

Just about a Judge's life

At the recent ceremonial sitting to farewell Justice Gallop, His Honour reflected on the life of a judge. To make the point that judges do have some fun His Honour quoted the following poem:

*A judgement surely need not bore,
The judge can postulate the law,
Adjudicate on point of fact,
And do so with finesse and tact,
But still engage in moderate fun,
A quip, a joke, a harmless pun.
It's rather nice if judgement draws on
Shakespeare, Pope or Henry Lawson.
And why should critics get all
snooty
At metaphors from sport, like footie?
So I don't think that one should
curb
Adventurous use of noun and verb.
And why not play up to the gallery,
At least have some fun, if not much
salary.*

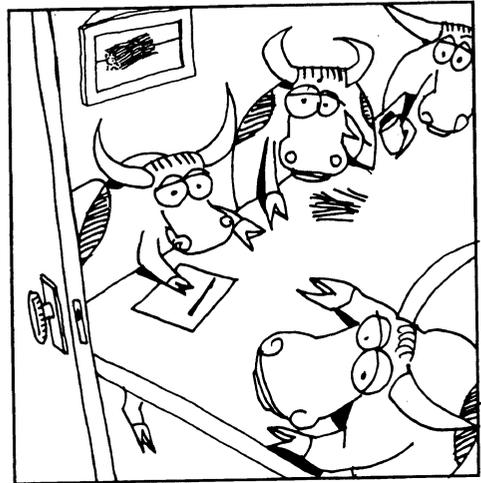
Triple shock

One particular Alice Springs legal practitioner is still reeling from news that is sure to turn her life upside down. A partner in a busy firm gathering pace in the Centre, the news of a child on the way was a welcome addition. But it seems she may get more than she bargained for. Muster room understands a hunt to find a culprit in the family trees of both parents is underway after scans have revealed she is carrying not one baby, not two babies but three. We are thinking of you. Good luck!

The Territory Way

Hosting a conference for a bunch of judges could never be considered an easy thing. Of course each conference has their demanding delegates but rarely so many with such a keen understanding and respect for protocol. But adjustments have to be made for easy going life in Australia's

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north. One delegate complained that his gold embossed invitation from the Chief Minister Denis Burke to attend welcoming drinks on the Speakers Green at Parliament House was only received the day before. A conference organiser was heard to reply: "Oh you were lucky to receive your invite the day before — they usually arrive the day after the event."

ROUNDS



Budrikis, McNamara

Has moved premise to:

12 Railway Terrace
Alice Springs
PO Box 4546
Alice Springs NT 0871
The telephone and fax numbers remain the same:

Tel: 08 8953 2242
Fax: 08 8953 2159

Jeff Shaw QC

The Hon Jeff Shaw QC MLC has resigned as NSW Attorney General and resumed practice at the NSW Bar. Mr Bob Dębus, former Minister for Corrective and Emergency Services has taken up the appointment of NSW Attorney General.

Cathy Spurr

Has been appointed as a partner at Halfpennys from 1 July 2000.

Clayton Utz National Business Departments

Recently corporatised law firm Clayton Utz has appointed managing departments to its four business departments.

Bradley Vann will head the corporate department, Andrew Trahair will lead financial services, Peter McMahon will be responsible for property and construction and Ross Perrett has dispute resolution.

Chief executive partner is Geoff Brown.

• AGM •

**The Law Society is
holding its Annual
General Meeting**

on

**Thursday 7
September**

4.30pm

Darwin Central

**The meeting will be
followed by light
refreshments.**