

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One of the most popular requests that emerged from the results of the 2008 Balance readership survey was the inclusion of a Letters to the Editor section. Having recently taken over the role of public relations officer at LSNT, I will get the ball rolling by introducing myself with answers to a few 'get to know you' questions.

Brief career history

I've worked in a range of industries, initially with the British intelligence service. From there I moved into HR, working for Lord Pearson of Rannoch and a software house before dipping my toe into the marketing arena. Arriving in Australia I worked for a number of private clients and latterly was at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

What motivated you to start working in the legal profession?

A combination of having had regular dealings with lawyers whilst working as an HR Manager, and looking for a new challenge within the marketing field.

How long have you been in the Territory and what brought you up here?

I came down here from Britain nine years ago, looking for a dramatic change in lifestyle and to get away from that marvellous English weather.

What is the best and the worst thing about living and working in the Territory?

The relaxed lifestyle and the weather. I just love the dry and the wet, but am not so enthusiastic about the build up. I was surprised to find that Territorians talk about the weather just as much as the

Poms do!

If you had the power to change one thing in the world, what would it be?

Put a stop to the increasing hatred of our fellow man.

What is your greatest achievement?

Walking away from the humdrum of Britain, and moving to Australia to start an exciting new life.

What are your hobbies?

My interest in gardening has been renewed as it's so completely different here; and I love to travel and explore different countries and cultures.

Do you have any pets? If so what is it/are they called?

A pair of brown monsters! Correction - two chocolate and tan Dachshunds called Guinevere and Merlin. Being independent they don't always come when called so other names are frequently used too!

Describe your perfect weekend.

Peace and quiet, with no interruptions, work or chores to worry about. Good food and wine and company optional.

What are you most passionate about?

My partner, my pets and Australia.

What was the last book you read?

Roar of the Lion by Frank Coates. A nostalgic trip back to my childhood, and written by an Aussie.

What is your favourite movie?

Shirley Valentine for humour; Out of Africa for nostalgia and the classic Lawrence of Arabia.



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What was the last CD you bought?

Vittorio Grigolo.

What is your favourite holiday destination and why?

In the northern hemisphere it was the ski slopes and exploring quiet spots in the Mediterranean - Greece, Turkey, North Africa. I'm still having great fun exploring for that perfect destination south of the equator.

Describe your perfect meal.

Gourmet vegetarian cooked by someone else, accompanied by a glass or two of red and great company.

After a long week at work, it is finally Friday. You walk up to the bar and order a...?

I'm not a big party girl, but a decent glass of red always goes down well at home on the veranda.

Three words that describe who you are?

Hard working, loyal and pragmatic.