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Welcome to AustLII News - #1 of 2009

As part of AustLII's commitment to engage with its users, funding contributors and stakeholders, AustLII is reviving the AustLII News (last published early 2007) in a new format to be published three times per year.

Any feedback on the newsletter or contents can be directed to the General Editor.

*The Hon. Justice Kirby,
AustLII Co-Directors and
staff prior to launch of
LawCite on
1 December 2008.*



Launch of LawCite – AustLII's free-access international citator

The Hon. Justice Michael Kirby launched LawCite at AustLII's end of year reception in December 2008. Over 60 representatives from the legal profession, publishers, courts and tribunals, business, government and the education sector attended the launch.

LawCite is AustLII's new international free-access citator and includes references to decisions and articles citing a particular case. It is part of a three-year project funded by an Australian Research Council grant, four courts/tribunals and two legal publishers. It can be accessed at: www.austlii.edu.au/lawcite



Watch for

AustLII's announcements section on its homepage will let you know when the High Court of Australia has released its reasoning in *Pape v The Commissioner of Taxation* regarding the Government's \$900 bonus to taxpayers.

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Did you know these search tips?

1. To save your AustLII search, just bookmark the results page in your browser. Next time you visit that page, the search results will be automatically updated to include new materials relevant to your search.

2. Use the [Context] and [No Context] buttons to highlight or remove (for printing) your specific search terms in your search result.

3. Information on currency of legislation, cases and journals on AustLII is in the "Update Status" box on AustLII's home page.

English Reports back to the 13th century on CommonLII

The English Reports from 1220-1873 are available for the first time for free access. Justis Publishing has provided the data to AustLII in a collaborative arrangement. The original image of the decision is provided and the text is searchable.

To the right is a screen shot of *Bushell's case* (the famous jury case) decided in 1670 by Sir John Vaughan, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas

and published in the English Reports in 1823, one of 124,882 old English decisions searchable on CommonLII (www.commonlii.org).

As well as publishing decisions from earlier centuries, AustLII publishes 21st century decisions as rapidly as technology permits. For example, decisions handed down by the High Court are on AustLII's website within 30 minutes of the decision being released.



Bushell's case on CommonLII

First AsianLII conference

From 24-25 February 2009, 80 delegates from across Asia and the Pacific attended the first AsianLII conference in Sydney to share experiences and ideas on the legal, technical and business aspects affecting the provision of free-access legal information online. Highlights of the conference included an opening address by the Attorney General, the

Hon. Robert McClelland, presentations from prominent Australian Chief Justices and international speakers from Asia and Pacific judicial bodies, universities and legal information institutes. The conference program and presentations are accessible from the AsianLII website at: www.asianlii.org. AustLII operates AsianLII providing free access to legal

information from 28 Asian countries. It began operations in 2006 with funding from the Australian Research Council. AusAID and the Cth Attorney-General's Department now primarily fund AsianLII.



AsianLII

Featured donor



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MARA is a division of The Migration Institute of Australia Limited, which is the peak professional association of migration agents in Australia. MARA is AustLII's top new donor in the first quarter of 2009, donating \$15,000.

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AustLII training in Victoria

The next AustLII one-day seminar on "Free-access online legal research" will be held in Melbourne at The University of Melbourne on 29 June 2009.

Training seminars have already been held in Perth and Canberra in 2009. Seminars will also be held in Darwin and Brisbane in the second half of 2009.

For more information contact AustLII's External Relations Manager: Annelies Moens on +61 2 9514 4930 or annelies@austlii.edu.au

To register please visit:
www.austlii.edu.au/training

AustLII – #1 website in the legal industry

Hitwise, an online competitive intelligence service, presented AustLII with an Award in March 2009 for being the #1 website in the Business and Finance – Legal industry based on market share of Australian Internet sites visited during 2008.

Hitwise Awards are based on the usage of approximately three million Australian Internet users who visit over 140,000 Australian websites.



Staff profile



Annelies Moens



Sarah Waddell

Annelies Moens commenced as AustLII's External Relations Manager in mid 2008. Annelies has responsibility to manage and broaden AustLII's funding base and to develop contributor/customer relationship management within AustLII. Annelies has an MBA, legal and IT qualifications and experience managing sales and compliance groups having worked in various management roles in both the private and public sector.

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Sarah Waddell commenced as a Senior Researcher on AustLII's international projects in September 2008 and is a key person in AustLII's new development projects, including the Legal Scholarship Library and AsianLII. Sarah has undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in law including a PhD in Indonesian law. She is an experienced solicitor and worked as a legal consultant for seven years in Indonesia.

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Employment opportunities - Expressions of interest sought

AustLII is looking for bright, energetic staff, such as project officers and system developers, with skills to maintain AustLII's databases and work on exciting new developments.

Information technology skills are essential and legal skills would assist you greatly.

For further information contact AustLII's Executive Director, Philip Chung on +61 2 9514 4920 or philip@austlii.edu.au

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