

SOCIETY NEWS

NEWSLETTER

Editor:
Elizabeth Broderick

**Consultant to the
Editor:**
Helen Douglas

**Layout
& Design:**
Deanne Braz

Cartoonist:
Stephen Arigho

C/- Blake Dawson Waldron
Solicitors
Grosvenor Place
225 George Street
SYDNEY 2000

**Subscriptions: \$21.00 per 3
issues.**

**Advertisements: Inserts
\$125.00; within the
newsletter, rates by
negotiation.**

**Newsletter contents may
be reproduced if the source
is acknowledged.**

NEW SOUTH WALES SOCIETY

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held on 7 February 1990, followed by the inaugural society meeting to discuss the ramifications of the decision in *Autodesk Inc & Anor v Dyason & Ors* (1989) AIPC 90-589.

Extracts from the President's Report are included on page 11.

Extracts from the Treasurer's Reports are included in this newsletter at pages 12-15. It has been resolved to increase membership fees for 1990 to levels shown on the renewal form. The 1990 office bearers are Richard Davis (President), Katrina Henty (Vice-President), Connie Carnabuci (Secretary), Les Lawrence (Treasurer). Committee members are Philip Argy, Stephen Blanks, Elizabeth Broderick, Gigi Cheah, Jim FitzSimons, Louise Herron, Robert Johnston, David Lewis, Simon Lewis, Andrew McBurnie, Ross McLean, Carl Middlehurst, Jane Rawlings, Mary-Jane

Salier, David Standen, Michael Saunders and Brendan Welsh.

At the next Committee meeting on 28 February, the remaining office bearing positions will be filled. We will bring you details in our next edition.

The Autodesk discussion, chaired by John McPhail, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, with papers from James FitzSimons, Abbott Tout Russell Kennedy and Brendan Welsh, Baker and McKenzie, generated widespread interest with approximately forty attendees. The appeal in the matter will be heard on 13 March. We will provide a detailed commentary on the central issues in the case in the next edition of the newsletter.

An exciting program is planned for the 1990 monthly meetings, including papers on control access to computer systems, product liability, draft accounting standards for valuing intellectual property, imaging technology, advanced litigation support, computer

generated evidence update, trade marks and distribution contracts, computer piracy, and integrating technology systems.

We list details of several international conferences on page 28.

NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY

The Society would like to thank all speakers and members for their support during the past year and wish them a Happy New Year.

The Society held a successful seminar on Tax Issues in Computers in October. An extract of the seminar paper is included in this issue of the newsletter. A talk on CD-Rom Technology and its possibilities for the legal profession was held in December. A demonstration of CD-ROM/WORM equipment is planned for later this year.

The Copyright Law Reform Seminar planned for November last year was postponed till later this year.

On 28 March, the New Zealand Society will be holding an AGM at the Law Society Building, Level 3 at 1.00 pm. All members are welcome.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

The Western Australian Society for Computers and the Law Inc. has an exciting program planned for 1990. Their "Laptops for Lawyers" seminar was very well received (see page 24), and their forthcoming program is very comprehensive. Details are listed below.

APRIL – Litigation Support Seminar

A litigation support seminar directed at the legal profession in Perth is planned for early April 1990. A presenter will demonstrate various computer based tools to aid the litigation process. A judge, a barrister, and a solicitor will speak briefly about their experiences using litigation support packages.

Follow Up Workshop

A follow up workshop giving lawyers hands on experience with litigation support packages is planned for two or three weeks after the April seminar.

JUNE – JULY

A further series of seminars introducing lawyers to computers will be held in June or July.

SEPTEMBER – Seminar on New Intellectual Property Law

A seminar directed at the new Commonwealth intellectual property legislation is planned for some time in September.

LATE 1990 – Computer Exhibition

A computer exhibition may be held late in 1990 to show lawyers what legal software and hardware is currently available.

Details

Details of the above activities will be circulated, or contact the Secretary, Michael Paterson, GPO Box U1910 Perth WA 6001.

(Computers & Tax continued...)

non-resident purchaser should ensure that the supply is zero-rated (i.e. charged at 0%) rather than charged at the standard rate of GST (12 1/2%).

All goods imported into New Zealand are subject to GST at a rate of 12 1/2%. A registered purchaser will, however, claim a refund by way of an input credit. The value of goods for the calculation of GST on importation is the sum of the following: