

NTYL UPDATES

Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL)

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Golden Gavel 2015

On Friday 4 September the NT Young Lawyers hosted the annual Golden Gavel public speaking competition. There was a stellar turnout, with a line out the door that rivalled the queue at Alley Cats café during the morning coffee rush hour.

The lineup of presenters was arguably the finest in recent memory, with judges and audience members alike proclaiming the difficulty in picking one standout presentation from the pack. The speakers for the evening were Maddy Sutton, Kate Miller, David Qin, Nhi Tran, Rachel Gleeson, Charlotte Deans, Lachie Peattie and Jessica Holgersson.

Eventually, after much deliberation, the judging panel (comprised of His Honour Chief Justice Trevor Riley, Wade Roper and Damien Jones) awarded the 2015 Golden Gavel to Jessica Holgersson, whose speech on 'Tindering the evidence: What role does Tinder play in modern legal practise' was both stimulating and informative, with plenty of audience members taking detailed notes. Rachel Gleeson, with a sultry speech (including concurringly frequent and amorous references to a particular local barrister), on the topic 'How to make CPDs sexier', won the people's choice award.

We sincerely thank all of the sponsors: Hunt & Hunt, William Forster Chambers, Marsh Insurance, Paul Walsh, Master Luppino and Chief Magistrate Lowndes, as well as the Law Society for their help in organising the event. Additionally, Hunt & Hunt and Marsh Insurance ensured the drinks continued to flow throughout the night, by regularly topping up the bar tab, so we give particular thanks to them for this contribution.

As winner of the NT Golden Gavel, Jessica flew to Melbourne to compete in the National Golden Gavel competition in October, and whilst she did not come away with the spoils, she made a lasting impression (particularly as she was the only female presenter) and was a favourite amongst competitors and audience members.

Christmas party 2015

2015 is nearly at its end, and the NTYL events calendar will culminate with a Christmas party drinks night at Shenanigans on Friday 11 December 2015, from 5:30 pm. There will be complimentary drinks and canapes, so pop on down to send off the year in style (to the greatest extent that 'style' is possible at Shenanigans).