

# Marsh Law Week Cricket Match

Sunday 10 May, Dinah Beach Oval

The afternoon prior to the official commencement of Law Week 2009, devotees to the sport of leather on willow donned a dazzling array of 'non-whites' for the Law Society President's XI vs the Chief Justice's XI for the perpetual trophy. With the prospect of the Chief Justice's XI scoring a hatrick victory, the President's XI, captained by Duncan McConnel put in a stellar performance and took the spoils. Our appreciation goes to Marsh Pty Ltd for so generously continuing to sponsor this annual event. (



Chief Justice Martin reluctantly hands over the trophy to Duncan McConnel



Matthew Storey keeping score



The victorious President



The Chief Justice's XI discuss tactics!



A well earned drink following the match

# Law Week Launch

## Monday 11 May, Raintree Park

The Law Week Launch attracted lunchtime crowds in the Darwin CBD, and was officially opened in Raintree Park by His Honour, The Administrator, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC. His Honour also launched the 4th Edition Northern Territory Law Handbook in Darwin.



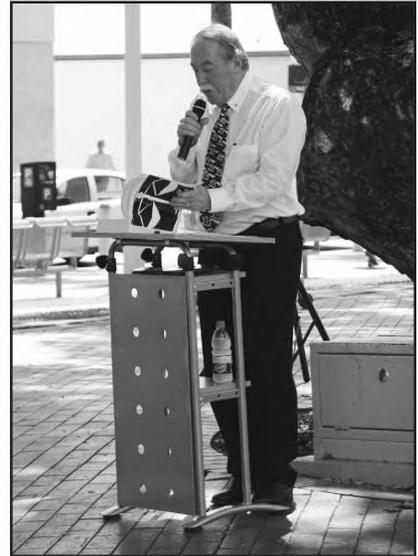
*The One Mob, Different Countries Dancers entertain the crowds*



*Cridlands MB tighten their grip*

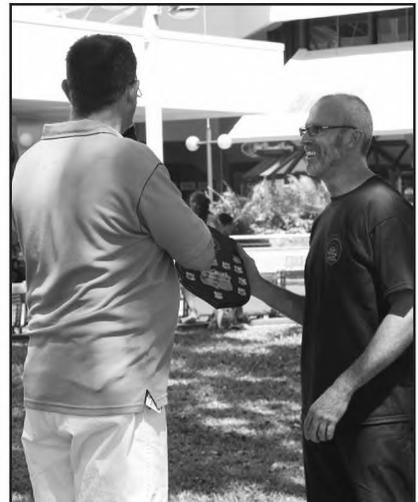


*ToL victors Jason Schoolmeester, Greg MacDonald, Craig Smyth, Raymond Murphy, Robert Pocock and Giovina D'Alessandro from the Department of Justice*



*His Honour, Mr Tom Pauling AO QC*

Entertainment was provided by the One Mob Different Countries Dancers, and the LSNT staff ran a sausage sizzle, whilst Legal services organisations ran information stalls to promote their services to the public. The annual "Tug of Law" competition was once again taken out by the mighty muscle of DoJ, despite very valiant efforts by Cridlands MB and De Silva Hebron. }



*MC Peter Perrin from 104.1 Territory FM presents the winners shield to team Captain Greg MacDonald*

## I'd Rather Wrestle a Croc...

**Monday 11 May, Supreme Court**

The Northern Territory Young Lawyers organised the fourth annual Great Debate, which followed last year's format of pitting senior practitioners against the most junior members, with Angel J presiding.

The intentionally light-hearted topic of 'I'd rather wrestle a croc than practice law in the city' produced an array of croc-mobilia and a very snappy debate.

Most attendees stayed for a networking function provided

by the Law Society in the foyer following the debate. The enthusiastic audience greatly enjoyed the debate, regularly laughing at the performances, and electing the winners (a tie) by vigorous clapping, hooting and hollering at the end. }

## Schools on Trial

**Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 May, Supreme Court**

The Schools Legal Forums held within Law Week were a tremendous success; run on two consecutive days due to the number of interested schools wishing to attend.

The Law Society would like to thank Chief Justice Martin, Matthew Nathan DPP, Rex Wild QC, Sylvia Zaroufis Ward Keller, Micky Warren Supreme Court for their generosity of time and assistance with the Forums.

Over 140 students from Darwin High, O'Loughlin, Kormilda and NTOEC attended over the two days, during which the students were taken on a tour of the Supreme Court which included an explanation of artwork and history of the building. The students were then taken to Courtroom 5 where Sylvia Zaroufis gave insights into how she juggles being a GDLP student, working and the non-existent social life!

Matthew Nathan and Rex Wild QC then discussed what the roles of a prosecutor and defence lawyer have within the judicial system. Rex produced a couple of novels from the

"Rumpole of the Bailey" series which was of such interest that a student asked where would he obtain a copy.

His Honour, Chief Brian Martin engaged the students with his presentation. A number of students questioned His Honour on the Courts, the jury, and decisions made. It would appear from the questions asked that perhaps too much television is watched in regards to law and order!

