

Her Say!

30 April 2010

Dear Members & Colleagues

I am delighted to confirm that the Law Society of NSW will continue as our Principal Sponsor in 2010. Its generous support and financial assistance of our organisation will enable the continued funding of our administration and operations which will include the launch of a new website within the coming months. Our increased resources will enable our committee to focus on preparing and hosting forums and events that best serve our objectives and your interests as members.

Law Week will be held 17-21 May 2010. We invite you to join us for our annual **'Law as a Career – Coming to the Bar' event on 19th May**, and in conjunction with the Women Barristers Forum, our biannual **'Female Bar Readers Welcome & Networking Lunch' on 21st May**. Details and registration below.

I take this opportunity to remind members that following the move of our administration office, our new contact details are:

Women Lawyers' Association of New South Wales Inc.

PO Box R1120 NSW 1225

Ph: 0466 157 087 Fax: 1300 332 183

Email: executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au

URL: <http://www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au>

Please visit our [2010 Event Schedule](#) to view details of upcoming events. The full program is now available for the Australian Women Lawyers 3rd National Conference which will be held in Brisbane 6-8 August, details: www.lexisnexis.com.au/AWL and noted below.

I look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Kind regards,



Mary Snell
President



19 May, Wednesday 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

"Law as a Career-Coming to the Bar"

Venue: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, Mitchell Theatre, Level 1, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

Speakers:

- The Hon. Catherine Branson QC, President Australian Human Rights Commission;
- Julia Baird SC, Barrister & President Women Barristers Forum;
- and Amy Douglas-Baker, Barrister.

Our panel of guest speakers will share their experiences in their respective legal careers, coming to the bar, and directions their careers have taken.

Light refreshments provided; no charge; bookings essential to:

executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au

LAW WEEK 17-22 MAY

Visit www.lawweek.com.au for more details and events

21 May, Friday 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

'Female Bar Readers Welcome & Networking Lunch'

Hosted by the Women Barristers Forum & WLANSW

Venue: Buena Vista Cafe & Bar, Level 14, Supreme Law Courts Building, 184 Phillip St, Sydney

Please join us and distinguished guests for our biannual lunch hosted. No charge; non-reader attendees pay for own lunch. Our panel of guest speakers will share their experiences in their respective legal careers, coming to the bar, and directions their careers have taken. Please register your attendance:

executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au to ensure adequate seating.

29 – 30 July 2010

Women, Management and Work Conference

Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip Street, Sydney

Proudly sponsored by Women Lawyers' Association of NSW, Macquarie University presents the Women, Management and Work Conference to be held in Sydney on 29 and 30 July 2010. The focus of the leading women's conference in Australia is Women as Leaders and how to Navigate the Leadership Maze. The conference will explore key issues confronting executive women in leadership roles. A practical interactive format provides ample opportunity for you to get involved, share your wealth of management experience, hear and learn from other outstanding women whilst taking advantage of the wonderful networking opportunities. Don't delay [register](#) before 14 May and save \$575 with the EARLY BIRD SPECIAL (\$1725.00 Inc.GST).



[A Not-For-Profit Scholarship](#) is also available.

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Australian Women Lawyers National Conference 6-8 August 2010, Venue: Stamford Plaza Brisbane

In line with AWL's broad objective of supporting justice and equality for women, the 2010 conference, **Justice for All** will examine both direct and indirect discrimination against women in the legal profession. AWL recognises the unique challenges within the profession for women, and the importance of their presence in creating a balanced representation.

The conference will address a broad range of practice areas including corporate & commercial, family and administrative law as well as issues relevant to practice management, recruitment and retention. Speakers have been invited to address the issues facing each practice area and to discuss discrimination in the profession and with the administration of justice.

AWL's aim is to make this conference highlight not only the issues facing women in general, but to make the broader community more responsive, as a whole, to women's needs.

Register online <http://www.lexisnexis.com.au/AWL> or call 1800 772 772.

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OTHER EVENTS & NEWS:

14 May, Friday 6pm

The EDNA RYAN Awards Night 2010

The EDNAs are awards made to women who have made a feminist difference, ie whose activity advances the status of women; the troublemakers, the stirrers, the battlers, who show extraordinary commitment and determination.

