# Women on a Shoestring to perform in Darwin

The Darwin Performing Arts Centre is bringing a theatre company to Darwin and its shows may be of interest to female lawyers.

Women on a Shoestring is a Canberra-based theatre company and will perform two shows in Darwin — Empty Suitcases and Over the Hill.

Empty Suitcases is about women travellers and adventurers and flips between stories from the past, dreams, and the present.

It is entertaining and inviting and includes original songs.

The show had a sell-out season in Canberra, a return season last year and has completed a successful Tasmanian tour.

Empty Suitcases will be performed on Thursday May 18, Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20 at 8pm. Tickets cost \$20 or \$15 for concessions.

Over the Hill deals with women in middle age. Is it truly a time of crisis when women supposedly lose their looks and men seek assurance in the arms of younger women?

What does middle-age and menopause mean to the modern older woman?

Born in the mid-1940s, she has made it into the mid-1990s—on the way she coped with jobs, kids, families and politics.

The superwoman, the feminist, the earth mother, the executive .... she comes in many guises.

In this one-act, two handed comedy with music Jill and Jude go "over the hill", confronting excitement and panic head-on.

Over the Hill will be performed on Friday May 19 and Saturday May 20 at 12.30pm. Tickets cost \$10 or \$8 for concessions.

For bookings contact the Darwin Performing Arts Centre's box office by calling 81 1222.

Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital & External Territories

## **HAVE YOUR SAY**

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories is inviting individuals and organisations to provide written submissions outlining what they believe are the important issues regarding "the right to protest or demonstrate on National Land and in the Parliamentary Zone in particular".

Chairman and MP Robert Chynoweth said: "The right to peacefully protest or demonstrate is fundamental .... protests allow people to get involved in the process of government .... to have the opportunity to present their point of view."

Australia supports the right to freedom of expression, of peaceful assembly, to freedom of association and to take part in the conduct of public affairs.

"However, anyone's right to protest needs to be balanced against other considerations ... a key question is how can freedom of expression be allowed without compromising the special qualities of the Nation's Capital," Mr Chynoweth said.

An information booklet is available on request to people wishing to make a submission. Call (06) 277 4355.

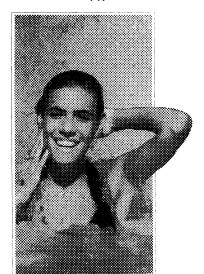
Written submissions should be addressed to the Committee Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2600 by May 12 1995.





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