

**CORRECTION** 

In the Legal Centres Column of the April 1994 issue of the Alternative Law Journal we published an article titled Pro Bono in Queensland Collaborative Approach. The authors of this article were Gwenn Murray, Youth Advocacy Centre, Brisbane and Tony Woodyatt, Caxton Legal Service. We inadvertently left Ms Murray's 'author description' off the article and placed the authors in the wrong order.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Blood On Whose Hands?**

The Women's Coalition Against Family Violence has published a book documenting experiences of the surviving family members and loved ones of women and children killed in domestic homicides and murders in Victoria. Available most bookstores in Victoria, RRP \$10.00.

### Special Issue - Law And Literature

The Australian Journal of Law and Society is putting together its 3rd Special Issue on Law and Literature (previous special issues appeared in 1992 and

Contributions welcome.

Contact:

Australian Journal of Law and Society School of Law Macquarie University North Ryde NSW 2109

### VIDEO

### **Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

The AAT has produced a video to assist people understand the role of the Tribunal.

Running time: 10 minutes

Cost: \$25 Contact: Gordon Marshall **Human Resource Operations** AAT **GPO Box 9955** Brisbane QLD 4001

# HOW WELL DO WE LOOK AFTER VICTIMS **OF CRIME?**

The Victorian Attorney-General has asked the Victim's Taskforce of the Victorian Community Council against Violence to undertake a major inquiry to see how well our community looks after victims of crime. Public consultations looking at services provided to victims of crime have been carried out and a phone-in will be conducted in July.

## CONFERENCES

#### Australian Federalism

A conference to evaluate the operation of the Australian federal system at the end of the 20th century and to identify options for change.

Organisers: Centre for Comparative

Constitutional Studies Date: 14-15 July 1994

Venue: Regent Hotel, Melbourne

Contact:

The Meeting Planners tel (03) 819 3700; fax (03) 819 5978

**Post Adoption Resource Centre** Has Adoption a Future? Call for papers

Date: 29-31 August 1994

Venue: Sydney

Contact: Joanne Cowell Conference Secretary

Post Adoption Resource Centre

PO Box 171

Paddington NSW 2021 tel (02) 361 0033; fax (02) 361 5427

ANZ Association of Psychiatry. Psychology and Law Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and

the Legal System

Venue: Erskine House, Lorne Date: 3-4 September 1994 Contact: Ian Freckelton President ANZAPPL C/- Clerk Howells 205 William St Melbourne 3000.

tel (03) 608 7666

Law and Literature Association of **Australia Annual Conference 1994** Date: 30 September - 2 October

Venue: QUT

Contact: Christine Higgins School of Humanities **OUT Carseldine** PO Box 284 Zillmere Old 4034

**APSAD National Conference** Alcohol, Drugs and the Family Call for papers

Date: 11-13 October 1994

Venue: Radisson President Hotel,

Melbourne Program streams: Legal and policy issues Clinical applications Social and preventive issues

Contact: The Convenor

PO Box 529, South Melbourne 3205. fax (03) 690 3271

Culture/sex/economies Call for papers Venue: Melhourne

Date: 16-18 December 1994

Organisers: Australian Feminist Law Foundation Inc. and Women's Studies Program, La Trobe University.

An interdisciplinary conference on the cultural forms of producing economic order. Value and sexed

identities.

Contact: Judith Grbich

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# PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (WA) INC.

PWD(WA) is a non-government selfhelp group with an interest in all types of disability (i.e. physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory and multiple).

The organisation aims to:

- operate an effective resource and advocacy agency for people with disabilities;
- provide advocacy and information on disability issues to individuals and groups;
- promote empowerment for people with disabilities;
- lobby and address disability issues;
- promote community awareness of the need and rights of people with disabilities.

Contact: tel (09) 386 6477; fax (09) 386 6705

## **OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE SET FOR NEW DIRECTION**

The Commonwealth Ombudsman Philippa Smith says that the increase allocated to her office in the May Budget will enable her to take a number of initiatives to focus more on the underlying causes of complaints and to ensure that disadvantaged groups and individuals have better access to her office.

The main focus in the initial years is expected to include:

- Aboriginal issues,
- DEET (and the cross-over between the DSS and training programs),
- immigration issues,
- tax, and
- Child Support Agency matters.