



NOTICES

CONSTITUTIONAL AWARENESS WEEK

The Constitutional Centenary Foundation has been established to support education and encourage public discussion about the Australian constitutional system during the decade leading up to the centenary of the Australian Constitution in the Year 2001.

As part of its aim to improve awareness, the week of 25-30 March 1996 has been designated *Constitutional Awareness Week*. During this week activities will include: official opening and citizenship ceremony (where the Governor of Victoria will officiate), debates, displays and other promotional events. A book reviewing citizenship in modern-day Australia, with chapters contributed by a number of leading authorities, is also to be published.

LEGAL RIGHTS OF LESBIAN AND GAY COUPLES

The Community Issues Committee of the Young Lawyers' section of the Law Institute of Victoria is seeking comments on the format and contents of a draft pamphlet it has produced dealing with the legal rights of lesbian and gay couples. The pamphlet aims to give an overview of a number of legal issues which affect lesbian and gay couples and to provide helpful information about referral services and available legal resources.

Copies of the pamphlet can be obtained from Rosanna Stefanetti at the LIV (tel 03 9607 9385 and fax 03 9607 9558). The Committee's deadline for comments is 5 February 1996.

LAW FOUNDATION SERVICE ON INTERNET

The Law Foundation of New South Wales has launched an ambitious program to establish the world's first national legal database on the Internet. Foundation Law will make available on the Internet the full text of Commonwealth, State and Territory legislation and regulations; and decisions of the High Court, Federal Courts and Tribunals, State Supreme Courts, and other State courts.

Foundation Law has been endorsed by the Bar Association of NSW, the

Law Society of NSW and the NSW Attorney-General's Department and has been developed with the co-operation and assistance of the Australasian Legal Information Institute.

For more information go to the Law Foundation's homepage:
<http://www.fl.asn.au>
or tel 02 299 5621 for a brochure.

PUBLICATIONS

New journal

The Arts Law Centre of Australia has published the first issue of *Artlines*, a bulletin on art and law in the digital age to be published six times a year. For information about subscribing contact:
tel 02 356 2566
fax 02 358 6475

'Bent over backwards'

The Welfare Rights Unit (Vic.) has published an independent guide to social security payments for people with disabilities, their carers and advocates. Funded and distributed by the Legal Aid Commission of Victoria (now Victoria Legal Aid), the booklet is available from VLA: tel 03 9607 0223.

Employment rights

Jobwatch has recently published a pamphlet in 15 languages on employment rights. This pamphlet is also available from VLA (see above notice).

ALRC reports

The ALRC has released two reports. One is titled: 'Who Can Sue? A Review of the Laws of Standing' which invites public comment on its proposals to reform the laws of standing (the right to be heard by a court or tribunal).

The other is titled 'Costs Shifting — Who Pays for Litigation', a report on the laws and practices that determine who pays the legal costs of court and tribunal proceedings.

For copies telephone 02 284 6333.

CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

The *Australian Journal of Law and Society* invites people to submit articles, comments or reviews of law journals on such issues as: what is their

philosophy, why do they exist, what do they do, why are they so specialised, does anybody read them, do they make any difference, do they have a future and why are some of them so bad?

Please send contributions by 30 January 1996 to:

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CONFERENCES

Windows on the World

Date: 22-24 July 1996
Venue: World Congress Centre, Melbourne

The Community Development Society (CDS) invites you to attend or participate in its 28th conference.

For general conference program information:

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Sixth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women

Venue: Adelaide
Date: 22-26 April 1996

Themes include: women's studies, health and sexuality, making feminist politics, after Cairo, Copenhagen and Beijing, sustainable development, community education, indigenous peoples, cultural representation.

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