

Movers and Shakers

Kotia Saroglou is leaving Ward Keller at the end of July to join the Red Cross as their International Humanitarian Law Officer.

Michelle Fadelli is taking over the Public Affairs and Personnel role.

Also on the move:

- Megan Lennie has moved from Hunt and Hunt to work with David Winter at Cullen Bay.
- Elizabeth Morris is back at the Office of the Coroner.

Relocation

The Top End Womens Legal Service are relocating, cutting their umbilical cord with DCLS.

You can now find them at 62 Cavenagh Street. Phone and fax numbers stay the same.

Fun and games

To protect the (not so) innocent, guess which two prosecutors recently failed to answer the following quiz night question:

"Who this year predicted Darwin would become the next Port Moresby?"

The answer of course was Jon Tippett QC. The lawyers answered "Marshall Perron".

Still on quiz nights...

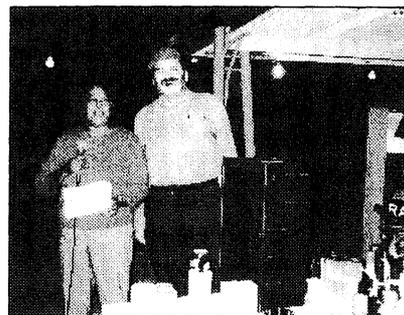
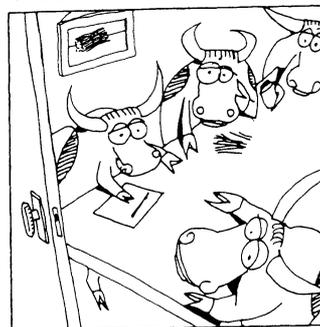
The NAALAS/NTLAC Naidoc Week quiz night had a decent turn out and some real smarty-pants.

With questions set by Rex Wild QC and Peter Thomas, it was a challenging night for some.

But NOT for Nanette Hunter's table, they scored top place with 99 points.

Right: At the Naidoc Week quiz night, Veronica McClintic and Peter Thomas

The Muster Room



LAWASIA biotechnology conference

The Darwin legal community was treated to a rare CLE opportunity on 22 June when LAWASIA staged a stimulating day-long seminar that dealt with the legal minefield created by developments in biotechnology.

The seminar, timed to follow immediately on from the Australasian Legal Reform Agencies' conference, brought together a plethora of professors who discussed the theory and policy of legal development in this area. These were joined by "coal-face" practitioners whose task it is to ensure that clients are properly advised in this rapidly-growing body of law.

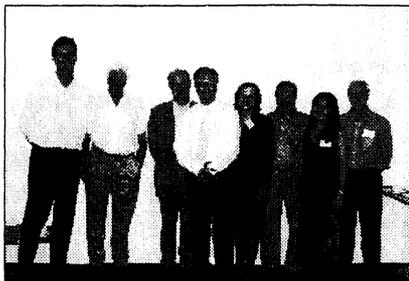
Ms Natalie Stoianoff, Senior Lecturer at the University of Wollongong's Faculty of Law and Professor Brad Sherman, Director of the Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture at Griffith University shared the podium on a stimulating session on intellectual property and biotechnology. This dovetailed neatly with a presentation from Associate Professor Christoph Antons of the NTU's Centre for South East Asian Law that examined in greater depth issues attached to traditional knowledge and intellectual property rights.

John Stonier, a member of the Federal government's panel of experts at the Biotechnology Centre of Excellence, gave a most interesting presentation on the fundamentals of biotechnology licence agreements.

The afternoon session began with examination of biotechnology from a

legal policy perspective while the final session saw the University of Tasmania's Don Chalmers, Professor of Law, speak on regulation issues, especially in terms of commercialisation and benefit-sharing.

His presentation was followed by an examination of matters of privacy and confidentiality as they apply to genetic information, given by Professor David Weisbrot, well-known as the Chair of the Australian Law Reform Commission. Professors Chalmers and Weisbrot were among those who put together the national statement on this area, interestingly referred to by Ms Choy Flannigan in her presentation as "The Bible". It was a stimulating experience seminar.



Above from left: Prof Brad Sherman, John Stonier, Prof Chris Arup, Dr Christoph Antons, Natalie Stoianoff, Prof David Weisbrot, Alison Choy Flannigan, Prof Don Chalmers.

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