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Inspired, no doubt, by the Territory's own Dominic Gomez, Mr Cooke even found use for some handy props. It was truly an insurmountable effort.

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All in all, the event was a success and even the most tightly wound Canberrans found themselves chuckling away at various points throughout the night.

I thank the Law Society Northern Territory for supporting my trip to Canberra; and William Forster Chambers and the Department of Attorney-General and Justice for sponsoring the Northern Territory Golden Gavel. ●

# 2014 only got better with age

*Peter Clayton and Rose Watts*

*Previous Co-presidents, Northern Territory Young Lawyers*

The Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL) would like to extend a big thank you to the Law Society Northern Territory for all of their support and guidance over the past year. 2014 has been a busy and productive year for the NTYL and we look forward to implementing new ideas, events and plans for 2015.

In March, we collaborated with the Young Professional Network (YPN) to host a 'welcome' event at Il Lido, where NTYL members were encouraged to extend their professional network outside of the legal profession.

In May, the NTYL celebrated law week by hosting the Senior vs Junior Great Debate, the topic being "Lawyers are like fine wine: they only get better with age", adjudicated by his Honour Justice Barr. The seniors were victorious.

In August, the NTYL hosted the Golden Gavel and we would like to extend another warm thank you to our sponsors: William Forster Chambers, Hunt and Hunt, Solicitor for the Northern Territory and Marsh Pty Ltd.

Hugh Bond came in first place with the topic "Workplace affairs and other top tips to lose your job in ten days" and went on to compete in the Nationals in Canberra.

Maddy Sutton won the People's Choice awards with her topic "I withdraw that your Honour": Five words every young lawyer should know and why". Overall, the submissions were of a high standard and we look forward to what the local Northern Territory comedic talent will bring to the table next year.

The remainder of the 2014 calendar year will be focused on implementing ideas and creating a smooth transition for next year's committee to take the reins.

The NTYL will be hosting our annual Christmas party on Friday 28 November at Shenanigans (from 7pm onwards). We hope to see everyone there and we wish the Northern Territory legal profession a merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays. ●