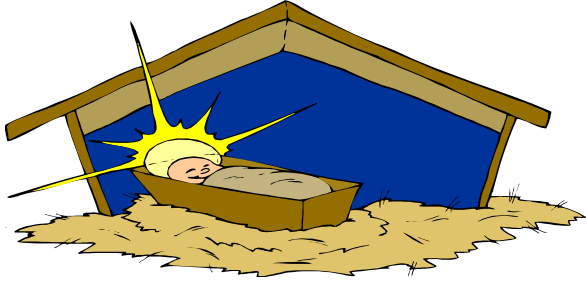




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LAND TITLES OFFICE

Registrar-General's Consultative Committee

The next Consultative Committee Meeting will be scheduled for early February. Industry representatives on the Committee are currently:

- Denis Power – Real Estate Institute of the NT
- Tim Jacobs – Ward Keller
- Guy Riley – Clayton Utz
- Trevor Tschirpig – Aust. Inst. of Conveyancing (NT)
- Patricia Veide – Aust. Inst. of Conveyancing (NT)
- Alison Maynard – Cridlands
- David Elliott – Local Government Association of NT
- Jenny Henwood – TIO
- Graeme Addicott – Valuer-General
- Richard Henscke – Halfpennys
- Robert Bradshaw – Policy Division Dept. of Justice

If you wish to raise any matters with the Committee please contact your industry representative.

New Computer System (ILIS)

The Territory's entire (20 year old) Land Administration Information System (LAIS) is being redeveloped to suit the evolving e-business environment and includes:

- Searching and lodgement of information remotely via an internet web browser, and
- Electronic lodgement of forms based on PC hardware which replaces the existing mainframe terminals.

ILIS is based around XML transactions. An XML definition has been created for all of the Territory's 105 different types of dealings. When issues relating to electronic signatures are resolved these XML definitions can be used by outside organisations that want to do business electronically with the government. The XML definition guides the lodgement and registration process.

Scanning Project

Old instruments and titles are being scanned, together with new lodgements to provide a paperless repository accessible anywhere (with the appropriate authority). When scanned, instruments and titles together with Survey Plans & Unit Plans will be able to be accessed through title search at the click of a button. The Office is keeping abreast of emerging developments in digital signatures, corresponding changes to law and

also in how e-commerce is being used for other financial transactions.

Training for Clients on the use of the new ILIS searching technique

The new Land Titles module of ILIS is due to commence on 20th January 2003. Training for the new system will begin in early January and it is important that Staff from all client areas attend. Times will be available after Christmas and training will be conducted in the settlement room at Nichols Place Building and in the Alice Springs Centrepoint Building. Please contact Wendy Endenburg on 08 89995318 for further details.

STAFFING

Since the last edition of the Newsletter the following staff members have joined the Office.

- Maxine Mapley has been permanently appointed as a Registration Clerk in Births, Deaths & Marriages.
- Rebecca Fuller has been appointed on a temporary contract for approximately 5 months as a Lodgement Officer in the Land Titles Office.

BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES OFFICE

The Marriage Act was amended on 1 November 2002 and the main changes are as follows:

- Notice of Intended Marriage lodgement time now valid for 12 months (used to be 6 months)
- Passports can now be used as evidence of identification for people born overseas
- Changes to prescribed authorities and guidelines governing shortening of time.
- Changes to the persons who can witness consents overseas.



The staff of the Registrar-General's Office would like to take this opportunity to wish all their valued clients and public a safe and very happy Christmas and New Year.