

## *Letters to the Editor*

### **Qantas winner says thanks**

I was lucky enough to be at this year's Law Society lunch to celebrate Law Week and to win the door prize of a trip for two to Cairns.

Last weekend my partner and I flew to Cairns for four days.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Thank you for the prize and for a fine lunch.

I have returned the Reasons for Decision in relation to Preliminary Issues under the Native Title Act and Exposure Draft No. 3 of the Tax Law Improvement Project.

Both documents have been of assistance and I appreciate your making them available to me.

— *Kevin Stephens,  
Ward Keller*

## **APPEAL FROM CAMBODIA TO REBUILD COURTHOUSE**

**Justice Michael Kirby is appealing to Australian lawyers to donate funds to rebuild the infrastructure of law and justice in Cambodia, after 25 years of continuous revolution, war, genocide and invasion.**

In his role as Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Justice Kirby is keen to rebuild the courthouse at Siem Reap — a large provincial city in the north-west of Cambodia.

The courthouse is in extremely poor condition, with plaster falling off the walls and ceilings and old electrical cords dangling haphazardly around the building. Old wooden tables are moved in during hearings and there is no elevated bench.

Local judges have estimated the cost of renovations and furniture at \$US4000. Other equipment and legal materials would incur additional expenses.

There is also a desperate need for law books and reference materials. The court comprises three judges and

its total library includes just two law books — both 1992 versions of the French Civil Code.

Donations can be sent to the Office of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations, No 18, Street 400, PO Box 108, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

### **Booklet, phone line, register now available**

**A booklet detailing options for dealing with complaints, a toll free Legal Information Service and a Community Legal Education Register are the latest services available to the legal profession and its clients.**

The Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission (NTLAC) combined with the Office of the Northern Territory Ombudsman has released a booklet, *Where to Complain*. The format of the booklet shows the different options for dealing with complaints that people may have about different organisations or individuals.

NTLAC now offers a Free Legal Information Service. The toll free number operates Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 4pm. Callers can access this free, confidential legal information service by calling 1800 19343.

The Community Legal Education Register has been compiled and made available as a computer software program. It gives access to various sorts of information on different legal education materials produced in Australia by Legal Aid Commissions and Community Legal Centres. The information contains the format of the education item, its objectives and description, how to get the item, its cost and where in Australia the item would be relevant.

For further information on these legal information services contact Diana Gabriel on (089) 81 4799.

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