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## Justice Asche is Administrator

Chief Justice Austin Asche will be the Northern Territory's Administrator from 1 March next year.

The Chief Minister, Marshall Perron, and the Federal Minister for Territories, Wendy Fatin, jointly announced the appointment last month.

The current Administrator and former Supreme Court judge, James Muirhead, will retire to Perth in December, from which time Justice Asche will be Acting Administrator until March.

Mr Muirhead was appointed Administrator in July of 1989.

Justice Asche was born in 1925 and educated at Darwin Primary and Melbourne Grammar schools.

He served in the RAAF before graduating in law at Melbourne University in 1949.

He practised law in Victoria and Queensland and was appointed Queens Counsel in 1972.

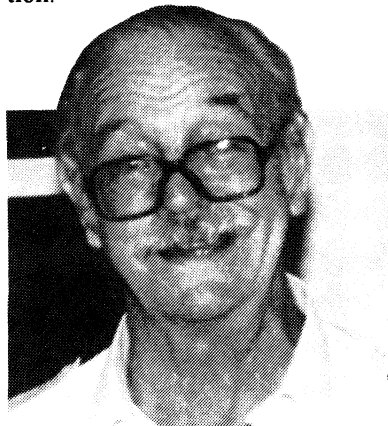
In 1976 he was the first judge in Victoria appointed to the Family Court.

Justice Asche has lectured in social studies and family law and has held a number of positions in educational institutions, including being President of RMIT and Chancellor of Deakin and the Northern Territory universities.

He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in 1986, and Chief Justice in 1987.

Justice Asche is Chairman of the Parole Board and President of the NT branches of the Red Cross Society and the Scout Association.

The Chief Justice's wife, Dr Valerie Asche, also has close ties with education.



Chief Justice Austin Asche

Dr Asche is the Senior Research Fellow with the Menzies School of Health Research and Consultant Microbiologist to the NT Department of Health and Community Services.

She is the Vice Patron of the NT Anti-Cancer Association, Convenor of the Australian Society for Microbiology (NT), Vice-President of the NT Family Planning Association, Chairman of the Board of Radio 8TOP FM, Treasurer of the Australian Federation of University Women (NT) and Treasurer of the NT Medical Overseas Aid Council.

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