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From Bacon & Eggs to Macerated Dates

That Was the Law Week That Was

Law Week 1996 (12 - 17 May) has been declared a success from its somewhat unusual launch at a breakfast in the Mall to the well-attended and apparently equally well-enjoyed Law Week lunch.

Monday morning saw members of the profession gathering in the Mall to hand out free breakfast vouchers to members of the public, many of whom stayed around to watch the inaugural Law Week Tug-of-War.

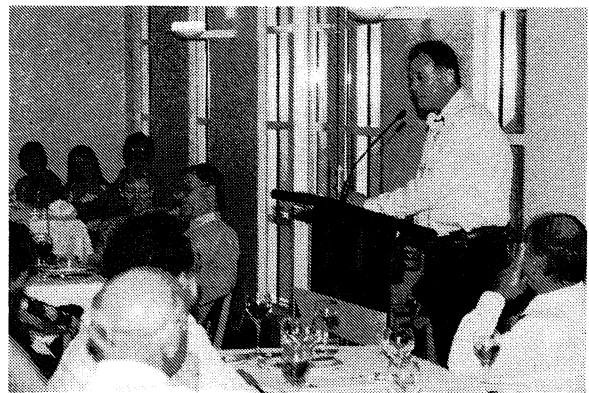
The latter was a closely fought test of strength between representatives of various departments and firms. The winners' trophy was deservedly collected by a well-trained and dedicated band of personnel from the DPP, trained, inspired and led by the Director Mr Rex Wild. The Hon Steve Hatton launched Law Week at this function with a short speech and presented the trophy to the winners.

Throughout the week, the public had the chance once again to attend Law Walks through various legal buildings and were also able to view law-related videos at public libraries in Darwin, Tennant Creek and Katherine.

A most successful collaboration between the Law Society and NTLAC led to a 25% increase in the number of calls to Legal Aid's information hotline which was promoted this year instead of running Law Line as in previous years. Legal Aid also ran an information session at their offices which attracted a good turnout.



Law Week Launch - Attorney General, Hon Steve Hatton, presents the Tug-of-war trophy to the winning side, DPP.



Law Week Lunch - Guest speaker Richard Ackland holds the audience's attention

Equally well-attended was the seminar on legal issues involved in urban and non traditional aboriginal art given by Stephen Grey of the NTU at the Commonwealth Law Courts. NTU also offered a seminar at their Casuarina campus on strata title in Malaysia.

The promised *Lawyer on Black Thunder* promotion, to the disappointment of the many volunteers for this activity, did not eventuate due to organisational problems. However, Territorians did get the opportunity to hear Peter Tiffin of the NT Attorney-General's Dept adjudicate the worst of the lawyer jokes submitted to radio station *Hot 100*. Unfortunately Peter was not offered any jokes he hadn't heard before.

Law Week lunches

A small but dedicated group of Alice Springs practitioners gathered to mark Law Week 1996 at a lunch at *Ristorante Puccini*, where they were able to preview the delights in store for Darwin as Richard Ackland provided them with an informal after-lunch talk.

The Darwin Law Week lunch, held this year in the Dining Room at Parliament House finished off Law Week on a high note. This function attracted the largest gathering of the legal fraternity ever, with 100 people attending to enjoy the food of C & C Catering, the very lovely setting at Parliament House

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