

The Spider's Web

MACS AT THE ROCK

There is one conference story we forgot to tell you. One delegate inspired his 7yo to the top of the Rock by telling him there was a McDonalds outlet waiting for him.

ELOQUENCE?

Who attended Daynor Trigg's buck's party, throwing caution to the wind then throwing his dinner at a later stage whilst prostrate in the recovery position?

REX OR REGINA?

Former practitioner Matthew Keeley has a new calling -- a thespian with the Darwin Theatre Group. His first role is that of Oedipus. *The Web* understands his problems won't be limited to THAT particular familial complex.

COURTSHIP

Dazzling Spazza's courting (no, not judicial) activities of late have been described by one observer as consistent and diligent.

TAX MAN COMETH

The arrival in Chambers of one of its members resplendent in Air Force blue created pandemonium; the nervous

nellies among them are said to have thought the Tax Department was swooping.

ROLLIN, ROLLIN, ROLLIN...

The DPP made his first NT court appearance in Alice recently. To use his words, he was "rolled."

BOOKWORMS

Very serious trip south recently for Messrs Flynn & O'Loughlin. They were inspecting the Chamberlains' books pending consideration of that famous compensation claim.

HARRY WHO?

ABC Radio became slightly confused about Harry Blackburn during Law Week. Mr Blackburn was scheduled to be live on air at 9 o'clock. At 8.30 he heard himself described as a "mass murderer." No mention of "alleged," never mind that the charges were serial sexual assault and kidnapping. Good one, Aunty.

AND WHO WAS THAT?

And still on Blackburn. After a 45-minute speech at the Law Week lunch which dealt with Mr Blackburn's ordeal and

during which he clearly stated he did not hold the media responsible, a journalist asked whether he held the media responsible. Mr Blackburn's response drew rousing applause from members of the legal fraternity. With a hide thicker than a buffalo, the fellow leapt up again and continued his line of questioning. Could it be that he was trying for a story to wire to Sydney that evening?

YOU WANT WHAT??

Confused junior counsel handed this to the *Web*.

Junior Counsel - Duties.

Pre-trial: chronology; brief; advise on evidence; check pleadings, particulars, discovery, etc; proofs/statements, check and update; subpoenas - draw, call on and inspect documents; authorities and legislation; list of authorities.

At trial: be able to conduct case if senior counsel is ill; exhibits - keep list current; notes to be kept of all relevant evidence; transcripts and exhibits (summarised, indexed, highlighted); final address - prepare outline of factual and legal issues.

QUESTION: If this is what junior counsel should do, what does senior counsel do?

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