

PERSONALIA

Administrative Review Council

Since the last issue of *Admin Review*, there has been one resignation from membership of the Council and no new appointments.

Greg Wood, formerly a Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, resigned from the Council in April. Mr Wood took up an appointment as Australian High Commissioner to Ottawa in May.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Reappointments:

Dr Paul Gerber, Deputy President (part-time) – for 12 months from 1 January 1997

Mr Bruce Barbour, Senior Member (full-time) – for 5 years from 22 August 1996

From 6 March 1997:

Mr Alf Argent, Member (part-time) – for 2 years

Mr David Coffey, Member (part-time) – for 3 months

Associate Professor Bruce Davis, Member (part-time) – to age 70

Sister Margaret McGovern, Member (part-time) – for 5 years

Mr Ian Way, Member (part-time) – to age 70

Resignations:

Ms Joanna Kowalski, Member

Resignation of AAT Registrar

The resignation of the Registrar of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, David Schulz, was announced. Mr Schulz left the Tribunal in mid April to take up the position of Executive Director of the justice administration program in the Queensland Department of Justice. The justice administration program covers the Queensland Supreme, Appeals, District and Magistrates Courts and the Alternate Dispute Resolution program.

Mr Schulz has had many years of distinguished service in Commonwealth tribunals. He was responsible for ensuring the smooth transition

of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal to self administration following passage of the *Courts and Tribunals Administration Amendment Act 1989* and was appointed as the first holder of the new statutory office of Registrar.

At the beginning of 1994 Mr Schulz also became the first Registrar of the National Native Title Tribunal. That Tribunal operated initially from Administrative Appeals Tribunal premises while Mr Schulz worked to establish it as a separate organisation. His contribution meant that the Tribunal was able to commence operations several days after the *Native Title Act 1993* was passed by the Parliament and that most of the Tribunal's operational structures were established by the time the new President and Registrar were appointed several months later.

Mr Schulz was also Registrar of the Security Appeals Tribunal which was amalgamated with the Administrative Appeals Tribunal in 1996.

New Principal Member for Veterans' Review Board

On 7 April 1997, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Bruce Scott MP, announced the appointment of Brigadier Bill Rolfe (Rtd) as Principal Member of the Veterans' Review Board. Brigadier Rolfe took up his two year appointment immediately.

At the time of his appointment, Brigadier Rolfe was working in the Attorney-General's Department. He was previously Director-General of Defence Legal Services from 1990 to 1992.

Brigadier Rolfe graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, in 1968 and served in Vietnam where he was seriously wounded in 1970, suffering the loss of both legs. He has a law degree from the Australian National University and is a graduate of the United States Army Judge Advocate General's School.

The function of the Veterans' Review Board is to hear and determine appeals against decisions by the Repatriation Commission and the as