



News and updates

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Darwin

Law Week event:

Jane Mahoney Collection book launch

NTWLA celebrated the life of Jane Mahoney on Wednesday evening 15 May 2019 during Law Week with the introduction of a number of new books to the Jane Mahoney Memorial section of the Northern Territory Supreme Court Library.

The Jane Mahoney Memorial section was established by NTWLA in conjunction with the Supreme Court Library Committee. The books were purchased with funds from Jane’s mother who left a bequest in her will to cover the cost of the books. There are still funds remaining so any suggestions for additional books are very welcome.

Jane and her husband Tony died tragically in a motor vehicle accident on the Cox Peninsula Road near Darwin on 12 July 1998. Many lawyers in our current legal profession remember Jane, in particular Ms Jenni Daniel-Yee, who gave a moving speech about Jane at the event. Ms Daniel-Yee spoke about working with Jane at the Solicitor for the Northern Territory (or, the Department of Law, as it was called back then). She said *“[i]t was a privilege to work with someone like Jane and an honour to be speaking about her this afternoon. She was someone I had a lot of respect and affection for.”*

Ms Daniel-Yee told us about the Memorial tree that has been planted at Mandorah by the Wagait Beach Coastcare Group in memory of Jane and Tony. Jane lived in Mandorah and enjoyed the ferry ride across the harbour every day to get to work. Jane had a green thumb and did a lot of work transforming what she called “the sandpit” into a beautiful lush garden at her Mandorah house.

Jane was a respected member of the legal profession, who is remembered by her colleagues for both her personal qualities and her abilities as a lawyer. She was a gentle and unassuming person with a highly developed sense of personal and professional integrity. She is sorely missed by those who knew and loved her and it was a great loss to the Darwin legal fraternity and the small community of Mandorah when she passed.

All legal practitioners are welcome to borrow any of the books in the Jane Mahoney Collection (see list of books on page 10). Just drop in to the Supreme Court Library between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday and ask the friendly librarians about the collection! ■

Kendra Frew – Committee Member





Information session for women thinking about going to the bar

On 22 May 2019 we were fortunate to have Helen Symon QC and Melanie Baker from the Victorian Bar together with Sonia Brownhill SC and Mary Chalmers present an informal discussion to provide their experiences as female barristers. Topics covered included knowing the right time to go to the bar, financial considerations, juggling work and family and building contacts to ensure you get briefed!

The event was kindly hosted by William Forster Chambers and was an incredibly successful evening with standing room only. We would like to thank Kerry Sibley and Lindy Morgan for mc-ing and encouraging lively engagement from the audience. ■

Jess Holgersson – Vice-President Darwin



Alice Springs

Kristy Bloomfield seminar on the Rights of the Child

On 21 May 2019, Alice Springs Women Lawyers were fortunate to host a presentation by NAAJA Law and Justice Officer Kristy Bloomfield. Kristy travelled to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland in April 2019 to present at the pre-sessional working group for the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Submissions made to the pre-sessional working group inform the committee’s review of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Child by state parties. The process is confidential, but Kristy was able to share the statement which she made on behalf of NAAJA. This statement touched on the experience of NT children in youth justice and child protection systems with a particular focus on the experiences of Aboriginal children.

We are very grateful to Kristy for giving us her time and sharing this experience with us. It was wonderful to hear about Central Australia being represented on the global stage and we look forward to running more events showcasing the great work being done by women in the law in the Centre. ■

Julia Parkin – Vice-President Alice Springs





JANE MAHONEY

The Jane Mahoney Collection

Books available from the Supreme Court Library, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Adding feminism to law: the contributions of Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dube

Advanced introduction to international environmental law

Australian climate law in global context

The business of judging: selected essays and speeches

Of Women: In the 21st Century

On Liberty

The Centenary companion to Australian federation

Compelling engagements: feminism, rape law, and romance fiction

Dame Roma: Glimpses of a glorious life

Dissonance and distrust: women in the legal profession

Equal justice: my journey as a woman, a soldier and a Muslim

Family violence in Australia: the legal response

From Moree to Mabo: the Mary Gaudron story

Happy lawyer happy life: How to be happy in law and life

Human rights in Australia: treaties, statutes and cases

International environmental law

International human rights in context: law, politics, morals

Islamic family law in Australia: to recognise or not to recognise

Jurisprudence: theory and context

The Justice game

Kakadu: the making of a national park

Law as culture - 2nd ed

Moral rights: and their application in Australia

Moving on: women's experiences of childhood sexual abuse and beyond

The negligence liability of public authorities

Notable Historical Trials: Volume I - From Socrates to the Gunpowder plot Volume II - Galileo to Admiral Byng Volume III - Boston Massacre to Queen Caroline Volume IV - Burke & Hare to Oscar Wilde

The origins and development of the protective jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

The Origins of the Second World War

Origins of the western legal tradition: from Thales to the Tudors

The place of practice: lawyering in rural and regional Australia

A private life: fragments, memories, friends

Renegotiating the environment: the power of politics

Rethinking rape law: international and comparative perspectives

The rule of law

The Second World War and its Aftermath

Separated: Australian aboriginal childhood separations and guardianship law

Sheila: a biography of Sheila Mary McClemons

Should trees have standing?: law, morality, and the environment - 3rd ed

Slow violence and the environmentalism of the poor

The Struggle for mastery in Europe. Volume 1 - Balancing the powers Volume 2 - From Peace to War

The summit of her ambition: the spirited life of Marie Byles 1900-1979

They crossed a continent: The story of a wartime exodus from Croker Island to Sydney - 3rd ed

Understanding ethics - 3rd ed

Understanding ethics - 2nd ed

Yearning to breathe free: seeking asylum in Australia

Youth justice: your guide to cops and courts in NSW - 3rd ed

