

BALI CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS NOW CLOSING...

Registrations for "The Criminal Justice System: *Serving the Community or Giving it a Serve*, 8th Biennial Conference at Sanur Beach, Bali are soon to close and people wishing to attend are urged to book their places now.

The Conference, to be held during the week of 23 - 29 June 2001, has been held every two years for the past sixteen years.

The program includes workshop and discussion sessions as well as entertainment and free time to explore around the beautiful Sanur Beach.

This year promises to be particularly interesting. For the first time there will be three keynote speakers addressing the throng.

The conference will begin with Justice Weinberg presenting a paper on the

independence of the judiciary (there is a suggestion that hoary chestnut has been flogged to death, but we will just have to wait and see).

Mr Ackland should be particularly entertaining. Never one to take a backward step one can anticipate shellackings all round for everyone and anyone who happens to be in his sights. I will be keeping my head well below the parapet. Seriously though he does promise to address issues concerning the way the media reports the criminal justice system and what affect the media has on the public perception of criminal law issues.

On the Thursday Chief Justice Doyle will present a paper grappling directly with the conference's theme. The South Australian court system has a good name for transparency and its relationship with the general public.

As well as these main speakers there are a lot of other impressive presenters. Delegates will hear from no less than the South Australian Solicitor General, the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions and Liz Fullerton SC, who does a lot of work in Commonwealth criminal matters.

Another highlight once again will be the Wednesday jaunt known as *Tom's Terrific Tours*. This involves our learned Solicitor General Tom Pauling QC taking off into



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the interior with a gaggle of extremely brave punters all willing and able to learn about Bali.

I suppose one should mention that the conference is not entirely all work. There has been the odd social function associated with the CLANT Bali conference. I personally have attended many such occasions however, sadly, I am unable to remember any of them.

Again I stress the urgency of intended delegates having their registrations completed as soon as possible.

Bookings should be made with Conference Convenor Lyn Wild on 8981 2549. Payment is due by 1 April 2001.

Next month: Ask any criminal lawyer what they dislike most about their job and their answer will be the same as any criminal asked the same question: going to jail. Why we all put off today what we can do tomorrow when it comes to jail visits is a question, the answer to which says a lot about our criminal justice system.

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The Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory, in conjunction with the Criminal Law Section of the Law Institute of Victoria, has organised:

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Bali Conference 1999: One of the highlights of the conference was a reenactment of Tuckia's Trail with role plays from conference participants. From left, Tom Berkely, Rex Wild QC, David Grace QC, Jon Tippett and David Bamber