

Judicial milestones to be marked in April

On 12 April 2008, the Supreme Court will hold a dinner to celebrate two important judicial milestones. On 14 December 2007, Justice



Justice Sally Thomas AM

David Angel became the Northern Territory's longest serving resident Judge, while in 2008 Justice Sally Thomas will celebrate 30 years as a Northern Territory judicial officer, having been appointed as a magistrate on 7 June 1978.

The dinner will be held in the Supreme Court foyer, and will be Territory formal. Invitations will be sent to all LSNT members, but numbers are strictly limited so all interested members will need to reserve their places as soon as possible after receiving their invite, to avoid disappointment. Invitations are expected to be sent by the Supreme Court in early March.

All enquiries regarding the event should be directed to the Director of the Supreme Court, Chris Cox on 8999 5412 or chris.cox@nt.gov.au.



Justice David Angel

Law Society Project Officer appointed

Angus McDonald has been appointed as the new Project Officer, Research and Policy at the Law Society, replacing Mischa Barr. Angus hails from the ACT, where he has recently finished a Bachelor of Law and Commerce at ANU.

One of the Project Officer's primary functions is to facilitate Law Society Committee meetings.

Right: Angus McDonald



A 30 year milestone

By Barbara Bradshaw

This month sees the 30th anniversary in the Supreme Court Northern Territory of Lenore Keyte.

Lenore started at the Court as personal assistant to then Deputy Master Stephanie Forgie (at a time when the Court still also exercised Federal Court and Family Court Jurisdiction). She worked with a number of Masters and Deputy Masters and Registrars (and acting appointees) including Narendra Patel, Phil Lefevre, Terry Coulehan, Peter Liddle, Viv Holmes, Jenni Daniel-Yee, Margaret Rischbieth

and for a brief, acting period, myself, at an early stage becoming Registry Manager.

She did not work at the Supreme Court the whole time, becoming (for a while) Secretary to the Agents Licensing Board, before returning to her true "home". Lenore's contribution to the exercise of the Court's Civil jurisdiction, and to the operation of the legal profession, has been considerable. If she wrote her memoirs she would also have a few stories - it is probably best they remain unwritten!

D a r w i n conferences

The Law Society Northern Territory will play host to regulation and policy officers from around the country in June for the Conference of Regulatory Officers 2008.

The conference will focus on practical and legislative issues and harmonisation initiatives, and will be attended by Law Societies, Bars, Statutory Regulators and representatives of the Law Council of Australia.

Speakers at the conference will include Justinian author, Richard Ackland, and Justice Dean Mildren RFD.

The conference, on 12 and 13 June, will precede the Law Council of Australia Directors meetings in Darwin on 14 June.

The Law Society's Access to Justice Committee (formerly known as the Pro-Bono Committee) proposes to hold the biennial Pro-Bono Conference in Darwin on 11 and 12 September, making it a busy 2008 for the Secretariat!