

New year, new beginnings

As the newly elected Chairperson of the NT Chapter of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law I wish to take this opportunity to inform you about the AIAL and upcoming events.

The AIAL was established in 1989 with its principal object to promote knowledge of and interest in administrative law and provide a forum for exchange of information / opinions on administrative law and practices.

The institute's membership of approximately 650 members/organisations, is spread throughout Australia and overseas and represents a cross-section of administrators, legal practitioners, academics, students, judges, Commonwealth and State government departments and professional organisations.

The NT Chapter is currently developing a program of events relevant to administrative law and administrative decision-making for 2006. Anyone with ideas for relevant presentations or interested in attending can contact me on 8999 1463.

The NT chapter encourages and welcomes new members. Membership is inexpensive - corporate \$180, individual \$55, library \$75, and student \$20.



Application forms can be accessed through the AIAL website - <http://law.anu.edu.au/aial> or by contacting Kathryn Ganley (Secretary) on 8999 1976.

16TH NATIONAL FORUM

The National Administrative Law Forum is Australia's pre-eminent national administrative law conference. This year's forum "Administrative Law: Protection of individual and community interests" will be held on 22 and 23 June 2006 in Surfers Paradise and is co-hosted by the Queensland and NT chapters.

Proposals for papers are being sought, and will be considered if received by the end of February 2006. Any inquiries should be directed to me (phone: 8999 1463) or conference director Maurice Swan (07 3360 5702). For more information refer to conference leaflet included in this edition of *Balance*.

Peter Shoyer
Chairperson
AIAL (NT Chapter)



Volunteer Lawyers

Volunteer lawyers are needed for the 2006 free Legal Advice Sessions run by Darwin Community Legal Service:

- * Monday in Palmerston 6.30-7.30pm
- * Thursday in Darwin 5.30-7pm
- * Saturday at Casuarina library 10-11.45am

Lawyers usually commit to monthly or bi-monthly sessions

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Attention all practitioners

Reliable reporters are needed to write headnotes for the NT Law Reports.

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