

Motions and Mentions

New Barristers' Committee

The New Barristers' Committee was again very active in 1990. One of the main projects for this year was the initiation and carrying out of highly successful cross-admissions between the Bars of Victoria and New South Wales. On 6th April, a large group of Victorian Barristers was admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and were that night entertained at a dinner in the Common Room.

A speech was made by Toomey QC, Chairman of the New Barristers' Committee, welcoming "the Mexicans" which was responded to by Gavan Rice of the Victorian Bar.

Meanwhile, all of the Victorian documentation for the New South Wales group was organised by the Committee and a group admission of thirty Barristers occurred on 7th May in Melbourne. In response to the New South Wales dinner, the Victorian Bar Council hosted a lunch for the newly admitted members.

Further group admissions were planned, but New South Wales and Victoria have both instituted a system of paper admissions so that travel to Victoria will no longer be necessary.

In addition, the Committee carried on the very successful wine tastings from last year. A total of six wine tastings have been held in the last two years and all have had large numbers attending.

Following the "Meet the Professions Night" held by the Bar Council in the Common Room on 6th August, the Committee has also established close contact with the Macquarie University Law Society and welcomes further contact in the future.

In addition to these and other activities of the Committee, all of the seven elected individuals of the Committees have sat on various Committees of the Bar Council. The Committee, however, in particular, appreciated and accepted an invitation to the Fees Committee to make submissions concerning various aspects of scale fees.

The number of elected members of the Committee was increased from four to seven this year. The appointed members were Toomey QC (Chairman), Street and Simpson. The elected members were Reuben, Lakeman, Gormly, A.J.P. Reynolds, B. Donnelly, M. Gracie and Confos. □

Free Library

The Bar Council is now able to offer free of charge, on a continuing basis, a wide range of loose parts of reporting services, journals, etc. to those members of the Bar of less than three years' standing.

The parts generally comprise complete volumes and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this scheme should register their requirements with Ross Wishart of Australasian Legal Library Services on Phone (02) 918 9416 or Fax (02) 918 0881 or DX 9041 Mona Vale.

Thanks are due to the many people who have generously donated their surplus parts. Please keep them coming - they are very much appreciated.

Hong Kong Litigation Conference 1991

The second Hong Kong Litigation Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Central, Hong Kong commencing on Sunday 17 March 1991 and ending on Friday 22 March 1991. The conference is organised jointly by Bernard Gross QC and Mr Dominic Williams, solicitor.

Papers to be presented will cover a range of topics including developments in Australian negligence law 1980-1990, occupier's liability, medical negligence litigation, commercial arbitration and conflicts of laws relating to contracts.

Speakers will include Bernard Gross QC, Antony Whitlam QC, Anthony Puckeridge QC, Glen Miller QC and Peter Semmler. It is only a coincidence that the Hong Kong rugby sevens championship is to be held on Saturday 23 March and Sunday 24 March 1991.

Information concerning the conference can be obtained from Creative Conference Management, 295 Parramatta Road, Glebe, NSW 2037. Phone (02) 692 9022 Fax (02) 660 3446. Bookings close on 31 January 1991. □

The Downing Centre Library

A library has been established at the Downing Centre complex to which access will be available to both practitioners as well as the judiciary. There are already fourteen courts for the Local Courts in the Downing Centre and an additional sixteen courts for the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court will be operating when the complex opens. Funding for the Downing Centre Library was provided, in part, by the Law Foundation of New South Wales. □

Julius Stone Scholarships

An appeal has been launched to provide funds for the Julius Stone Memorial Postgraduate Scholarships in Law. The appeal was launched during a seminar on international law convened by the Australian Branch of the International Law Association. The scholarships are to be offered by the University of New South Wales in memory of Professor Stone who spent thirteen years in the Law School of that University.

The President of the Court of Appeal, Mr Justice Kirby, spoke at the launch and paid tribute to Professor Stone. He pointed out that *Province and Function of Law* published by Professor Stone in 1946, was most forward looking, having foreseen the changes in statutory interpretation, administrative law, the secularisation of divorce law, the development of pluralism in society, with anti-discrimination legislation, new attitudes to tax avoidance and the foundation of law reform commissions. He said the real impact of Professor Stone upon the law and legal institutions in Australia was only now being felt in full measure.

The purpose of the Julius Stone scholarships is to provide for postgraduate research tenable at the University of New South Wales Law School. All may contribute to the fund which establishes the scholarships by writing to Professor Ivan Shearer, Julius Stone Memorial Committee, Law School, University of New South Wales, PO Box 1, Kensington. NSW 2033. □