

Lucky escape for LSNT in Law Week cricket

Law Week in Alice Springs was a very tame affair generally speaking however, there were a few highlights.

A number of practitioners, but not enough, volunteered their very valuable time to provide advice at workshops on certain aspects of the law. There was, unfortunately, very little response from the public. What we read into that, I do not know.

Are there no legal problems in the Red Centre? Or does the public have such little faith in our ability to provide advice that they prefer to watch LA Law? In the result, the apparent public apathy worked to my advantage as I had pencilled in my session into the wrong week!

The luncheon was a very pleasant affair. The talk by Jim Backwell was topical and interesting. Jim certainly knew his chosen field and enlightened us all as to the despicable goings-on by both the Australian and US governments in regards to the basic human rights for our two Australian citizens currently incarcerated in the US.

The Australian government's performance on this issue is absolutely appalling as is our performance in civil rights issues across-the-board. How about some basic justice for our two Australian citizens illegally imprisoned at

Guantanamo Bay!

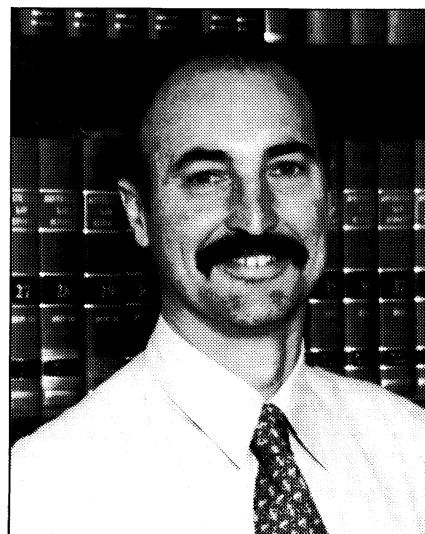
The much talked about cricket match between the Michael Ward XI and the Whitelum XI loomed. The Whitelum XI recruited Juan Dominguez, DPP formerly of the US Air Force. Actually, I did not recruit him, he was the only volunteer. Juan has never played cricket before but suggested his baseball prowess would make him an ideal opening bowler.

As the captain I was obviously interested in his abilities. A quick demonstration was given. There was no need for complicated scientific examinations at the Institute of Sport, WA to work out he is a "chucker".

I had determined to take the new ball, wicketkeep and make Juan 12th man. However, the opposition got wind of our recruit and our preparation and such was their fear and trepidation that Michael's ticker missed a beat and he was carted off to hospital. Got out of that one!

Thankfully everything appears to be okay now and we all hope Michael's health returns to normal. Get ready for next year Michael.

Thank you very much to Zoe Malone



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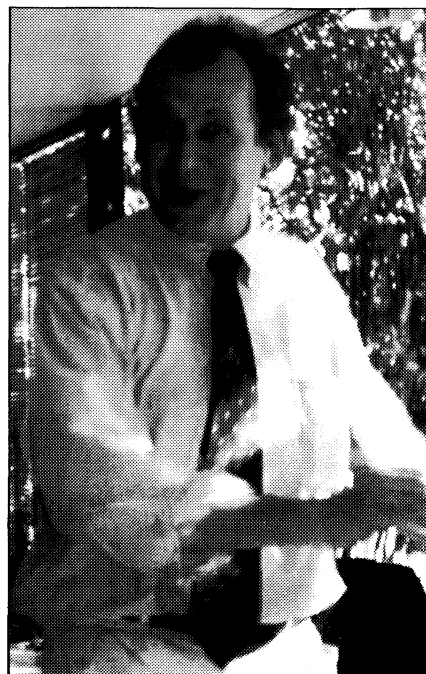
and the Law Society for again putting in a tremendous effort to make Law Week an entertaining success.⁽¹⁾



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