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Newsletter of the
Women Lawyers Association of NSW

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Dear Members & Colleagues

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the launch of our Women Lawyers Awards & Advancing Women in Law Programs on 9 November 2006 has been postponed until early 2007 and we will bring you further details in the New Year.

Please note that our **AGM will be held on 30 November 2006 and I encourage you to renew or join if you not done so already and to consider standing for a position**. It is a great way to meet other lawyers, both male and female, and to extend your knowledge base of the law outside of the somewhat narrow confines that we all seem to practice in because we are generally so busy.

This year's **Xmas Cocktail event will be held on Tuesday 12th December at Moonshadow** at the MLC Centre, so please note your diaries and we will forward invitations shortly.

Kind regards



Louise Byrne
President

November 25 is International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women Men and women around the world wear white ribbons on this day to show their support for and commitment to ending violence against women. For information on how you and your organisation can support this day, or to buy a box of white ribbons to distribute to staff, click here <http://www.whiteribbonday.org.au/>.

MEMBERS ONLY INVITATION TO PRIVATE POLITICAL LUNCHEON at the Strangers Dining Room NSW Parliament House - Cross Benches: 22 November The Labor Party Luncheon 6 September and Liberal Party Luncheon 25 October provided opportunities to further develop our relationships. Numbers limited - [click here for registration details](#).

Thursday 23 November 2006, GO FUND Fundraising Dinner at the Royal Hospital for Women

[Click here for details. Click here for registration.](#)

GO Fund's mission is 'beating gynaecological cancer' and was started by a lawyer who died from ovarian cancer and after whom the Karen Campaign was named. It has been well supported by the legal sector and I hope that you will be able to attend the dinner. I will be organising a few tables depending on the number interested, so if you would like to attend with other WLANSW members, please ask to be seated on one of my tables.

Liz Maconachie, WLANSW Functions Officer

Inquiry into the impact of the Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act 2006 (Cth)

The NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee on Law and Justice is conducting an inquiry into the impact of the *Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act 2006 (Cth)* that was introduced by the federal government on 1 July this year. The inquiry will examine:

- (a) The impact of the *Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act 2006 (Cth)* on women and children in NSW; and
- (b) The impact of the *Family Law Amendment (Shared Parental Responsibility) Act 2006 (Cth)* on the operation of court orders that can prevent family violence perpetrators coming into contact with their families.

The committee encourages members, especially members who are family law practitioners, with any comments or case studies that may be relevant to this inquiry to forward these to Kathryn McKenzie, Executive Officer, at executive@womenlawyersnsw.org.au by Thursday, 19 October 2006. For further information about the inquiry [click here](#).

OTHER EVENTS & NEWS:

Taskforce on Care Costs - an invitation to attend the launch of TOCC's latest report "Care Costs: Where to Next?"

Join some of Australia's leading business, political and community leaders: **Wednesday 18th October**, 10.30am-12.00pm, Level 23, Westpac Place, 275 Kent St, Sydney. Click here for [further details](#).

Tuesday 31 October, 5.30 for 6pm Frank Moorhouse "Freedom of Expression in a Time of Terror" at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts. FREE ADMISSION, bookings

advisable. Bestselling author and Sydney PEN Writers Panel member Frank Moorhouse has played a critical role in defending freedom of speech since the 60s. [Click here for details](#) or visit www.pen.org.au

UNIFEM Australia, together with our Peace Scholarship Program Patrons The Hon. Michael Black, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia and The Hon. Diana Bryant, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, would like to extend a warm invitation for dinner in support of The UNIFEM Peace Scholarship Program - a program that will fund 10 women Law Scholarship Awardees from Afghanistan to study in Australia over the next 5 years. Please join us at 7pm, on **Wednesday 1st of November** 2006 at Sofitel Wentworth Sydney. Tickets cost \$180 each or sponsor a table of 10 starting from \$3,000. Register by email to events@unifem.org.au, Phone us on 02 8437 6228, Visit <http://www.unifem.org.au>

Wednesday 8 November, 5.30 for 6pm *The Clare Burton Memorial Lecture 2006 "Jobs, Care and Justice: A Fair Work Regime for Australia"* with Prof Barbara Pocock, Director of the Centre for Work + Life, University of South Australia. women @ UTS and the ATN Women's Executive Development Program (WEXDEV) warmly invite you to this free annual public event at UTS Broadway. [Click here for details.](#)

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