

Law Reporting – National Meeting in Darwin

The Northern Territory Council of Law Reporting recently played host in Darwin to the annual conference of its national body, the Consultative Council of Law Reporting. This initiative attracted support and funding from the NT Attorney-General, the Hon Shane Stone, QC and the NT Council of Law Reporting records its gratitude to Mr Stone for this support.

Most jurisdictions sent a representative to the meeting with the Hon Justice Peter Heerey attending for the Federal Court of Australia, Mr Cedric Hampson QC for Queensland, the Hon Justice Terry Higgins on behalf of the Supreme Court of the ACT, Mr Francis Douglas, QC representing the Council of Law Reporting for NSW, Mr David Porter QC for Tasmania, the Hon Mr Justice David Byrne and Mr Charles Gunst from Victoria and with the Council of Law Reporting for Western Australia represented by the Hon Justice C D Styler. They were joined by the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting representative, Mr T J Shiels. The NT Council of Law Reporting Editor-in-Chief, Melanie Little, attended the discussions on behalf of the Law Council of Australia.

The conference took place at the Plaza Hotel, where the Acting Chief Justice and Chairman of the NTCLR, the Hon Justice Sir William Kearney CBE, welcomed delegates and delegates were also given short tour of some of Darwin's highlights, including a lunch at the *Hanuman*, a tour of the Supreme Court and its art acquisitions by Mrs Anita Angel, drinks on the Judges' balcony at the Supreme Court and a dinner at *Siggi's* which was addressed by the Hon Justice Mildren, founder of court reporting in the Northern Territory.

Included in the business of the meetings was the election of a new Chairman, following the resignation of Justice Beach. Cedric Hampson QC was elected to this position.

Inter alia, the Consultative Council discussed the question of uniformity of citation of unreported judgments, fol-



NTCLR editors Melanie Little, Michal Spargo and James Brohier entertain members of the Consultative Council at lunch

lowing the lead of the High Court of Australia and resolved to seek the input of heads of jurisdictions in this matter.

The Council has agreed to prepare a

discussion paper on issues surrounding the increased volume of judgment which will, in particular, refer to current electronic technologies in law reporting.

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Act (1.7.98)	(27.5.98)
37/1998 Territory Insurance Office (Miscellaneous Amdts) Act (27.5.98)	46/1998 Mine Management Amdt Act (N/C)
38/1998 Gaming Control Amdt Act (27.5.98)	47/1998 Northern Territory Treasury Corporation Amdt Act (27.5.98)
39/1998 Power & Water Authority Amdt Act (27.5.98)	New regulations
40/1998 Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amdt Act (27.5.98)	5/1998 Local Court Rules (1.6.98)
41/1998 Building Societies Act Repeal Act (27.5.98)	6/1998 Small Claims Rules (1.6.98)
42/1998 Court Security Act (N/C)	New reprints
43/1998 Financial Institutions (NT) Act (27.5.98)	Commercial & Private Agents Licensing Act – Reprinted 27.5.98
44/1998 Housing Amdt Act (N/C) (s 11 – 1.7.97)	Commencements
45/1998 Magistrates Amdt Act (No. 2)	20/1997 Local Court Amdt Act (1.6.98)
	21/1997 Small Claims Amdt Act (1.6.98)
	21/1998 Mining Amdt Act (3.6.98)
	25/1998 Unit Titles Amdt Act (6.5.98)