

Dining-In

During the first half of this year the members of the Bar Council have several times found it necessary to hold meetings which it was assumed in advance would have to be continued after dinner. In the past, when this has happened it has been necessary for those attending to dine out. This year, however, it has been possible to arrange very pleasant and relatively inexpensive meals, with wines, in the Common Room. The experience of the Council has led it to make arrangements, during the second half of the year, for a number of dining-in nights in the Common Room for members generally.

As things stand, only about forty to fifty members can be seated and served on each occasion. It is not intended to proceed by invitation or by ballot, but to allow the first members applying to attend, though arrangements will be made for some judges and some senior members to be present on each dining-in night. It may be that after attending one such dinner, members will be asked to allow others preference for a period thereafter, depending on the success and popularity of the scheme. It is proposed to have about six dining-in nights each year to enable all those who wish to do so to dine-in at least once each year.

The menus will be simple. Drinks will be served before and during dinner. Black tie will normally not be required. It is anticipated that dinner will commence at about 7 p.m. after drinks at 6.30 p.m., and will not last later than 9 p.m. or 9.30 p.m.

Some time ago *Barwick Q.C.*, experimented with small dinners at which numbers of senior and junior members of the Bar dined together and these occasions were successful. However, no regular scheme developed. Recently when the Council was considering the details of the current Reading Scheme, a decision was made that newly-admitted members of the Bar should have opportunities to dine with Judges and other members, and it is partly to enable this to be done that the new dining-in arrangements are being made.

It is not intended to have any hard and fast rules about these occasions, but, in addition to conversation on matters of interest, opportunities will doubtless arise for limited after-dinner speaking.

Dining-in nights will also provide opportunities for the Association to entertain special guests informally during the year.

The Association's premises will be expanded during this year by the addition of a substantial part of the area at present used as parking space. It is likely that this new area will be used as the dining area and the present Common Room furnished as a Withdrawing Room and Reading Room. The Council has decided to inaugurate the dining-in scheme without awaiting the alterations necessary to convert the newly acquired area for use by the Association.

The first dining-in night will be on Friday, 25th August next. The cost has not been finally determined but is not expected to exceed 25/-.

A Dining-in Book will be kept by the Registrar and those wishing to attend on 25th August are asked to sign the Book by 21st August.

The Council asks members of the Bar to give support to this scheme which it believes can be made a useful and enjoyable part of our communal life at the Bar.

Recent Additions to the Library

- Aspinall's Maritime Cases.*
Race & Sanger—Blood Groups in Man.
Roberts—Medical Genetics.
Terrell—Patents, 10th Edn. (1961).
Kemp & Kemp—Quantum of Damages—
 Vol. I (Personal Injury) 2nd Edn (1961).
 Vol. II (Fatal Injury) 1st Edn. (1956).
Heuston—Essays in Constitutional Law—(1961).
Jubilee Lectures—Sheffield University (1960)—
 The Academic Teaching & Learning of the Law,
 Forgery and its Effects,
 The Study of Equity Today,
 The Law of Domicile in the Twentieth Century,
 Acts of Will & Responsibility.
Jackson—Biography of Hewart L.C.J.
Underhill—Law of Trusts & Trustees, 11th Edn. (1959).

Coming Events

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| July 1 | Short Vacation commences. |
| July 5 | Law Convention.
8 p.m. Opening Ceremony — Sydney Town Hall. |
| July 6 | 9 a.m. Religious Services—St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Cathedrals.
10.15 a.m. Paper—Learning the law —State Conservatorium of Music.
2 p.m. Seminars—
—Problems of Strata Tiles—Stawell Hall.
—Company Take-overs — Robert H. Todd Memorial Hall. |
| July 7 | 10 a.m. Paper—Speedier Justice—Conservatorium.
2 p.m. Seminars—
—Office Management — Stawell Hall.
—Family arrangements and the Revenue Laws — Robert H. Todd Memorial Hall. |
| July 8 | 9.45 a.m. — Religious Service — Great Synagogue. |
| July 10 | 10 a.m.—Paper—Imputed Intent in Murder—Conservatorium. |
| July 11 | 10 a.m.—Paper—The Separation of Powers in Australian Federation—Conservatorium.
Afternoon Closing proceedings—Conservatorium.
7.30 p.m. Convention Dinner—David Jones Ltd. |
| July 21 | Golf—Bench and Bar v. The Services—Elanora Country Club. |
| July 24 | Last day of Short Vacation. |
| August 25 | First Dining-in night. |
| November | Bench and Bar Cocktail Party (probably 17th November). |