

# APLA welcomes new Principal Sponsor – Diskcovery

APLA is pleased to welcome Diskcovery as Principal Conference Sponsor for the 1999 National Conference. Their support will assist APLA to deliver another high quality conference to members in October this year.

Diskcovery is the premier provider of legal information management solutions to law firms, corporations and government.

With expertise in the legal sector, the company's services range from tailored and integrated electronic solutions (such as Lantern™ software) to bureau services including legal copying, document imaging, document coding and appeal books.

Over 300 Australian and international law firms and partnerships have utilised Diskcovery's services to increase workflow efficiency, cut costs and create a competitive advantage.

In confirming the sponsorship Pat Ryan of Diskcovery said "APLA members

have been great supporters of Diskcovery's services and we view this sponsorship as a great opportunity to be more involved with this branch of the profession"

Members can meet Diskcovery staff and view their information management products at APLA conferences in 1999/2000.



Patrick Ryan of Diskcovery with APLA Executive Officer Jane Staley at the Victorian Conference in Lorne.

# APLA – New Constitution and By Laws

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Following resolutions passed late last year and earlier this year, APLA has altered its structure.

The new structure is that of a company limited by guarantee, under the Corporations Law.

The change was implemented because the new structure appeared more appropriate, particularly as APLA operates across a number of state and territory boundaries.

The new constitution and by laws are both available for viewing on the website.

The transitional provisions appoint the existing APLA national council members as directors.

The election process has been altered slightly with elections (by postal ballot) scheduled so that the office bearers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) will hold office over each financial year.

The by laws set out the election procedures.

As before, each branch will appoint persons to the national council. Representation is now proportionate with

branches appointing between one and four councillors depending upon their number of full members.

Although the various branches are not separately incorporated, it is intended that the branches adhere, as much as possible, to the constitution and by laws. ■

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