

# New policy for use of SC library

**A** new access and loans policy has been implemented in the Supreme Court library.

The new policy is a more relaxed version than that first proposed.

That version excluded legal practitioners from using the library except in a limited range of circumstances.

The new access policy includes judges, their associates, the Master and Deputy Master, Supreme Court staff and magistrates; persons approved by the Master; legal practitioners and visiting counsel and articulated clerks; full-time law lecturers at NTU; members of the Legislative Assembly; librarians, and; litigants in person.

Select material may be borrowed by

judges, their associates, the Master and Deputy Master and magistrates; legal practitioners, visiting counsel and articulated clerks on behalf of a practitioner; litigants in person, and; persons approved by the Master.

Most books, with the exception of general interest material (biographies, legal history and legal humour), may only be borrowed for the duration of a case.

Some material (eg looseleaf services) are not to be removed from the library at all.

Practitioners who are unhappy with the new policy should contact Jim Campbell at the Law Society on 815104.

## HUMOUR

On 16 August this year the Chambers of a member of the Tasmanian Bar were burgled in Hobart and the following poem written to commemorate the event.

*Balance* has extracted the poem from the *Tasmanian Law Newsletter*.

### THE BURGLARY

*T'was a howling Hobart evening  
And the wind blew to the core  
When a rabble of intruders  
Forced the Dockside Chambers door*

*As they fumbled through the building  
On their furtive evil spree  
They were soon upon the Chambers  
Of a prominent QC*

*Now what happened is amazing  
For these scoundrels didn't care  
For the learned books and manuals  
And the suits Commanders wear.*

*Or the piles of unread letters  
And the transcript on the sill  
And they made not one endeavour  
To remove old Father Bill.*

*And they didn't touch Lord Denning  
Or shift Willie from his place  
And they didn't even draw a beard  
On Ronald Reagan's face.*

*They abandoned all the Minties  
And the Tassie Devils pass  
And they paid no real attention  
To the magnifying glass.*

*They ignored the Holy Father  
And they didn't touch the Queen  
And Sir Stanley, the Chief Justice,  
kept  
His proud judicial mien.*

*But these scallywags were seeking  
Not a trophy of the law  
To the occupant of Dockside  
It was valuable and more.*

*They removed a prized possession  
And in wicked haste they fled  
Leaving Michael Hodgman pillaged  
Of a dozen Cascade Red.*

--Anon

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