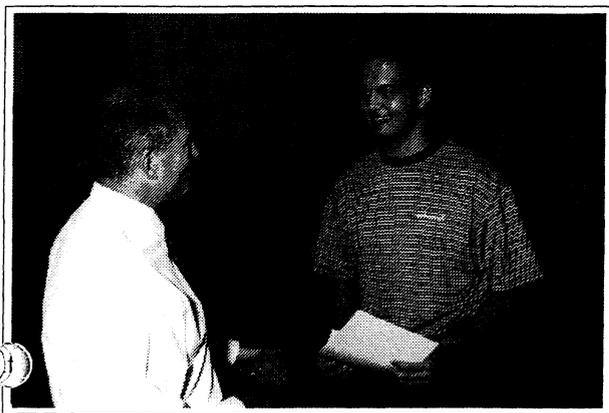


Northern Territory University Faculty of Law

New Cadetships and Scholarships Encourage Indigenous Law Students



Nigel Browne receives the DPP Cadetship for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander law students from the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Rex Wild, QC.

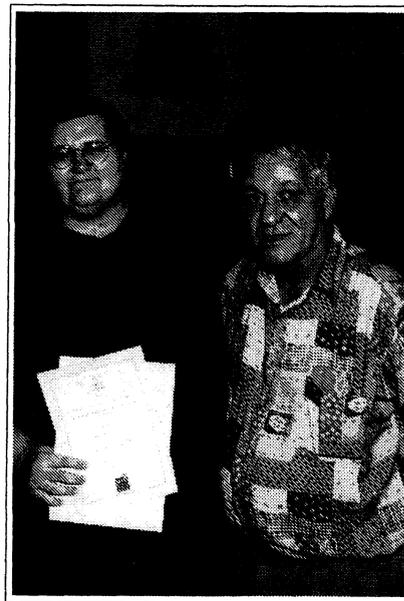
- paid work at the Office of the DPP for a minimum period of 8 weeks during the end-of-year break; and
- relevant and appropriate work experience for the cadet at the Office of the DPP.

Fiona Hussin, Indigenous Support Coordinator at the Faculty of Law said, "the cadetship is a financial and moral incentive to

Nigel to succeed in his studies. He knows that if he does well, he will continue to benefit from his contact with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The cadetship is also a recognition by Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of the value of the knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal law and culture in the Anglo-Australian legal system".

The NT Attorney-General's Department has recognised the barriers to success in studies faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law students by making a scholarship available to those students. The scholarship of \$4,000 was awarded to David Woodroffe at the Faculty of Law Prizes Ceremony on 29 April. David was also awarded the prize for the student who received the highest mark in Comparative European Constitutional Law.

When asked about David's achievements, Ms Hussin said, "David is in his final year of a Bachelor of Law at the NTU and is a determined student who achieves excellent results. David has been employed at the Faculty as both research assistant and principal tutor in



David Woodroffe, recipient of the NT A-G's scholarship for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander law students, with his father, Mr Ron Woodroffe

Two new forms of sponsorship available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law students at the NTU will provide encouragement and support to indigenous law students.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Rex Wild, QC has seized the opportunity to cultivate a marriage of Aboriginal and Anglo-Australian law by inviting first year Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law students to apply for a cadetship. The first cadetship was awarded this year to Larrakia descendant Nigel Browne who is studying a combined Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. The cadetship is offered for the full course of Nigel's study and it benefits include:

- payment of compulsory student amenities fee (\$160 per year) for the full course of study;
- textbook allowance of \$300 per year;
- total allowance of \$5,000 per annum for the full course of study;

the Aboriginal Pre-Law program in 1997 and his contributions to that program were extremely valuable."

After graduating next year, David intends to undertake further legal academic study of indigenous property systems and become a legal representative in the NT in the field of land law.



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