

News and updates

NORTHERN TERRITORY YOUNG LAWYERS (NTYL)

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In our last *Balance* article for the year, from the vantage point of retrospect, we look at our achievements so far. The NTYL Committee has had a very big and busy 2017.

With NTYL co-presidents Melissa Chen based in Darwin and Lokesh Kashyap in Alice Springs, NTYL Committee saw this as a prime opportunity to expand its visibility in the NT. Expanding of events and competitions to Alice Springs, NTYL Committee worked on increasing its presence, peer support and networking in Central Australia.

NTYL's inaugural event in Alice Springs was sponsored by William Forster Chambers. With 15 Central Australian lawyers in attendance, the guest speakers Ms Carly Ingles, Ms Shawanah Tasneem and Ms Kristy Bloomfield spoke to the theme of 'Outback Advocacy: Young Lawyers and Central Australia'.

Alice Springs held its very first Great Debate during the Law Week in May. Hosting 35 cheering members of the legal profession in attendance, the debutant debate was a hit. The teams battled it out over the topic of 'Will lawyers be terminated by technology?' Many thanks to everyone who made this such a hilarious event, particularly our very talented debaters:

Darwin Seniors team: Peter Maley, Jon Tippett QC, Peggy Cheong and Tamzin Lee

Darwin Juniors team: Lachlan Peattie, Matthew Littlejohn, Kate Frost and Jessica Holgersson

Alice Springs Seniors team: Carly Ingles, Tania Collins and Shawanah Tasneem

Alice Springs Juniors team: Dev Bhutani, Rashini Fernando and Pip Abbott

The Hon Justice Hiley and the Hon Justice Riley adjudicated the debates and crowned the Juniors as winners in both Darwin and Alice Springs.

With unprecedented support from the members of the legal profession, the Golden Gavel 2017 was bigger and better than ever before. Thanks to the generous donations from the Hon Justice Riley, Povey Stirk Lawyers & Notaries, Glen Dooley, Matthew Bonson, Tamzin Lee and Marsh Insurance, two Central Australian lawyers, Elanor Fenge and Sophie Trevitt, who flew up to Darwin to compete in the competition. We would also like to thank William Forster Chambers, Hunt & Hunt, De Silva Hebron and Ward Keller for sponsoring the NT Golden Gavel.

The competitors spoke on the following topics:

- **Sophie Trevitt:** Fire and fury—dealing with judicial wrath
- **Elanor Fenge:** Female lawyers do it better
- **Eleanor Martin:** 'Just whack it on the trust account' and other questionable comments from senior practitioners
- **Clancy Dane:** Two things in life are inevitable: death and

a complaint being made to the Law Society. How can a junior lawyer avoid both?

- **Micah Kickett:** Ten tips to succeed in the law without really trying
- **Elana Scoufis:** 'My mum applied for my foreign citizenship' and other ways to shift the blame
- **Sarah Dowd:** Nemo dat, bitches: the joys of legal jargon

Congratulations to Sarah Dowd for winning the People's Choice award and the rest of the competitors for making us laugh relentlessly. Special congratulations to Micah Kickett. Crowned the Northern Territory Golden Gavel 2017 winner, Micah will be flying to Sydney to compete at the National Golden Gavel competition.

Keep an eye out on our social media for information on our AGM and end of year event/Christmas Drinks in December.

To be a member of the NTYL and receive our regular newsletter, you can email NTYL.Committee@gmail.com.

Young lawyers who would like to be involved in any future events are encouraged to contact the committee by email at NTYL.Committee@gmail.com.

Members of the legal profession who would like to share and advertise information about volunteer opportunities, hosting CPD events and other programs relevant to the



young lawyers practicing in the NT are also encouraged to contact the committee by email at NTYL.Committee@gmail.com.

We also have a Facebook group (www.facebook.com/ntylpage) independent of the Law Society NT called 'NTYL' where we share photographs and notify people of upcoming events. Be sure to like our page and follow for updates.

