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Hello, Sailor!



We are all well aware that in the Top End Christmas is accompanied by the silly season or mango madness: the Wet Season build-up.

This meteorological phenomenon is responsible for all manner of extraordinary behaviour.

And then there is Christmas behaviour.

Often it's difficult to know which behaviour to attribute to which phenomenon.

The head dress gives this behaviour away a little, but precisely what this person was doing is unclear.

The person, who shall remain nameless (but whose initials are Dick Wallace of DPP), is apparently engaged in an ancient sub-tropical ritual.

This ritual entails dressing in southern clothing each day in 33+ degree heat and 98 per cent humidity.

The next step is to act normally and pretend one is not about to pass out from heat exhaustion.

A successful ritual is one in which the person makes it home clad in the same clothing one set off in.

Now, in this case, he looks like he almost made it to the end of the day. Almost...

WANTED

Coaches and magistrates for the 1993 Ansett Inter-School Mock Trial Competition.

At least eight coaches needed in Darwin, four in Alice Springs. At least four magistrates in Darwin and two in Alice Springs. If you can help, please phone Robyn at the Society on 815104.

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Fee scale may resolve crisis

A task force charged with reconciling the Law Institute of Victoria with the Law Council of Australia has made a series of recommendations in an attempt to avert financial disaster for the Law Council.

The reason for the LIV's withdrawal was concern over the cost-effectiveness of the Law Council.

Victoria's President, Gordon Hughes, said that his organisation provided a capitation fee of \$65 per member.

At that time Victoria had more than 7,000 members and paid \$461,760 to the Law Council but had the same voting power as the ACT Bar Association which had 45 members.

A further reason for withdrawing

was the difficulty of the Law Council to represent the often conflicting views of law societies and bar associations.

The LIV's withdrawal would have left a massive hole in the Law Council's budget.

The recommendation which most affects the Territory, and other small societies, is a differential capitation fee scale.

That scale would see NT capitation fees rise from \$68 in the 1992-93 financial year to \$76 in the 1993-94 financial year.

The increase for the ACT Bar is from \$68 to \$117.

The payoff is that constituent bodies retain equal voting rights on the Law Council.

The Law Institute's capitation fee would fall to \$47.70 and the Law Society of NSW to \$42.40.

On the basis of the task force's recommendations, the Law Institute of Victoria has withdrawn its notice to withdraw from the Law Council.

However, the issue will be finally decided at a meeting of constituent bodies in Canberra in March.

The President of the Law Society, Neville Henwood, said he hoped the increased capitation fees would not mean increased membership fees.

"The Law Society is running very efficiently on the income it receives.

"Although it will mean tighter budgetary constraints, I think we should be able to absorb the fee increase next financial year," he said.

Law Week initiatives

The Society's Law Week Committee has agreed to introduce a couple of new projects this year.

Law Walks have proved extremely popular in other states in past years, and will be tried for the first time in the Northern Territory this year.

Three Law Walks are planned, subject to the approval of the relevant authorities.

The first is a tour of the Legislative Assembly and Supreme Court, the second is a tour of the Berrimah Police Complex, and the third is a tour of Berrimah Prison.

The tours will be on trial in Darwin and, if successful, may extend to Alice Springs next year.

Ads will be placed in newspapers prior to Law Week so that members of the public can register and numbers can be kept to manageable levels.

Another Law Week initiative is a Mock Parliament for school students which will be held at the Legislative Assembly.

New job for Nader

A former judge of the Supreme Court has been appointed to a commission of inquiry by the New South Wales Attorney-General.

John Nader QC has been appointed to "examine all available material relating to any prosecution of, or disciplinary action taken against, former Detective Senior Constable Paul Kenny relating to alleged misconduct in 1986 involving Lawrence Dias, the events surrounding such prosecution or action and any other matters that may be relevant to, associated with or arise out of that prosecution or action, with a view to reporting to the Attorney-General."

Former Detective Senior Constable Paul Kenny was a drug squad detective in the NSW Police Force.

A source close to the NSW Police told *Balance* that Kenny, along with two other officers, arrested Dias in relation to alleged heroin offences.

A fourth detective from another police station became involved.

Dias alleged that all four officers planted heroin on him prior to his arrest and demanded money from him to organise a "fair" trial.

These allegations were made to the now disbanded NSW Police Internal Security Unit.

Following that, certain anti-Dias evidence was apparently inadvertently destroyed.

The Internal Security Unit arrested Detective Brian Kenny; they meant to arrest Detective Paul Kenny.

Charges against Paul Kenny were dismissed by the lower court.

Charges against the other two officers were also dismissed by the lower court.

The fourth officer apparently spent some time in prison.

It is Mr Nader's job to unravel the mess and report to the Attorney.

TPC/LCA spat continues

Tension between the Law Council of Australia and the Trade Practices Commission over the TPC's early release to the media of its discussion paper on the legal profession has intensified.

The President of the Law Council, Rob Meadows, wrote to TPC Chairman, Allan Fels, in November on the day the discussion paper featured on the front page of national papers.

Mr Meadows said the TPC's failure to provide the Law Council with a copy of the paper -- even on an embargoed basis -- placed the Law Council in an intolerable position because the Law Council was not in a position to respond to media enquiries about the paper's content.

Professor Fels responded in a letter saying: "I am sorry that you were upset about the way the Discussion Paper was released.

"I should clarify, at the outset, that the paper was prepared for public release.

"It was not a report to the Law Council and we see no reason to obtain your clearance prior to its release."

Release 'standard'

Professor Fels said that the paper was released in accordance with standard procedures and "took into account the need for the media to absorb what might have been an unfamiliar topic for them in a bid to ensure as accurate and balanced coverage of the paper as could be expected."

He said it was his intention to ensure that the Law Council and its constituent bodies had copies of the paper prior to its official release.

"I understand that this did, in fact, occur," he said.

Professor Fels said that one journalist either misunderstood or failed to observe the TPC's embargo.

Mr Meadows was less than happy

with the TPC's response to the Law Council.

He again wrote to Professor Fels and said the Law Council had never suggested the TPC needed its clearance to release the paper.

Mr Meadows said media coverage would have been far more balanced if the Law Council had an advance copy of the paper and was in a position to respond to media enquiries.

"As it was...we were in no position to provide any meaningful comment," he said.

"It appears to us that your only concern was the Commission's side of the story came out."

He also suggested that "standard procedures" ought to be reviewed so the TPC is seen to have some objectivity.

Report, not paper

"Whatever you might say, what was released was not a discussion paper - it was a draft report.

"It does contain conclusions. It does contain recommendations," he said.

"I have read the report and what I have seen highlights my belief that you have made a serious mistake in not consulting the profession before going to print.

"The report is riddled with inaccuracies, false assumptions and errors of logic.

"It is obvious that the syllogism is unknown to its authors. The report starts from a preconceived position and is lacking in objectivity," he said.

Mr Meadows told Professor Fels that he wondered whether there was any point in the legal profession responding to the paper because he doubted whether the TPC would change its mind or shift ground.

Mr Meadows enclosed a copy of his column in the December issue of *Law News*.

"You will see that I have referred to the decision of the High Court in *Church of Scientology v Woodward*.

"May I suggest that you might find the judgment of Murphy J, particularly, at page 68, instructive," he said.

That reference includes the following:

"Any powers granted to ASIO and exercisable by its Director-General or other officers must like other powers be used in good faith, for the purposes for which they are conferred and with due regard to those affected. That is the general rule...

"These implied conditions are not to be taken as excluded except by unmistakable language.

"If any of its officers acts in bad faith, uses his or her office or powers for extraneous purposes...or acts without due regard to those affected, then the officer is liable for misuse of office or power.

"Remedies may be in the traditional tort claims such as assault, trespass and defamation and the developing torts such as unjustified invasion of privacy, and outrage, or statutory remedies.

"Therefore, if a violation of the law by ASIO is proved, ASIO and its officers are amenable to legal process and to remedies available at least under the Constitution."

Note: Mr Meadows is the Society's guest for the Opening of the Legal Year and will address luncheons in Darwin and Alice Springs.

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Kudos on rule change

The Society's joint announcement with the Attorney-General of the amendment to the advertising rule in the Professional Conduct Rules resulted in some unexpected but welcome publicity for the profession.

It was somewhat surprising that the *NT News* devoted an editorial to the matter, but perhaps that reflects the public interest in the mechanics of the legal system.

The profession has now been circulated with the amended Professional Conduct Rules.

The Society's attention has been drawn to a couple of anomalies in the Rules, however we cannot make any changes without the approval of the Chief Justice.

Council is presently working on a series of administrative

amendments to the Rules (for example a reference in Rule 4.5 to Rule 3.9 which no longer exists).

There are also references to the Bar Rules. The Bar has adopted an extensive national set of rules, so there will be further amendments in respect of the old Counsel Rules.

Any practitioner finding an anomaly is asked to contact the Society to ensure that we are aware of it.

The Opening of the Legal Year is upon us and we are delighted to have the President and Secretary-General of the Law Council of Australia as our guests.

Robert Meadows, the President, will address luncheons in Darwin and Alice Springs, and I urge practitioners to support these functions.

Sally Kift is leaving Darwin to return to Brisbane.

Practitioners will be aware that Sally was instrumental in setting up the Public Purposes Trust and, particularly, the Inter-School Mock Trial competition in the Northern Territory.

She has also served for several years on the Allocations Committee of the Public Purposes Trust.

Her dedication to her job and her students at the University is well known, and for that she has earned the respect of her colleagues, students and administrators.

Sally will be a loss to the Law Faculty and to the Law Society.

I take this opportunity to thank her and to wish she and her husband, Phillip, the best. It will be our gain if they return to Darwin one day.

The CLE sub-committee has been working on a programme for the first quarter of this year.

The programme includes seminars on the *Work Health Act*, the *Local Court Rules* and Court Etiquette/Professional Conduct Rules.

See the advertisement in this issue.

A programme will be circulated to all practitioners and the practice of video taping presentations for Alice Springs practitioners will continue.

It has also been suggested that the profession present a seminar for the benefit of journalists in relation to the reporting of matters legal.

The initial request arose out of the Sanby trial during which there was substantial evidence on the voir dire. Several scribes were unsure of what they could and couldn't report.

A seminar is being prepared which covers the reporting of voir dire, sub judice, contempt, defamation, suppression orders, leave to appeal and the reporting of juvenile court matters as they relate to journalists.

The Chief Justice officially takes up his role of Administrator in March.

There will be a farewell sitting for him at 9.30am on Friday 26 February in Court 1 of the Supreme Court in Darwin.

Happily, we will not be losing him all together and, like his predecessor, I'm sure he will maintain a keen interest in, and close association with, the profession.

Indeed, he has agreed to adjudicate the grand final of the 1993 Ansett Inter-School Mock Trial competition, as has been his practice as Chief Justice in the past.

THE SPIDER'S WEB

CHEAP!

QCs must be a dime a dozen in Hong Kong. A personnel placement organisation advertised for one with 3-4 years experience (presumably as a QC) with a salary of \$HK10-12,000 per month. That translates to \$A2264.15 max. A legal secretary with audio experience was being offered \$HK8-10,000 or \$1886.79.

XMAS WOE

The ultimate Christmas Day tale of woe. Person does the right thing; leaves relatively new car in town and takes cab home on Christmas Eve. Dropped off to retrieve car from back street on Christmas morning. Won't start. Next available day for service quite a way off. Can't take a cab because the person was accompanied by one Rottweiler. Hung over and hot as hell, had to telephone friends for assistance. How to make oneself popular...

WRONG JEWELS

A certain practitioner's girlfriend was singularly unimpressed by the two strings of antique topaz beads she received for Christmas; she wanted an engagement ring.



RICH BUBBLES

Petty Sessions was doing a roaring trade on Christmas Eve. Profits must have been good, too. A glass of champagne (partially displaced by a strawberry) set you back \$7.50!

ENTERPRISE

And then there was the notorious New Year's Eve. Of course, there was the perennial problem of finding a cab. But some enterprising young hawkers were driving around the city and pulling up at cab queues offering to take people to the northern suburbs for \$100 a run. And apparently business was booming.

BIG NIGHT

One practitioner, though, found the \$100 offer a bit much. Couldn't get a cab or one of the courtesy buses put on by TIO and the Darwin Bus Service and was tired from walking from city spots to the casino and back

(twice!). After a refreshing swim in an hotel pool at 4 in the morning (well, it was hot work), he went to sleep in his car and got home at 8am on New Year's Day.

RECESSIONARY

The HMAS Jervis Bay (AKA the Floating Gin Palace because it carries no weaponry) ported in Darwin en route to Somalia. Would you believe they had to acquire bullets from the Federal Police to give VIPs a salute?

STRICTLY VARDIS

The hit film *Strictly Ballroom* was relentless in its send up of the establishment. A constant theme through the movie was the crooked President of the Ballroom Federation getting his cliches wrong. The one that took the cake was: "Quid pro quo vardis."

QUAINT

The programme on the 10th Commonwealth Law Conference in Cyprus in May has a social & cultural events schedule which includes this: "After the speeches there will be a magnificent party..."

The following Bills are listed for debate and passage at the February sittings of the Legislative Assembly (23 February-4 March 1993).

HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT (Serial 180)

This Bill removed the Registration Boards in dietetics, naturopathy, speech pathology and social work, effectively deregulating those occupations. The Bill is part of an Australia-wide attempt to bring the categories of regulated and deregulated occupations into line.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT (NO 3) (Serial 189)

Following a suggestion from Shadow Attorney-General Neil Bell, this Bill inserts the offence of possession of child pornography in the *Code*, instead of the *Classifications of Publications and Films Act*. Possession of films, photographs (including photocopies) of persons under 16 engaged in sexual activity will be an offence punishable by up to two years imprisonment. There are a number of defences.

TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE AMENDMENT (NO 2) (Serial 186)

This Bill is part of a general move to "corporatise" the TIO. Under the Bill, the TIO Board will have to prepare a Statement of Corporate Intent every year for the following three financial years. Failure to declare a conflict of interest will attract a penalty of up to \$75,000 or 10 years imprisonment. A general duty to disclose interests, and a Register of such interests, are created. The TIO is to consider itself bound by the accounting and reporting conditions of the Corporations Law.

FIREARMS ACT AMENDMENT (Serial 192)

A tidying up of details left over from the passage of new firearms legislation last year. Anomalies pointed out by the Opposition in debate have

been addressed. The new Act protects medical practitioners from civil and criminal liability if they report a patient whom they consider not to be a fit and proper person to hold a firearms licence. This protection is now extended to psychologists.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AND MANAGEMENT (Serial 193) and PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AND MANAGEMENT (TRANSITION AND SAVINGS) (Serial 198)

The major Bill of the sittings. The Bill replaces the Public Service Commissioner with a Commissioner for Public Employment who will have reduced powers and be confined to the setting of standards and procedures. Most decisions about hiring and firing etc will now be undertaken by the Chief Executive Officers of departments. CEOs will also have a wide range of discretionary disciplinary powers, subject to appeal to a Disciplinary Appeal Board. Certain agencies, such as the DPP and Legal Aid, will remain outside the new Commissioner for Public Employment's jurisdiction. A Public Sector Consultative Council is established.

STATUTE LAW REVISION (NO 2) (Serial 191)

Government housekeeping Bill with such gems as changing the words "city or town" in Schedule 1 of the *Justice of the Peace Act* to "municipality." One for the buffs.

TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE AMENDMENT (NO 3) (Serial 196)

MACA now has a reserve (after allowing for all claims) of \$22,000,000. The Bill allows the TIO to spend

some of this undistributed reserve (colloquially known as profits) on road safety.

WORK HEALTH AMENDMENT (NO 2) (Serial 197)

Under this Bill the Occupational Health and Safety provisions of the Work Health Act (Part IV) will not apply to mines, or any work or service performed at one.

MT TODD PROJECT RATIFICATION (Serial 199)

The purpose of the Bill is contained in the title. The agreement between the Territory and Zapopan NL forms the Schedule to the Bill. The Bill purports to give effect to the agreement "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act or law in force in the Territory." The Schedule commits the Territory to grant a mining lease, together with all necessary leases, easements and rights of way, and supply electricity for the project. Zapopan can also deduct \$4.3M in costs from royalties due and payable in the first year. Zapopan has to abide by the EIS and use its best endeavours to employ local staff.

