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Introducing the Law Society's new Council

Welcome to the new Council year

Welcome to the beginning of a new Council year. Firstly I would like to welcome the new members of Council, Allison Robertson, Jacqueline Presbury, Kate Hughes, Rhona Millar, Jodi Mather, Sam Salmon and Jack Lewis. I would also like to thank those Councillors who have stood for another term, Glen Dooley, Tony Whitelum, Markus Spazzapan and Matthew Storey, I am sure they will continue to provide a valuable contribution to the Council. A special thank you to retiring members of Council, Michael Grove, Nardine Collier, Tony Young, Jenny Hardy, Margaret Orwin and Danielle Howard and Christopher Booth.

As stated in my report at the AGM, I expect this will be another very busy year for the Council. Due to the expected workload, it is proposed that in addition to Council members, members of the profession who have expertise or a special interest in a topical area of law will be co-opted to assist the Council.

The Law Society Council held its Strategic Planning Meeting on 30 October 2004. At this meeting the Council finalised the committees, priorities and plans of the Law Society for the coming year. These can be revisited at any stage.

The committees are: Complaints Procedures; Admissions and CDU; Professional Indemnity Insurance; Information Brochures; Tort Law Reform; Continuing Legal Education; Alternative Income Sources; Investment of Funds; Legal Aid/ Pro Bono; Costs; Criminal Law; Family Law; and Commercial Law (report on page 6).

In other news, Barbara Bradshaw and I had one of our regular meetings with the Attorney-General on 22

September 2004. I also attended the Attorney-General's function in honour of Steve Southwood QC's appointment as President of Law Council of Australia on 6 October 2004 (photos page 14). And, of course, we had the AGM on 13 October 2004 (report page 6).

On 14 October 2004 I attended the Life After LLB career seminar at Charles Darwin University, which was organised by Meredith Day, with the Law Society's assistance. I sat on a panel with other members of the legal fraternity including Ian Morris (Hunt & Hunt), Georgia McMaster (Associate to Thomas J), Greg McDonald (DOJ), Helen Finlay (DOJ), Anthony Bevan (ASIC), Earl Johnson (DCLS), Carl Black (Cridlands) and Fleur Bagshaw (graduate clerk at Cridlands).

The seminar provided an opportunity for law students and recent LLB graduates to listen to various members of the legal profession and to discuss career options and the variety of jobs available within the legal profession. Speakers were



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available afterwards for informal discussions about job opportunities.

The seminar also included presentations from Meredith Day (CDU), Carolyn Walter (Ward Kellar), Barbara Bradshaw (LSNT), Peter Tiffin (NAALAS), Debra Hepburn (NTLAC) and guest speakers with tips on resume and job interview techniques.

The seminar was followed by drinks which gave the students the opportunity to network with members from the local profession. The afternoon went well and it is something that the Law Society would like to continue to be involved with.

I look forward to this new Council year as President and, as before, if anyone has anything they wish to raise they are most welcome to contact me, either at the De Silva Hebron office or via the Law Society Secretariat.①



PRACTITIONER

News & views from the LSNT Secretariat

The Practitioner is the Law Society's weekly e-mail newsletter, which provides members with an update on the Law Society's activities. There is news, submissions, calls for comments and details of upcoming functions and events.

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