

David Dalrymple "promotion"
 ABC Television took a shine to David Dalrymple on 2 September. According to Aunty, Mr Dalrymple is now David Dalrymple QC. And we thought you had to nominate for one of those!

Is that any way to treat a loved one?

It was a very busy Law Society president who found himself paying dearly for his rush to get back to Darwin last month.

Morrie had just delivered two speeches at the magistrates' love-in at Lake Bennett when he had to get back to town to deliver a paper to the Registrars' Conference.

In his haste he bottomed out his dear DAISIE (his 1978 Mercedes Benz 280 SEL) and broke her sump (ouch).

Even more of an annoyance, the tow back into town.

It was a looong wait.

Needless to say, the Registrars missed his wisdom in person and had to make do with it in writing.

Not shaken or stirred

On the eve of the NT Bar Association dinner, guest speaker David Bennet QC revealed an unusual drinking trait. The distinguished gentleman was observed at drinks ordering a martini with gin only.

He then produced an atomizer and

proceed to spray his favorite Vermouth into his drink

A new inclusion in the southerner's packing tips? BYO spirit.

Boys, boys

Also from the NTBA dinner itself – a tale of a man and his jacket.

Colin Macdonald QC attended the annual nosh-up looking resplendent in a green silk mandarin collared jacket complete with flashy gold dragons.

Unfortunately the jacket disappeared after he was asked by that well-known fashion plate of the profession, the President of the Law Society, from which Peter Sellers set the jacket had been stolen.

Not now Colin!

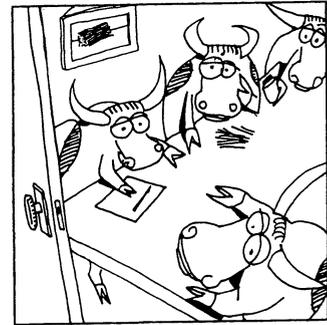
Admissions and Mutual Recognitions

Admitted to the Supreme Court in early September were:

Brendan Vasiliadis Loizou, Heather May Collins, Terence Michael McMahon,

Right: What a distinguished lot they are! If you thought the answers to the Balance questions on pages 10, 11 & 12 were something, this is the new Councillors practising "ducking and weaving" during their official photo shoot. And they say lawyers don't have a sense of humour.

The Muster Room



Peter John Zucchi, Jennifer Ruth Gil. Mutual Recognition admissions: Stephen Brett Harris (in Aug)

Movers and Shakers

Sophie Cleveland has rejoined McQueens after maternity leave.

Jenny Hardy is the "new" Business and Policy manager at the Legal Aid Commission.

Charles Yuen has left Ward Keller and commenced his own firm dealing exclusively with immigration matters.



Scholarship program

Four scholarships of up to \$5000 each will be awarded to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people aged 25 years under in the Robert Riley Scholarship Program 2003.

The aim of the program is to promote the pursuit of justice and human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through supporting education of young Indigenous people in these fields.

The Foundation for Young Australians initiated the program in 1996 in honour of the late Robert Riley to enable the continuation of the advocacy work he pursued so courageously and passionately.

The scholarships will be awarded to those pursuing studies in the fields of law, human rights or juvenile justice.

For more info go to www.youngaustralians.org/projects ①

New president for Law Council

New Law Council of Australia president Ron Heinrich says a truly national profession should benefit practitioners and deliver a higher level of service to the community.

"The Law Council's National Profession Project demonstrates our commitment to working with governments to ensure a seamless approach to regulation," Mr Heinrich said. "I want regulation which ensures that the public have confidence that lawyers will maintain the highest ethical standards."

Mr Heinrich is also concerned about the possible impact of competition policy on the profession.

"Competition policy for lawyers gives rise to a tension. Are we running a business or working as a profession? The reality is we are doing both – but standards and ethics must not be a casualty," he said. ①