The afternoon session took the form of a mock trial with the Chief Justice presiding over the matter *The Queen V Ryan Johnson* Indictment for

Dangerous Driving Causing Death Section 174F of the Criminal Code.

All students participated, whether being jurors, witnesses, prosecutors or defence lawyers. The students were taken aback when His Honour walked into the Courtroom 5 with his full robes which gave one or two of the students' stage fright!

Under the guidance of Prosecutor Matthew Nathan and Defence Rex Wild QC, the students spent time preparing their case and finding holes in the witness statements. The trial ran its course and His Honour instructed the Jury to



*Law Society CPD Officer Leonie Hastie welcomes members of the Tuesday forum to Court No. 3*

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make a decision within five minutes; extraordinary in any event! The Jury returned to the Court room and delivered their verdict, and the accused was suitably incarcerated.

Following the trial His Honour took the opportunity to speak with the students about the details within the mock trial. His Honour said he had seen many a time where people coming before the Courts make statements which were similar to the witness statements within the mock trial. His Honour then urged students to make sure they wear their seatbelts when driving, and emphasised that he didn't want to see any of them in the Court room involved in a real matter.

The feedback from teachers was extremely positive; stating coming to the Supreme Court was on the agenda and being involved in a trial gave the students an opportunity to experience a situation that could well be possible in the future. Kormilda College was most



Chief Justice Brian Martin addresses the Court

expressive; saying that getting all of the students involved made the day interesting and retained the students attention, and that due to the excitement of the day, they could not be kept quiet on the trip back to the school.

The Law Society has received interest from Alice Springs schools as well as other Darwin schools who were unable to attend this year. Schools will be contacted again in 2010 and invited to participate in the School Forum within Law

Week. The Law Society would like to extend an invitation to practitioners who would like to assist with this valuable education tool and to promote the legal profession within the NT education system.

His Honour has volunteered his time and assistance for next year and if you would like to participate or have any suggestions for another mock trial please contact Suzie Simmons on [publicrelations@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:publicrelations@lawsocnt.asn.au) ↓

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# Tequila Mocking Bird in the Bush?

**Wednesday 13 May, Jingili Water Gardens**

**O**n a cold Top End evening a decent crowd of couples and families, rugged up in jumpers and blankets gathered for a superbly relaxed 'Movie by Moonlight' evening under the stars at the Jingili Water Gardens. Presented on an enormous blow up screen, everyone was guaranteed to have the best seats in the house.

Sporting glow wrist bands as their entrance ticket, everyone settled down with their picnics to watch 'Warrants', an extremely

funny episode of the off-beat series *Bush Mechanics* that follows the exploits of a group of engaging Aboriginal characters from the remote Warlpiri community of Yuendumu, as they travel through central Australia in their clapped-out vehicles and are presented with challenges that require them to use their wacky and inventive bush repair techniques.

The feature presentation was the age old classic *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, renowned for its warmth and humour starring

Gregory Peck. Despite dealing with serious issues of rape and racial inequality, the key character Atticus Finch, played by Gregory Peck, has served as a moral hero for many readers and as a model of integrity for lawyers.

The night may have been cold, but the reception for the evening was very warm, with calls for regular 'Movie by Moonlight' evenings to be held in the future. ↓

# Alice Springs Dinner

Wednesday 13 May, Bluegrass Restaurant

A relaxed outdoor setting on a chilly evening at Bluegrass Restaurant provided the venue for the Alice Springs Law Week Dinner. The choice of John North (a lawyer in the Scott Rush case and former lawyer to David Hicks) as guest speaker at the Law Week Dinner proved interesting for those who attended, and sparked a very lively debate following his speech. ↓



Guest Speaker John North enjoys the debate



The debate begins!



Relaxing towards the end of the evening



In conversation with John North



Prizes well received

# Darwin Lunch

## Friday 15 May, Holiday Inn

The Darwin Law week Lunch coincided with National Loud Shirt Day and many attendees entered into the spirit of the occasion by sporting shirts that probably normally hide at the back of the wardrobe. Matthew Storey acted as MC for an enjoyable if rather raucous Loud Shirt competition that was eventually taken out by LSNT's very own Barbara Bradshaw. Barbara was not only the loudest, but managed to achieve it in LSNT corporate colours too; how's that for dedication!

Following presentations by NT Young Lawyers Kristy Rogerson



*John North*  
and Nick Johansen, volunteer auctioneer Matthew Storey took bids for the 2009 Golden Gavel naming rights which eventually went to Cridlands MB.



*Kristy Rogerson*  
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*Rayleen Fryer promoting Loud Shirt Day*



*Hon Austin Asche AC QC, Michael Grant QC, Fiona Hussin, Jenny Blokland CM, Alison Robertson and Duncan McConnell*



*Leonie Hastie, Roxane Campbell and Kim Morrissey enjoy a joke.*



*Dagmar Brautigam and George Harding*