

# EDITORIAL

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## CRIME:

# PREVENTABLE OR INEVITABLE?

### BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

**S**uch is the question to be posed at the forthcoming conference to be held in Melbourne from 3rd July, 1989 to 6th July 1989. The Conference venue will be at the Coburg Campus of the Philip Institute of Technology in Melbourne. The joint host with the Australian Crime Prevention Council will be the School of Community Services and Policy Studies at the Philip Institute.

A number of notable overseas and Australian speakers have agreed to address the conference. They include The Honourable Mr. Justice Nicholson, Chief Judge of the Family Court of Australia; Mr. Brian Taugher, Special Assistant to the Attorney-General for the State of California; Mr. Michael King, Senior Research Fellow at Brunel University in London; Professor Max Charlesworth, Deakin University, Geelong; Professor Duncan Chappell, Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology in Canberra; Dr. Ken O'Brien, Director of James Nash House in Adelaide; Dr. Jocelyn Scutt, a Melbourne barrister; Senator Janine Haines, of the Australian Federal Parliament; Ms. Chris Lidgard, Social Research Officer with the Queensland Police; and Mr. Dennis Challenger, an Assistant Director at the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Many facets of the conference theme will be addressed. We can be assured that there will be, with such speakers, many lively topics for discussion. We trust that all of our readers will see the benefits of participating in the conference and communicate their interest at once to **Ms. S. Churnside, Criminal Justice Conference, Travel World Travel Services Pty. Ltd., 242 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne, VIC, 3205.**

### THIS ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL

To remind you of the quality of the addresses that can be expected at the Council's conferences, we publish in this issue the last of our reports of the proceedings of the previous conference held in Adelaide late in 1987. Mr. Brian Burdekin, Commissioner of the Federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, gave an address to that conference that raised many challenges not only for the Commission, but for the community generally. Although it is a little while since that address was delivered, it remains as pertinent and as relevant today as it did then. I have no doubt that you will enjoy reading it.

Whilst speaking of Mr. Burdekin, I must make an apology for an error which occurred in the printing of the last issue of the journal. Through my mistake, and mine alone, Mr. Burdekin's picture appeared beside a report of a paper that had been delivered by Professor Irvin Waller of Ottawa, Canada. I would repeat here the apologies that I have already expressed privately to the two gentlemen concerned.

Two of the other papers in this issue are concerned with the relationship between education and the criminal justice system. Dr. Peter Ling's paper addresses the tertiary teaching of programmes relating to criminal justice, whilst Mr. Stephen Black's paper studies the relationship between low literacy and crime.

Finally, we bring you a paper prepared by Mrs. Lillian Thompson Austen, a magistrate in Sydney, on "Crime and the Elderly." The concern of the paper is with the elderly as victims and I have no doubt that you will find it interesting reading.

Our cover photograph needs no identification. It is merely a reminder to, "See you in Melbourne in July."

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