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He's known for his lairy shirts but Muster Room is grateful that even the Department of Justice's sartorially elegant(?) Alastair Shields has his limits.

The man for whom colour is no object and mixing pink with green and orange is nothing to be ashamed of volunteered recently to present a CLE for the LSNT about Trains and the Law.

On discussing what the CLE would include Alastair said he "MIGHT be convinced to sing Locomotion" but "no way" would he don the gold hotpants! Bummer!

The missing joke...

A man went looking for a present for his wife's birthday. He looked in shop after shop but was unable to find anything sufficiently special for his dear wife and finally found himself in a boutique pet shop. He walked into the pet shop, was greeted by the manager and told him he wanted buy a special gift for his wife. The manager took him to view three parrots on stands. The first parrot was a resplendent bird tall and elegant, iridescent green and shining gold. The manager said parrot could recite poetry. He said to the parrot: "come on Polly, give us a poem" and the parrot began reciting the words of Wordsworth, Shelley, Dante and Shakespeare.

"That was magnificent!" the man said, "how much is this parrot?"

The manager said the parrot was worth \$2000.

The man grimaced and said: "Well, that is a lot of money, what about the second parrot?"

This parrot was an even more resplendent parrot with a longer tail, iridescent green, shining gold and deep blue plumage. The manager said: "well this parrot recites philosophy" and with that said to the parrot: "spin us a line, Polly!", and the parrot began to recite Socrates, Plato, Nietzsche and others.

"How much is this parrot?" asked the man.

The manager said: "this parrot is worth \$4000". The man was even less impressed with the price. He said: "what about this last parrot?"

Last parrot in the line was not at all resplendent. It was sort of dumpy, dull black in plumage with a short frazzled tail. The man said: "what does this parrot do?" The manager said: "well it does nothing at all, it just sits there". "How much is this parrot?" asked the man. The manager said: "this parrot is worth \$8000". The man was absolutely flabbergasted. He said: "I can't believe it! The first parrot, such a beautiful bird, a reciter of poetry is worth \$2000, the second parrot even more beautiful and is a reciter of philosophy is worth \$4000 and this small, dull black parrot with the beady eyes is worth \$8000! How can that be?"

"Well," said the manager "I'm not that sure myself but it must be worth more than the other two because they defer to it and call it Chief Justice!"

...and another one

CJ de Jersey certainly has a keen sense of humour.

Not only did he unrelentingly tease the LSNT Alice rep Tony Whitelum and prez Ian Morris about wanting to take a stroll down the (then-dry) Todd River bed ("um, not a good idea, Your Honour"), he had several jokes at his own expense.

One unforgettable line of his was:

"They say the Chief Justice holds the reins - they're just not attached to anything."

Fore!

Australia Day was THE day for El Presidente.

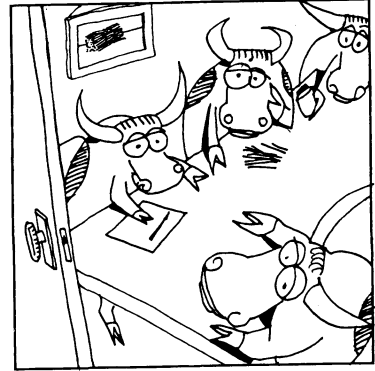
Morrie, Mrs Morrie, Peggy Cheong and her hubby Casey Choy had entered a team called the Wattles in the Ambrose competition at the RAAF Golf Club. And at the 14th hole (a par three), Morrie did a Tiger and bagged a hole-in-one! According to witnesses the look on his face was "absolutely priceless", going from amazement to disbelief, to elation within 30 seconds.

He was momentarily speechless but soon recovered sufficiently to brag about his feat to at least two members of the judiciary.

The Criminal WHAT Association?

Muster Room has been guilty of many a typo and there are times such mistakes can get a publication into a LOT of trouble.

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But other times, it's just worth having a laugh at what could be also labelled as a Freudian slip.

Take the National Children's and Youth Law Centre newsletter, *article 13*. In acknowledging organisations who made contributions to the recent NCYLC's awards, the newsletter lists the Northern Territory Criminal Layer's Association. There's a line there but we're not going anywhere near it!

By the way, congrats to NAALAS' Peter O'Brien, who picked up one of the NCYLC awards.

Movers and Shakers

Katrina Budrikis, formerly of Alice Springs, is now with the Dept of Justice, Aboriginal Land Division, in Darwin. **Tom Anderson** has left Clayton Utz for the Dept of Justice (from 17 March).

Admitted in January were: **Richard Terrick Cowen**, **Josine Marie Wynberg** and **Robin Edward Esdaile**.

Admitted in early February were: **Patricia Brennan**, **Vasillia Frazis**, **Matthew Charles Garraway**, **Daniel Leigh Garton**, **Lisa-Gaye Strachan**, **Martin John Fisher**.

STOP THE PRESS!

Muster Room is very pleased with the announcement that **Melanie Little** is to be the next magistrate in the Northern Territory.

Warmest congratulations to **Melanie** (a solid contributor to *Balance*) and all the best for the future.