

# MENTIONS

# PUBLICATIONS

### So you've been called as a witness

The Women's Legal Resources Group has recently produced Australia's first publication specifically designed for young women appearing as witnesses in the criminal justice system. *So you've been called as a witness* aims to provide practical information for young women on reporting crime and the process of being called as a witness. Available for \$5.00 including postage/handling from the Women's Legal Resource Group Victoria, Level 3, 43 Hardware St, Melbourne 3000, tel 03 9642 0877, fax 03 9642 0232.

# Any which way you can

Any which way you can is a report commissioned by the Australian Youth Foundation examining the problems faced by youth in areas of high unemployment and social disadvantage. The 150-page report by Dr Rob White and researchers from the University of Melbourne indicates that unemployment and social alienation can lead to crime including drug dealing, shop stealing and other forms of theft. Any which way you can can be purchased from the AYF for \$30.

Contact: AYF tel 02 9357 2344, fax 02 9358 5635

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# **RADIO PROGRAMS**

#### A Law for Women

Our review of A Law for Women in (1997) 22(2) Alt.LJ 106 suggested the tapes should be produced in languages other than English. Already we are pleased to advise that Community Radio 2SER FM has released two legal programs for Arabic and Vietnamese speaking women on cassette. The programs, examining domestic violence and women as parents of young offenders, are produced by and for women from these communities. The cassettes comprise stories from women who have been through the relevant legal processes and legal information and advice given by community workers. 2SER FM is offering tapes of these programs to community organisations servicing women from these communities. Contact: Michele Bawden tel 02 9514 9514, fax 02 9514 9599

email: radio.2ser-fm@2ser.uts.edu.au

## **GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

#### Sex Workers Outreach Project (NSW)

The Sex Workers Outreach Project (SWOP) is responding to concerns within the sex industry in NSW about lingering prejudices towards sex workers. Since the passing of then 1995 *Disorderly Houses Amendment Act* the industry has operated in an uncertain climate. SWOP has created the Sex Industry Legal Kit (SILK) which aims to educate legal practitioners, sex workers and the broader public about issues facing the industry.

*Contact*: Andrew Miles or Catherine Fargher at SWOP, tel 02 9319 4866, fax 02 9310 4262

## **EMILY's List Australia**

The acronym EMILY — Early Money is Like Yeast — is explained as: 'It makes the dough rise'. EMILY's List (Aust) is based on EMILY's List (USA) which identifies talented Democratic women and supports them for election with funding, campaign advice, skills and information.

EMILY's List (Aust) will operate on a national basis and assist endorsed Labor women candidates standing for election in winnable Federal and State seats by establishing a political support network and database of information and skills, carrying out targeted research on women's interests and voting patterns, providing funding and strategic support, encouraging women who support EMILY's List (Aust) to stand for parliament.

An Inaugural Committee of EMILY's List (Aust) has been established by 14 Labor women. It includes parliamentarians, branch members and women unionists from across Australia. EMILY's List (Aust) is independent from the ALP National Executive. EMILY's List (Aust) is seeking members.

Contact: tel 02 9281 9779 or 03 9399 9713, email emilyslist@sydney.socialchange.net.au

### Women's Advice Service

Fitzroy Legal Service has set up a free legal advice service for women on Tuesday afternoons. The service will be run on a no appointment basis for initial advice, and then referral to the day staff if necessary.

Contact: tel 03 9419 3744

# **Amnesty International**

Amnesty International is seeking the assistance of lawyers. Amnesty International works principally for the release of prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for political prisoners, and against torture and execution. To join, send a \$40 subscription fee to Amnesty International (legal network), PO Box 1333, Richmond North 3121. *Contact:* tel 03 9427 7055

#### Fact sheets

Darebin CLC has recently published four new fact sheets on fines, wills and probate, motor vehicle accidents, family law and children. The first three relate specifically to Victoria. Available from Darebin Community Legal Service, 80 High St Northcote 3070, tel 03 9489 6321, fax 03 9489 2663.

# CONFERENCES

#### Third Environmental Outlook Conference

This conference presented by the Australian Centre for Environmental Law will include a number of guest speakers providing an international & national update on environmental law and policy. Topics include global trends, sustainable development and a review of Commonwealth environmental legislation.

Date: 9-10 October 1997 Venue: Sydney

Contact: tel 06 281 6624

#### National Conference of Community Legal Centres: Social Injustice — Economic Irrationalism

This will be the 19th conference of Australian community legal centres. Sessions range across legat and policy issues through administration and service development. Specific topics include civil justice, the future of legal services, community legal education, gender bias in the law and family law issues.

Date: 9-11 September 1997 Venue: Adelaide University Union, South Australia

Contact: Conventions Worldwide, tel 08 8383 0367