

Women Lawyers Association

President's Column

Alex Richards Visit

The President of Australian Women Lawyers, Alex Richards, will be opening the Legal Year for 1999 - we are pleased that she will be arriving in Darwin a few days early and we will arrange an opportunity for members to meet with her on a more informal basis. We would also like to arrange a joint event with another association. She will travel to Alice Springs for the opening events on 3 February. Alex Richards practices at the Melbourne Bar and specialises in taxation law. She also undertakes commercial, administrative and discrimination matters.

Trials Through Time - Law Week May 1999

Following last years success there will be a second 'Trials Through Time' performed by NT Women Lawyers. Anyone wanting to take part should let the Committee know. We will be performing new trials so any suggestions would be very welcome. We need script writers, actors, backstage and front of house volunteers.

Work Practices Survey

Northern Territory Women Lawyers are proposing to survey legal practices and legal practitioners throughout the Territory in 1999.

The survey would relate to issues of work practices, policies and options in all sectors of the legal profession in the NT. The survey would be confidential. The issues the subject of the proposed survey impact on both male and female members of the legal profession.

The aim of the survey is twofold. First, to ascertain current work practices in the legal profession. Secondly, to promote a culture of awareness with respect to issues such as job sharing and part time work. Barbara Tiffin and Margaret Orwin from our Committee are taking the lead in the project. We anticipate a summary of the findings would be published in Balance and should funding be obtained we would consider publishing a report.

Incorporation and Contact details

NTWLA is now incorporated. Margaret Orwin is the Public Officer. The postal address is :
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WLA Executive and Committee Members are :

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In Alice Springs Traci Keyes is our contact person (phone 8952 1391)

Membership

Please contact one of the Committee if you wish to become a financial member of WLA. We want to be representative of the legal profession in the NT and your participation is important. We especially encourage members from Katherine and Alice Springs (and indeed any other locations in the NT)

Our thanks to Jim Campbell for his assistance as Executive Director of the Law Society. We wish him all the best in his new endeavours. We also take this opportunity of wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Melanie Little
President

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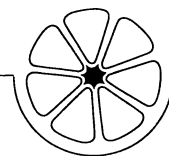
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