

A LEGAL INFORMATION WEB SITE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

<http://www.lawstuff.org.au>

Michael Antrum who is the current Director of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre (NCYLC) in New South Wales was recently in the Territory to launch formally "Lawstuff", an Internet site created by the Centre and aimed at young people under the age of 18. Some of the contributors that locals will know are Gordon Renouf, Judy Harrison and Trish Burrows.

On first accessing the site you are greeted with a map of Australia and by just clicking on to your own State or Territory you can find information specific to where you live.

There are then several different headings to investigate such as *Getting Help*, *True Stories* and *When can I...?*, some of which include *When can I vote?* and *When can I get a fulltime job?*. Apparently one of the most popular is *When can I get a tattoo?*.

Cartoon style drawings in vibrant colours chart the adventures and predicaments of several characters and these can be followed right through or you can stop and click on various questions along the way; for example *When can the police question me?*.

Although the site has only been up and running for a couple of months Michael says that over 30,000 "hits" have been recorded – perhaps mostly notably from the CIA – one wonders what sort of tattoo they will be getting!

The site is great for both young people who are just curious for information or those that need help with specific problems. Students with school projects, legal studies teachers and CLE workers will also get great mileage out of it – not to mention parents who are trying to keep in touch with what their teenagers are thinking about or lawyers who

have erring youngsters as clients.

The site has a few teething problems: it is rather slow due to the graphics (but these are a "must" for a site aimed at young people) and some of the stories need improving but even so it is still useful and well worth a look. All comments, ideas and helpful suggestions especially from anyone who spots any errors, are welcomed and Rebecca Nea most recently of Domestic Violence Legal Help, Darwin, will probably be the person who you speak to if you do call Rebecca beat a stiff field to win a new position with NCYLC (congratulation and good luck Rebecca) and she will be one of the main people responsible for the upkeep of the site.

So.... get down and check it out

—SALLY RUSH
CLE Officer, NTLAC

St Hilary Chambers

Darwin practitioner, Melanie Little, held an official opening for her new office, St Hilary Chambers, on Tuesday 12 May, where members of the profession gathered to wish her well in this new enterprise.

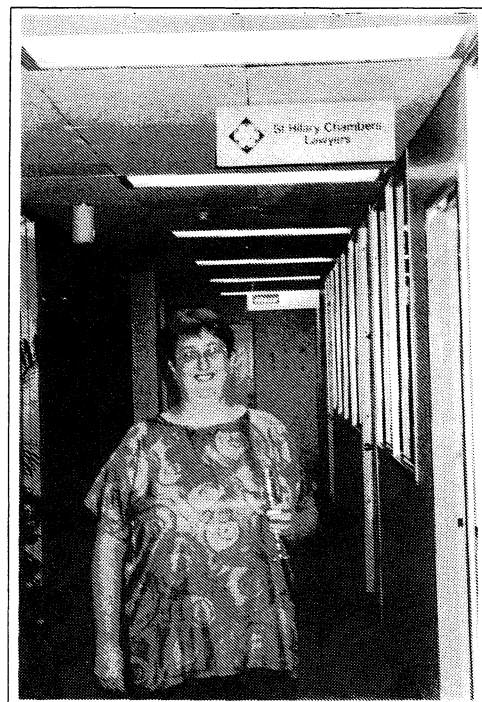
In response to requests to explain the naming of the office, Melanie has provided information on St Hilary from the *Oxford Dictionary of Saints* by David Farmer.

St Hilary lived in the fourth century and began his career as an orator. He was chosen to be Bishop of Poitiers in 353, having converted to Christianity following a long period of study.

He is renowned for his championship of orthodoxy against the Arians and is one of the patron saints to lawyers.

The *Oxford Dictionary of Saints* describes him as "gentle, courteous and friendly, although his writings could be sometimes severe in tone: his style is difficult and involved, sometimes to the point of obscurity." There is, of course, speculation as to whether it is these attributes that fit him for patron sainthood for the legally inclined.

St Hilary's Feast began the Hilary Term at the Law Courts and in some universities and is traditionally celebrated on 14th January.



Melanie Little at St Hilary Chambers