UNIT TITLES AMENDMENT (Serial 200)

The Amendment inserts a dispute resolution procedure in the Act. Disputes will now be heard in the Local Court. The Court's powers to deal with disputes are set out in the Bill. Corporations or committees cannot authorise excessive improvements.

NOTES FROM PARLIAMENT

by GREG ROCHE

Volunteers needed in Darwin & Alice

Darwin Community Legal Service operates three drop-in advice sessions each week.

About a thousand interviews occurred last year with about 900 clients at these sessions in Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston.

The drop-in advice sessions are staffed by solicitors and other volunteers (the others tending to be law students).

Since the Service opened in August 1991 more than 45 lawyers have volunteered to be involved in the monthly roster.

Naturally, the roster changes from time to time as volunteers leave town or find the pressure of work too great to remain involved.

At present there are six to 10 unfilled places on the roster for enthusiastic solicitors.

DCLS would welcome a few who are eligible to hold unrestricted practising certificates.

The Service Co-ordinator, Gordon Renouf, said stray sheep would be most welcome back to the fold.

Each volunteer solicitor is allocated one shift every four weeks.

A shift comprises about three hours

work and is staffed by two or three solicitors and a couple of other volunteers.

Clients present at the sessions with a diverse range of problems, the most common of which are consumer complaints, debts, family law, employment, tenancy, motor vehicle and work injuries.

The Service offers advice, minor assistance (such as helping to draft a letter) and referral to other agencies including the Legal Aid Commission, private solicitors, government agencies and community services.

If you would like to be involved or require further information, please contact Margaret Wearing or Gordon Renouf on 413394.

As noted on page 11 of this issue, the Service is working with volunteers in Alice Springs to establish a similar advice service.

There have been enough volunteers to commence the service in mid-February, but more volunteers are needed.

Interested Alice Springs practitioners should contact Gordon Renouf in Darwin on 413394 or Penny Johnson in Alice on 526400.

New Year resolutions

A person unnamed: "Everyone gives up a bad habit. I'm going to take up a bad habit: after 20 years of marriage, I'm going to have an affair."

A person unnamed: "I used to want to be a politician. Now I'm going to be a poet and philosopher" [and a friend was about to say that politicians were badly paid!].

A judge unnamed: "I'm going to (a) stop smoking & (b) take no notice of myself."

A practitioner unnamed: "I'm not going to jump off Florence or any other Falls: last time I did, I cracked

two vertebra and my co-jumper broke a rib and punctured a lung."

A practitioner unnamed: "I'm going to get to Wimbledon this year because women can be ordained."

A partner unnamed: "I'm going to represent clients in places other than exotic locations such as California, London and Noumea."

A politician unnamed: "I am not going to make statements in the House about dish washers coming out of people's ears."

Another politician unnamed: "I promise not to refer to a person making allegations as the alligator."

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Opening of the Legal Year 1993

Darwin details Monday 1 February:

- 10.00** Christchurch Cathedral, Smith Street
Noon Lunch - Peppis, addressed by Rob Meadows,
President, Law Council of Australia. \$40/head.
5.00 Drinks at the home of the Chief Justice

Alice Springs details Wednesday 3 February:

- 11.00** Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Hartley Street
12.15 Lunch - Rossini's, The Diplomat, addressed by Rob
Meadows, President, Law Council of Australia. \$25/head.

Farewell Sitting for Asche CJ

Practitioners are cordially invited to attend a ceremonial sitting to
farewell the Chief Justice at 9.30am on Friday 26 February in
Darwin Supreme Court No 1.

Constitutional conference encouraging for year 2001

The Sessional Committee on Constitutional Development of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly hosted a very fine conference at the Beaufort Hotel in October last year.

I was honoured to attend as the Law Society's representative to chair the forum on *The Role of the Constitution in Accountability of Government*.

Among the plethora of outstanding contributions, two papers stand out as required reading for lawyers: Justice John Toohey on *A Government of Laws, and not of Men?* and Graham Nicholson on *Reconciling Diversity - A Personal View*.

I could not help noting that only one other practising lawyer that I know in Darwin sat through the entire conference.

