

News and updates

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NORTHERN TERRITORY YOUNG LAWYERS (NTYL)

NTYL continues to enjoy a successful and busy 2018 across the NT.

Darwin Sunset Cruise

Darwin members enjoyed a sunset harbour cruise to soak up the last of the Dry Season on Friday, 24 August. The event saw over 30 young lawyers enjoy an evening on the Harbour and was a great opportunity for young lawyers across various practice areas to socialise and network. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2019, following the success of the inaugural 2018 event.

William Forster Chambers Golden Gavel

The highlight of the NTYL calendar, the William Forster Chambers Golden Gavel, was held on Friday, 14 September 2018. The event was packed out with standing room only left in Darwin and over 140 people in attendance. In Alice Springs, where a video link streamed the event from Darwin, a further 20 people enjoyed the entertainment from the Alice Springs Supreme Court.

The judges, who included his Honour Justice Barr, Lyma Nguyen of William Forster Chambers and Melissa Yates of Ward Keller had the difficult task of determining the hotly contested title.

The competitors and topics included:

- *Everything uni didn't teach me about the law (that TV did)* – **Eleanor Martin, NTLAC.**

- *Overachievers and other workplace hazards* – **Tess Kelly, Danila Dilba.**
- *I'd exercise more if it were billable* – **Lang Williamson, Cozens Johansen.**
- *Swipe right. I'm a lawyer.* – **Myles Brown, DCLS.**
- *That wasn't perjury... that was an alternate fact* – **Melissa Chen, NTLAC.**
- *Lies everyone tells about their law job* – **Pat Govey, NTLAC.**
- *"I withdraw that your Honour" – five words every lawyer should know and why* – **Rashini Fernando, CAWLS.**

Myles Brown of DCLS took home the title of Golden Gavel winner this year with an entertaining performance of Frank Sinatra's 'My Way', where he proposed various ways the social media platform, Tinder, could assist lawyers in both their personal and professional lives.

Congratulations also to Melissa Chen of the NT Legal Aid Commission, who won the People's Choice Award. Myles will now travel to Adelaide to compete in the National Golden Gavel competition to be held in Adelaide in conjunction with the Australian Young Lawyers conference on 19 October 2018.

NTYL would like to take this opportunity to thank both

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the competitors and judges for volunteering their time. A special thanks is also extended to William Forster Chambers, Hunt & Hunt, Ward Keller and Greg Betts Legal for their kind sponsorship of this event.

Annual General Meeting

The NTYL will host their AGM on Tuesday 20 November 2018. If you are interested in becoming involved with the NTYL as an Executive or General Committee member in 2019 please contact us. Being a member of the NTYL committee is a great way to network and meet new people. Further information regarding nominations will be provided in due course.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send us an email, NTYL.committee@gmail.com or contact Sarah Dowd, sarahdowd@wardkeller.com.au.

Christmas Drinks

Save the date for the NTYL Christmas Drinks events across the Territory! The final event for 2018 will be held on Friday, 23 November 2018.

More details to follow, but lock the date in!

Make sure you look out for our Facebook and email updates that will be providing further details for the AGM and Christmas Drinks events.

Please ensure you 'like' our Facebook page for event updates (www.facebook.com/ntylpage), or email us, NTYL.Committee@gmail.com to make sure that you are on our mailing list.

The NTYL Committee look forward to seeing you at one of our events across the Territory soon!