed through the Commission's Internet site.

The ALRC encourages e-mail feedback on its current issues paper on children and the legal process *Speaking for Ourselves*. The e-mail address is info@alrc.gov.au

