

# 1998 INAUGURAL QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE



Judy Teizel and Lisa Kinder, both from Shine Roche McGowan, taking time out from the APLA Queensland Conference.

## Simon Morrison, Brisbane

*APLA Queensland held its inaugural State Conference on 12-13 June at the Carlton Crest Hotel, Brisbane. A total of 152 delegates attended and were treated to 25 speakers across two streams. Stream A was aimed at the experienced audience while Stream B was designed for junior solicitors and paralegals.*

Topics included recent developments and much more. A defendants' lawyer was invited to speak on tactics from a defendant's perspective which proved to

be most interesting.

The conference was by all reports a resounding success, with particular praise for the practical nature of topics selected for the conference. Non members were invited to attend and in fact accounted for 40% or the attending delegates. Interest in membership from those delegates was healthy.

The Queensland Branch would like to express their thanks to John Peacock and the National team for their assistance in

the project. Special thanks must go to APLA members who attended the conference on very short notice. I am reliably informed that plans are already underway for a 1999 conference which promises to be bigger and better than the first! ■

**Simon Morrison**, a Partner at Shine Roche McGowan was the Chair of the Queensland Conference.

### CIVIL JUSTICE FOUNDATION TORT ESSAY COMPETITION

APLA is pleased to announce the inaugural Civil Justice Foundation Tort essay competition. This year's topic is:

**The Healthy Fear of Being Sued: The value of the common law tort system as a deterrent to injurious conduct.**

The prize is attendance for one person at APLA 3rd National Conference at Hamilton Island 15-18 October 1998 and includes return air travel, 3 nights accommodation, conference registration, conference dinner and welcome reception.

Value \$1,230.00 plus air travel.

The competition is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students of a Law or Law/Economics Faculty. For further details, please contact Member Services Manager, Jane Staley, at the APLA National Office.

### CHANGES TO NSW DUST DISEASES LEGISLATION

All NSW members received a copy of an article by Gerry Gardiman regarding proposed changes to Dust Diseases legislation in NSW as a supplement to the June issue of Plaintiff. Members in other states may have an interest in the proposed changes. If you would like to receive a copy of the supplement, please contact Jane Staley, Member Services Manager, at the National Office.

### APLA Membership at 31 July 1998

NSW	480
Queensland	301
Victoria	222
South Australia	68
Western Australia	33
ACT	18
Northern Territory	16
Tasmania	12
International	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,202</b>