Join Women's Electoral Lobby in celebrating Edna's political life and providing an affirmation of feminist activists in 2010. Come along and hear about the feminist activity that is happening and the wonderful women who are working towards making a better world – especially for women. You will be INSPIRED.

Where: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney

Cost: \$25 wages / \$15 concession – includes snacks.

RSVP: Friday 7 May 2010. Please include payment.

Send your booking to WEL NSW 66 Albion St Surry Hills NSW 2010 or Contact the WEL office: 9212.4374 or email: welnsw@comcen.com.au . [Click here for the booking form](#) or visit WEL's website <http://welnsw.org.au>

26 May 2010, Wednesday 12pm

18th Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon

The Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Guest of Honour: Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW

The National Council of Women of NSW, and The Australian Federation of Business and Professional Women invite you to join them as they acknowledge Miss Arnot's dedication to the advancement of women, through her work for equal pay for equal work, and also to honour other women, now in their 90's who have also worked for women in their communities.

[Click here for details and registration](#), \$70pp.

Short-term overseas volunteer opportunity for lawyers

Australian Business Volunteers (ABV) is currently searching for candidates with 5-10 years professional law experience to travel to Fiji for 8 weeks. Our preference is for the volunteer to depart on or before 30 June 2010, however, this is not mandatory.

The purpose of the trip is to mentor staff within the Fiji Public Trustee Corporation Limited of Suva on Estate and Trust Administration. The candidate will be required to be qualified in estate and trust management, investment, business management and estate laws. **ABV will cover the cost of all travel, accommodation, medical expenses, and pay a living allowance.**

ABV is a not-for-profit international development agency and registered charity. Operating since 1981, we contribute towards the reduction of poverty by increasing the capacity and skill-base within developing communities throughout the Asia Pacific. We would greatly appreciate your help in passing details of this opportunity to individuals within your network and assisting us with this worthwhile and important work. On request, a document containing additional information on the project and client can be sent out. Please contact Kate Lyell, Volunteer Officer at kate.lyell@abv.org.au on behalf of recruitment@abv.org.au or call 02 6285 1686. For more information on ABV and its work, please visit www.abv.org.au.

☐ **Are you embarking on a wardrobe clean-out? If you are, then Fitted for Work needs you...and your clothes!**

Fitted for Work, which started in Melbourne in 2005, is the first national service committed to helping long term unemployed and disadvantaged women obtain work, maintain employment and ultimately achieve financial independence. We do this by offering business clothing (including a fitting service), as well as presentation and interview skills sessions to assist women on their path to self sufficiency.

We are pleased to announce that we are launching our service in Sydney, and need clothes to fill our new boutique. As we dress women for the workplace, we require lightly used professional clothing for all seasons, accessories and make-up for women of all shapes, sizes and ages. Please note that donated items do not need to be from expensive clothing labels. They simply need to be clean and interview appropriate.

The location for our new boutique is currently being finalised - if you do have clothes which you are willing to donate please drop an email to rowena.oneill@gmail.com or phone 0411 844 690 to arrange to have clothing collected. Also, please feel free to pass this onto family and friends. If you would like to know more about Fitted for Work and how you can get involved, please [click here](#).

Paid Parental Leave Petition: to be returned by 26 May

The ACTU is encouraging individuals and organisations to collect signatures on the [attached form](#) over the next four weeks, in order to make it clear that the general public expects a fully operational Paid Parental Leave scheme to be up and running by 1 January 2011. The ACTU proposes to present a petition to the federal Parliament in early June. All signatures must be originals and not copies. Forms should be posted by 26 May to Giulia Baggio at the ACTU, Level 6, 365 Queen Street, Melbourne, 3000. Giulia can be contacted on 0409 141 038.

Who are Australian Women Lawyers (AWL)

Formed in 1997, AWL is the national body representing and funded by women lawyers associations in Australia. The current AWL Patron is the Honourable Chief Justice Diana Bryant of the Family Court of Australia.

Please feel free to pass this email onto colleagues and ensure they are on our email list for future updates and invitations.

Problems viewing this e-newsletter? View it online at:

http://www.womenlawyersnsw.org.au/mailman/wlansw_2010_apr30.htm

For more information [contact us](#)

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