

# Understanding the law

FOR THE FIRST time, in New South Wales, a week is to be designated as Law Week. It will be from 18-22 April, with April 22 the National Law Day. Law Week has been successfully established in the USA since 1958, and Victoria began holding a Law Week in 1980.

The purpose of Law Week is to bring about a better understanding by members of the public of law and its role in society.

The theme selected is 'The law is for you' and eight specific kinds of problems have been chosen for special emphasis – confronting the legal system, being arrested, a car accident, the breathalyser, matrimonial crises, death in the family, no will, children in trouble. These headings cover some of the more frequent – and traumatic – encounters with the law and knowing one's rights is not only an important advantage, but may also affect the outcome.

With this intention in mind, activities of Law Week are planned to increase public understanding of the legal system, how it works and how it might be improved.

The organisers of NSW Law Week hope that librarians throughout the State will participate with displays relevant to the week. For more information, contact Jenny Bollen (02) 232 2511.

# Conference on drugs

BRISBANE WILL be host to an important national conference from 19-21 May, 1983. Three organizations active in the field of addiction are cooperatively developing 'Innovations – a National Drug Institute', to provide an important venue for sharing learning and critical debate around issues and programs at the cutting edge of development in the alcohol and other drugs field.

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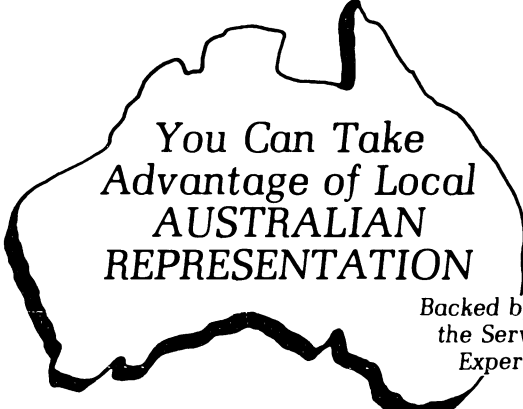
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