This was amazing as it seems plain to me that on 1 January 2001, Australia will become a republic and the Northern Territory could, if it then wishes, achieve statehood.

Schisms

While the conference addressed very substantively, and indeed in a most learned way, the principal issues surrounding constitutional change between now and the republic, the conference was most notable for the schisms which plainly exist between the Northern Territory government and Aboriginal people and their organisations.

The Chief Minister opened the conference by stating that the Northern Territory wanted statehood so that we would no longer be second class Australians.

In particular, he wanted the full suite of state-like powers, especially the return of the two federal national parks (Kakadu and Uluru) and the repatriation of the responsibility for Land Rights to the Northern Territory.

by LEX SILVESTER

No specifics were given which would enable anyone to comprehend just what was intended if these powers were transferred.

In local media reporting the *ABC* and the *NT News* both based their coverage on Aboriginal calls for a Black State.

As one who attended I can assure you that no such calls surfaced at any time during the conference and, indeed, Wesley Lanhupuy made a point of saying that in all his travels and work as an Aboriginal member of the Legislative Assembly, no such calls had ever surfaced.

Leaders of the Aboriginal lobby were at the conference, in force, with well thought out positions.

Their position basically is that they regard statehood as inevitable. They regard it as an opportunity to entrench the rights of not just indigenous Aboriginal people, but all Territorians, in relation to land, the environment, services and other basic rights, in our new Constitution.

But above all, they would seek, along with other elements of our community, to define and work through constructive ways to reconcile the diversity of race, creed colour and viewpoints that exist. In other words, they have been thinking seriously about statehood. I was encouraged by this.

Draft Constitution

In the meantime, it seems to me that the next step to statehood is for the Legislative Assembly to engage someone to do a first draft of a state Constitution.

This will, of necessity, involve the draftsman talking extensively to Aboriginal people and various commu-

nity organisations to determine what it is they want to see in a Constitution.

All this could appear in the first draft. That way there can be no further misinformation and the position of our indigenous minority can be perfectly well understood from the outset.

Concurrently, a Constitutional Convention independent of the Legislative Assembly to steer the process should be established.

Local Talent

I heard talk that the Government might bring in an overseas constitutional expert to provide the first draft of the Constitution.

That would seem to me to be a strange thing to do, given the depth of talent residing in the legal profession in the Northern Territory.

Statehood by 2001 seems to me to be a thoroughly desirable and achievable objective.

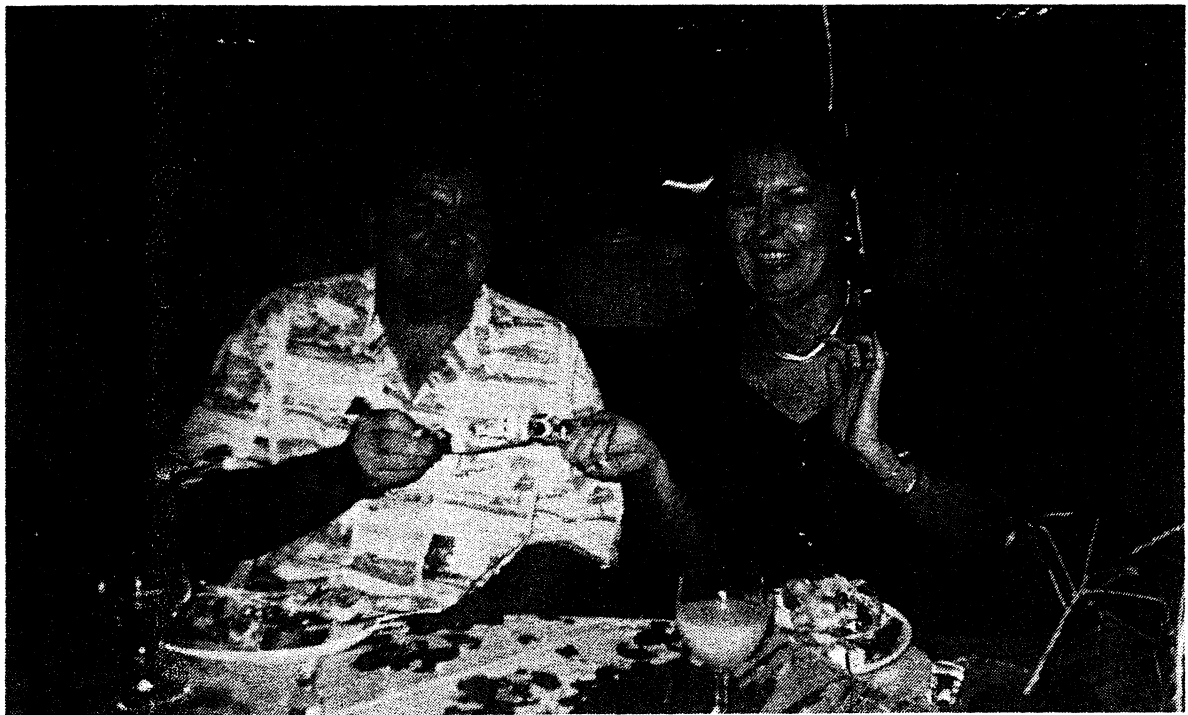
The recent creation of a portfolio of Aboriginal Advancement presents an opportunity, hitherto impossible, for the Government to move towards close working relationships with Aboriginal people and a reconciliation of those differences which have previously driven them to believe their future is safer in the hands of federal departments and authorities such as DEET, the NLC, CLC, ANPWS, ATSIC, etc.

