

# LAW WEEK 2001 QUIZ A GREAT SUCCESS

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that the Quiz afternoon sponsored by NTWLA held at Shenanigan's on Sunday, 13 May 2001 was a resounding success. It was part of the "Law Week" program. There was outstanding support from the public and it was a great opportunity for Women Lawyers to personally present to the public their mandate.

A personal approach was adopted and I spoke personally to members of the public and was able to set them straight that the funds were not actually lining our pockets. A few teams who were sceptical to begin with as to why Women Lawyers would need to fund raise, (because we have plenty of money) ended up donating for re-auction bottles of wine they had won through a series of "Dutch auctions".

The 'Dutch auction' is not my brainchild but was suggested to me by a friend and it was very easy. It is limited by time. The auctioneer is not aware of the time limit as there is a separate timekeeper who is given a different time for each auction prior to commencement of bidding. We restricted bids to \$2.00 each but every person bidding has to pay that \$2.00. The last bid made before the time has expired is the winner.

Congratulations to "The Scummy Dogs", a team of legal minds, male and female who came third (if my memory serves me well). They will not be named here as I do not wish to embarrass them,

particularly as they got the question to the following effect wrong:

*"What piece of legislation [controversial] was passed in the Northern Territory in 1996?"*

The organization and support of the management and staff of Shenanigan's was superb and greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Brigid Hackett, Manager and auctioneer extraordinaire and to Kim, the Quiz Miss, who collated and delivered the Quiz. As a result NTWLA raised \$520.00. Now that we have gathered funds at the next committee meeting on 25 May 2001 the committee will discuss ways of properly disbursing some of those funds where they are needed most. Last year NTWLA financially sponsored a Seminar in East Timor and were also invited to attend to assist in the process. The seminar was to examine, consider and prioritise the implementation of East Timor's own legislation independent of Indonesia. NTWLA were also invited to contribute to issues directly relating to the theme of the seminar, that is, "Gender issues and Children's Rights". The seminar was attended by both men and women of East Timor.

No doubt as you are all aware last month we sadly lost Rachael Lemke, a Solicitor at TIO, as a result of catastrophic injuries suffered in a light plane crash. It has been suggested by members that NTWLA should consider a memorial.



Jacqueline Presbury, NTWLA President

All suggestions both with respect to the nature of the memorial and with the application of NTWLA's funds would be both valued and greatly appreciated.

## Calendar

NTWLA members should remember to diarise the function on the Judge's balcony at the Supreme Court on Friday 15 June at 5.30 pm. The function is sponsored by our patron Justice Sally Thomas.

Please assist by ensuring that your membership is current. As you would be aware the membership year commences September and we are offering membership from now until September 2002 for \$30.00 and \$8.00 for students. The fees are normally \$20.00 and \$5.00 per annum.

Whilst on the subject of membership, thank you to all those new members. We now have 52 financial members. All of you should keep us informed of your expectations.

## Law Week 2001 Special Thanks

The Law Society would like to thank the following organisations for their support of Law Week: The NT Legal Aid Commission, NTsafe, NT Neighbourhood Watch and Safety Houses, the NT Division of the Australian Red Cross, The Aboriginal Interpreter Service, the NT Anti Discrimination Commission, Resolve, the University Avenue Veterinary Hospital

The Society would also like to thank the following for their financial support of Law Week:

