

New committees get straight to work cont...

Maynard, Lyn Bennett, Carolyn Walter, Brett Midena, Alistair Shields or Karen Christopher and Barbara Bradshaw.

The committee will consider the Building Licensing Bill, the Construction Contracts Bill and other commercial law initiatives as they arise.

11. Legal Aid/Pro Bono

Chair: Kate Hughes. **Members:** Tony Whitelum, Sam Salmon, Peter O'Brien, Sally Sievers, Marian Wilson, Caitlin Perry, Kate Halliday and Barbara Bradshaw.

This committee aims to promote and support increased funding for Legal Aid, establish a pro bono system in the Territory and consider ATSILS issues.

12. Criminal Law

Chair: Glen Dooley. **Members:** Jack Lewis, Jodi Mather, David Lewis and Barbara Bradshaw.

This committee will consider criminal law issues and proposed amendments to the Criminal Code as they arise.

13. Continuing Legal Education

Chair: Matthew Storey. **Members:** Jo Tomlinson, Allison Robertson, Jodi Mather, Jacqueline Presbury, Meredith Day, Jason Schoolmeester and Barbara Bradshaw.

The committee will:

- Implement formal co-operation with the Young Lawyers and their program;
- Review the current methods of dissemination of information about CLE with a view to increased attendance;
- Assess the long-term provision of a CLE program to Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs following the outcome of the Society's second application to the Public Purposes Trust;
- Develop a targeted CLE

program;

- Implement installation of new equipment; and
- Consider issues relating to mandatory CLE.

The Christmas party season is already upon us, it seems to start earlier and get busier every year. The Law Society is hosting Christmas drinks in Darwin on Thursday 9 December at the Novotel Atrium. So come along and share some Christmas cheer.

In late November Allison Robertson, Barbara Bradshaw and I travelled to Canberra for the last Law Council of Australia meeting for this year. The National Model Laws Project was prominent on the agenda. This meeting was also used to set the strategic plan and direction of the Law Council for the coming year.

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Legal teams support Relay for Life

Congratulations to the teams from the Magistrate's Court, the Department of Justice and Desilva Hebron who participated in the Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life is an 18-hour fun-run/walk which raises money for the Cancer Council NT. This year's Relay was held on 24-25 September at Mindil Beach.

The Cancer Council NT hoped to raise \$100,000 from the 52 teams that entered this year's event. The teams exceeded expectations by raising over \$124,000.

NT's Relay for Life co-ordinator, Sharon Watson, said: "this year's event has astounded our Relay Committee and the addition of large corporate teams has certainly added to the overall [fundraising] prospective".

The involvement of corporate teams helps to boost the funding capacity



Desilva Hebron's corporate team in the 2004 Relay for Life.

of events like the Relay for Life.

The Desilva Hebron team won the award for the Best Tent Site (with an impressive effort which included a spa and water feature) and the Most Fundraising, having contributed over \$11,000 towards this year's total.

Congratulations to all those involved in the Relay and all those who donated money to the event.

Desilva Hebron would like to issue a challenge for other legal teams to enter next year.

The Desilva Hebron team are rightly proud of their efforts in this year's Relay and are not-so quietly confident that they will have next year's sewn up as well, so I guess you'll have to be in it to prove them wrong.①