

BYO afternoon tea

Library staff were recently invited to a special morning tea to farewell a long-time colleague. The invitation included the phrase "BYO coffee/tea".

Cridlands Creche

The Cridlands team has done more than its fair share for population growth in 2005.

In the Darwin office, Janet Muller, Danny Wauchope, Johanna Clark, Daniel Hill, Simone Hansch-Maher and Naomi Wilson have all become parents. Hermina Sudar kept up the Sydney effort, and there are a couple more productions on the way, Megan Lennie in Darwin and Rebecca McDonald in Sydney.

Something in the water? Maybe it's those Friday night drinks...

AGM season

There has been a changing of the guard in the recent round of AGMs for NT legal organisations. Congratulations to the new presidents: Jon Tippett QC (NT Bar Association); Mark Johnson (Criminal Lawyers Association NT); and Stephanie Tresize-Conroy (NT Women Lawyers Association).

Katherine revelations

The Katherine crew is a friendly mix of young solicitors and on a recent trip past the Berrimah line staff members from NAALAS, NTLAC and LSNT were made feel very welcome.

Revelations included that: shopping trolleys are an acceptable form of transport in Katherine; the local gym gets given a workout by some of the local legal eagles; one solicitor is intending on swearing off the alcohol until his first child is born mid next year; and that quiz nights can make for a dangerous night out. This visitors were also amazed by a lengthy explanation of the 'temptation theory'.

Admissions

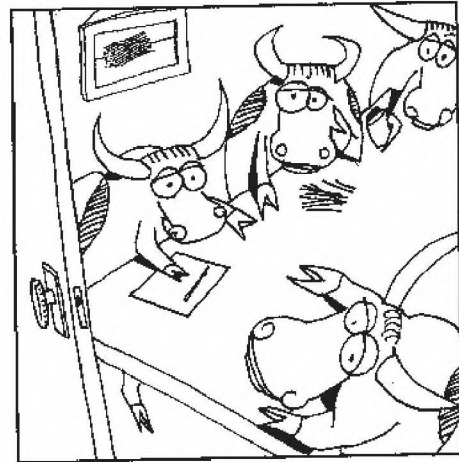
Congratulations to Kathleen Clark (Ward Keller), Jacqueline Nicholls (Ward Keller), Mark Fowler (Brett Midena Lawyers) and James McEwan (DOJ) who were all admitted to the Supreme Court in recent months.

Criminal Justice Forum update

The Criminal Justice Forum recently considered the situation where an accused person remanded in custody pending trial is found not guilty and is then discharged from custody at the court without any of his or her possessions or funds. This can result in the person being released into the community without any resources.

It was suggested that this could be resolved by defence counsel requesting a variation in the remand warrant, where there is a reasonable prospect of an accused in custody being acquitted, so that it remands the prisoner until the conclusion of the trial. Consequently a detainee would be discharged from the prison on the

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Movers and Shakers

Heather Ross and William Oliver have started work with Minter Ellison, Samantha Miles has left Clayton Utz and Peter Tiffin is taking a break from legal practise after many years at NAALAS.

Joanna Martin has left TEWLS and started work with the Australian Government Solicitor.

Kate Hughes has left NT Legal Aid Commission after being appointed as a Federal Magistrate in Melbourne.

Wolf Creek

Now that the Murdoch Trial has been completed, the blockbuster Australian horror movie Wolf Creek will be released in the Northern Territory.

If the reaction of legal eagles involved in the trial (who received a special advance screening) is anything to go by, this film is not for the faint hearted.

Contributions

If you've got some gossip, heard a good story, or seen something funny, let Muster Room know. Tip-offs and rumors can be sent to publicrelations@lawsocnt.asn.au.

morning of the last day of his or her trial and would arrive at court with his or her possessions.

The Judges have agreed that where defence/prosecuting counsel are of the view that there is a reasonable prospect of an accused in custody being acquitted, counsel will advise the judge and the judge will direct that the form of the warrant be varied as suggested. The Sheriff has been advised accordingly.

It will be the responsibility of counsel to raise the matter with the judge. Obviously it will be a matter for the individual judge on each occasion whether to agree to vary the form of warrant.