

# **Margaret Rischbieth**

## **Registrar of the Supreme Court (Darwin)**

### **Brief career history:**

I studied at Adelaide University. After admission, I set up in sole practice for two and a half years in Adelaide, then moved to Darwin in 1982 to be an associate to Justice Muirhead. Following that, I joined Clark & Partners for six months, then Mildrens for two and a half years before joining the Department of Law (now the Department of Justice). I worked in the Commercial and Policy Divisions at the Department before being approached to move to the Supreme Court as Registrar, where I have been since 1994.

### **What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?**

My older sister studied law, and I became interested through her. Also an inability to understand mathematics limited my career options.

### **How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?**

22 years. A combination of the job offer from Justice Muirhead, and the urgings of my ex-husband to escape the confines of Adelaide to head north - he returned to Adelaide five months later.

### **What is the best, and the worst, thing about living and working in the Territory?**

I like the sense of community in the NT, and the fact that it is possible to individually know the solicitors you deal with. I also like the ease of getting around, the friendly attitude of people in general, and the warm weather.

Distance from my family is probably the worst aspect of life up here for me.

### **If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?**

It is easy to say 'world peace', but the thing which most concerns me is damage to the environment: global warming, pollution etc – so reversing that damage is what I would change.

### **What is your greatest achievement?**

Still managing to play tennis – and find people prepared to play with me

- despite a dodgy knee, and erratic play.

### **What are your hobbies?**

Travel, tennis, camping, reading, films, walking the dog and drinking the odd glass of red wine.

### **Describe your perfect weekend.**

Dinner with friends on Friday. Parap Market on Saturday morning, sailing on Sunday, and relaxing in between.

### **What are you most passionate about?**

Achieving the perfect volley.

### **What was the last book you read?**

*Miss Garnet's Angel* by Salley Vickers.

### **What is your favourite movie?**

Being John Malkovich.

### **What was the last CD you bought?**

Jack Johnson's "On and On"



### **What is your favourite holiday destination and why?**

A toss up between Tuscany and Bali – both are beautiful, have interesting histories, and great food. Although it is hard to beat Paris...

### **Describe your perfect meal.**

Roast lamb.

**After a long week at work it is finally Friday, you walk up to the bar and order a...** Crown Lager

**Three words that describe who you are...**

Sociable, optimistic, content.①

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