



What Darwin barrister is always getting chatted up by women? According to *For Me\** magazine, it's Ben O'Loughlin:

"He's powerful

Caroline Liddy, 30, a personal assistant, says that her boyfriend Ben O'Loughlin, 32, often gets chatted up women turned on by his high-powered position as a barrister.

**Carolyn says:** I'd known Ben for years before we started dating. Our elder sisters are best friends. Ben had moved to Darwin and I was still in Adelaide, so I hadn't seen him for ages. Then, about a year ago, we met when he was visiting Adelaide.

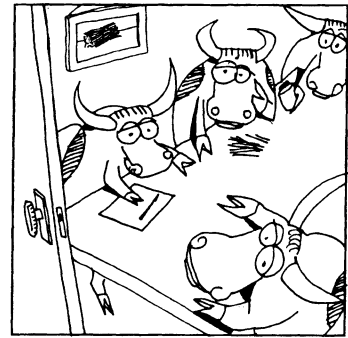
I'd always thought Ben was cute and

he looked even cuter - a bit more grown up. The next night we went on a date and that was the start of our long-distance relationship. It was really difficult - being in that honeymoon stage and living so far apart. I tried not to worry, but some women are turned on by the barrister thing. Once, at a party, one woman was being really flirty and saying, "Oh you're a barrister - that must be sooo interesting." When I told my friends what Ben did for a living, some said, "You've got a good one there." I think it's great that he's successful, but I'm not phased by what he does.

I sometimes wonder if he'd be better suited to someone with a similar career to him. But things are going really well - I've just moved to Darwin and we're living together. So we'll see how things go. Now I can keep a close eye on him!

**Ben says:** I rarely tell people I'm a barrister when I first meet them - I

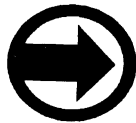
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say I'm a lawyer. I've only been a barrister for two years, so it still feels a bit pretentious. I don't like looking like I'm out to impress, and I certainly don't wear pinstripe suits! If women flirt with me, I'm usually the last to know. The woman Carolyn mentioned came on strong. Fortunately I moved away, quickly. Carolyn has no reason to feel insecure. She's sharp and has a great wit."

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# ROUNDS



### Mary-Lynn Griffith

Has commenced employment with Priestleys Barristers and Solicitors 5, 6 & 7, 18 Knucky Street Darwin  
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Has commenced work as Crown Prosecutor at DPP Alice Springs 1st Floor, Centre Point Building Hartley Street Alice Springs  
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## New Magistrate for Katherine

Former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions John Birch has been appointed as the first permanent magistrate in Katherine.

Mr Birch was sworn in by Chief Justice Brian Martin in Darwin on 6 March 2000.

His appointment follows six years working with the DPP in the Territory. He moved to Darwin from the Queensland DPP in 1994, and took up the post of Assistant Director of the DPP in Alice Springs in 1997.

Mr Birch has moved to Katherine with his wife, Dr Christine Lesnikowski and son.



## Ramona joins Law Society staff

The Law Society has welcomed new staff member and NTU law student Ramona Hotea as administration assistant.

Ramona moved to the Territory in March last year from Adelaide.

Ramona spent her first seven years as a child in Romania and speaks the national language fluently. She also speaks Italian which she learnt from her parents and a smattering of Japanese which she learned later at school.

Ramona has spent most of her life in South Australia, where she completed high school and began studies in International Business. She is now in her first year of law at NTU.