

Kay Brennan

MR was sad to note that Kay Brennan died on 14 January 2005, aged 66.

Kay was involved with the legal profession for many years through her business, Blaise Mercantile, which operated as a process server and bailiff.

A true Territorian character, Kay was well-known and respected throughout the legal profession and she will be sorely missed.①

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Seasons Greetings! As some of you might have already heard by now, I will soon be leaving Darwin to take up an appointment as a full-time Member of the newly established State Administrative Tribunal, located in Perth, for a period of five years.

The President of the Tribunal is Justice Michael Barker, and the Tribunal will take over most administrative appeals for the State. It is scheduled to commence its operations from early January 2005.

As I said in my letter of resignation to members of William Forster Chambers:

"To have the honour to be appointed as a foundation Member of such a body in an area in which I have both expertise and interest is an

opportunity that I could not sensibly resist. And, regrettably, no such equivalent opportunity is, or is likely to become, available in the Territory."

In the short time available (not my doing!) it will not be possible to contact most of you (those in Darwin) individually to say goodbye and to pass on my thanks for your collegiality and friendship over the years. So, it's goodbye and farewell then; my email address will stay the same!

Very Best Regards,

Peter McNab ①

Movers and shakers

Cassandra Tys' practice in Katherine closed in early December 2004 and Cassandra has joined the Morgan Buckley team in Darwin.

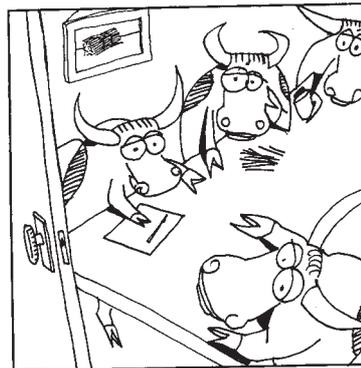
Congratulations to Pipina Papzoglou who was appointed an Associate at De Silva Hebron at the start of this year.

Bill Priestley has moved to the Independent Bar, working from Myilly Point Chambers. Priestleys will continue to operate under the same name with Melissa Dunn at the helm. The business is now owned by Priestleys Lawyers Pty Ltd. Contact details remain the same.①

El Presidente

Lyn Bennett is the incoming president of the Darwin South Rotary

The Muster Room



Club. As a tribute to their new President the club's Christmas party theme was come as Lyn or Graham Bennett.①

Following the bright lights of Cowra

Helen Finlay has resigned from the Department of Justice to move to Cowra in regional New South Wales, which is apparently the proposed new movie capital of Australia. MR wonders whether Helen is chasing a new career as a movie megastar. ①

Cheaper than the NT News

Chief Justice Brian Martin very publicly announced his daughter's engagement at the Opening of the Legal Year lunch in Darwin.

Rather than get embarrassed, Jo merely commented that it was cheaper than putting a notice in the NT News.①

Call for anecdotes

Bruce Debelle is undertaking a biography of Sir Victor Windeyer, who was a Justice of the High Court from 1958 to 1972. This project is being undertaken with consent from Sir Victor's family.

If you have any anecdotes, comments or contributions on the life and career of this great Australian lawyer and soldier, please send them to:

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