



# Christmas came a calling...

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## Darwin

On 12 December 2013, Northern Territory Women Lawyers (NTWL) celebrated the end of 2013 with a Christmas function in a Darwin Hearing Room, transformed for the occasion with tinsel and lights.

Our patron, Justice Blokland, Magistrate Oliver, female members of the profession and the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Karczewski Q.C (one of two male 'champions' in attendance!), were treated to an address by Her Honour Judge Harland of the Federal Circuit Court.

Judge Harland shared experiences from her career and made observations about life and law in the Top End. Her address was humorous, thought provoking

and encouraging. She reflected on the continuing relevance of organisations such as the NTWL to comment on topical issues such as gender inequality and to provide much needed collegiate support and mentoring.

The event was a perfect occasion for such mentoring and there was much useful knowledge and career advice imparted throughout the evening. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we thank Judge Harland for her address and the NTWL for organising the event.

## Alice Springs

The Alice Springs NTWL branch also celebrated the end to a busy year when it co-hosted Christmas

drinks with Law Society Northern Territory on 11 December 2013.

Drinks and canapés were served at the Double Tree Hilton and the event was well attended. Guests included local magistrates, private practitioners and lawyers from NT Legal Aid, CAALAS, CLC CAWLS, NPYWC and CAAFLU.

It was a festive end to a busy legal year in Alice Springs and a good chance for a small legal community to reconnect.

Northern Territory Women Lawyers thank the Law Society for its financial support to enable this Alice Springs event to take place. ●



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