If a full reconciliation can be effected, there should remain nothing in the way of statehood on terms which meet the reasonable aspirations of all Territorians.

In any event, the politics must stop and the hard work must start. Now!

For those who are interested, a set of papers is available from Mildrens for the cost of photocopying (\$205.80).

Of Christmas lunches...



These pictures were taken at the Associates & Secretaries Christmas lunch which was held on the Mezzanine level of the Supreme Court. Happily, it coincided with the Bar and Bench lunch (which, according to one uncharitable soul, should have been called the Under the Bench lunch), so no one had to rush back to work. Unfortunately, no one gave us photos of the Bar and Bench bash, so we can't do anyone in...

DCLS moves down the track Media skills course

The Darwin Community Legal Service is set to expand its operations to Alice Springs.

DCLS Co-ordinator, Gordon Renouf, said the service is scheduled to begin in mid-February and would operate on a drop-in basis each Saturday morning.

It will operate from the Disability Advocacy Service in the Alice Springs Mall.

The service will be staffed by two solicitors and two other volunteers each week.

The President of the Law Society, Neville Henwood, said he was delighted that the DCLS had been able to expand its services to Alice Springs in such a short time.

Mr Henwood also congratulated the Alice Springs practitioners who had volunteered their services to enable the expansion.

The Society has been asked by a number of practitioners to organise a media skills CLE.

It is proposed that the seminar will cover press conferences, comments solicited outside courts or by phone, interview techniques and general media skills.

The seminar should also cover public speaking in an official capacity. That is, tips on speech delivery, voice modulation, rate of speech and so on.

Practical exercises are crucial to this type of seminar.

For example, participants will be interviewed on video, the tape replayed and the person's performance assessed.

The seminar will also cover general tips for a better media appearance -- things like never allow a TV

interview to take place if you have the sun in your eyes because you'll be squinting and look untrustworthy.

There are also a number of stalling tactics to allow a person to gather thoughts in response to a question for which he or she was not prepared.

Paul Lawson from the Sydney firm *Lawson Training* has been approached to present the seminar.

Mr Lawson conducts similar seminars for politicians and corporate officials and has presented seminars for lawyers in the past.

The cost of the seminar will have to be borne by participants though it will be structured to comply with the Training Guarantee Levy.

Interested practitioners should contact Julie at the Society on 815104.

More information will be circulated when it comes to hand.



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17 February 1993
Info from the CLE Department of the Queensland Law Society
Ph: (07) 2335817

CRIME & OLDER PEOPLE

Adelaide
23-25 February 1993
Info from the Australian Institute of Criminology
Ph: (06) 2740223

TACTICS OF LITIGATION

Brisbane
24 February 1993
More information from the CLE Department of the Queensland Law Society
Ph: (07) 2335817

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