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SYDNEY

Next Meeting: 5.30 - 7.00 p.m., Wednesday, 29 August, 1984.
Conference Room, Australian Law Reform Commission,
Level 7, 99 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Guest Speaker: Pam Ditton from Central Australian Aboriginal
Legal Aid Service, Alice Springs, will talk on
recent developments in the Centre.

Any member of the Advisory Council "network" is welcome to attend meetings.

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ABORIGINAL LAW BULLETIN

Issue No. 11 did not appear in June but will appear in August. There have been production problems because of overload on the editor, Neil Rees. A couple of volunteers have offered to assist with editorial work. But the best prospect for the future of the A.L.B. derives from news that D.A.A. proposes to fund production costs and an editorial assistant.

Issue No. 12 is scheduled for October - deadline mid-September.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Garth Nettheim visited Adelaide for several days in July. He reports:

"The visit was useful for several reasons:

- (i) I was able to establish or maintain direct contact between ALRU and a number of excellent people;
- (ii) I had useful discussions about field officer training with the Director and Administrator of the Aboriginal Land Rights Movement and the Acting Regional Director of DAA;
- (iii) I arranged for a local co-principal for proposed research on land rights law in South Australia;
- (iv) I developed collaboration with Dr. Heather McRae who is teaching Aborigines and the Law at the Law School;
- (v) In conjunction with Heather McRae and James Crawford, I helped to lay the groundwork for an Aboriginal Law and Policy Interest Group in South Australia."

GERHARDY v. BROWN

This case (discussed in 9 Aboriginal Law Bulletin (October, 1983), 1-3) is listed for hearing before the High Court of Australia in Adelaide, 20 August, 1984.

CORRESPONDENCE

with	Pam Ditton, CAALAS, Alice Springs, about criminal law research, etc.
with	George Allen & Unwin, about book <u>Aborigines and the Law</u> .
from	Greg McIntyre, Cairns, about Queensland legal services, field officer training, and current cases (including <u>Koowarta</u> and <u>Mabo</u>).
with	Brad Morse, Ottawa, Canada, about publications, and other material.
from	Richard Bartlett, University of Saskatchewan, about comparative land rights research.
from	Donald J. Purich, Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, with 1983 Directors Report and list of Centre publications, and offering exchange of publications.
with	K. Osborn, Legal Training Institute, Port Moresby, PNG, about ALRU, its publications, and customary law.
from	Associate Professor Cooray, Macquarie University, about customary law.
with	Paul Latimer, Monash University, and J. Clark, AMPLA (Vic), about address by David Bennett Q.C. on The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage (Interim Protection) Act, 1984 (Cth.).

CORRESPONDENCE (contd.)

with James Crawford, Garry Hiskey, Andrew Collett and others about
South Australian research and other activity.
with Graeme Neate and Marian Podobnik about N.T. Land Rights Law study.
with Stuart McGill, New York, various matters.
from J. P. Harkins, Canberra, acknowledging field officer training
material.

REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

J. E. Chamberlin, "Sovereignty", paper prepared for the Alaska Native Review Commission.

J. E. Chamberlin "Letter from Canada", reprint from The Hudson Review, Vol. XXXV, No. 1 (Spring, 1982).

J. E. Chamberlin, "Homeland and Frontier", reprint from Queen's Quarterly 89/2 (Summer 1982).

Canada, Bill C-47, to amend the Indian Act so as to end sex discrimination; also Ministerial news release.

Canada, In Print, Current publications of interest from Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada - three catalogues (January, 1984).

The Porter Report, June, 1984, newsletter from Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

NEW BOOKS

P. Hanks and B. Keon-Cohen (eds), Aborigines and the Law will be available at the end of August. Details were set out in Aboriginal Law Notes No. 84/2, March, 1984. Copies will be available in bookshops or by mail @ \$14.95 from George Allen and Unwin, P.O. Box 764, North Sydney, 2060.

CONFERENCES

Thursday, 30 August, Symposium "The Anthropologist as Expert Witness", at the annual meeting of the Australian Anthropological Society, University of Sydney. Speakers to include Jeffrey Sher Q.C.; Associate Professor Ken Maddock; Graeme Neate.

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