



October update



SARAH DOWD President, NTYL

NTYL have enjoyed a very busy end to 2019, with a number of events being held across the Territory, including the National Golden Gavel on Friday 6 September 2019 in Darwin.

William Forster Chambers NT Golden Gavel was held on Friday 12 July 2019 at the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory in Darwin. The event was well-attended with standing room only in Darwin with over 120 people in attendance. In Alice Springs, where a video-link streamed the event to the Supreme Court in Alice Springs, a further 20 people enjoyed the evening.

NTYL would like to thank to the adjudicators for the evening, his Honour Associate Judge Luppino, Lindy Morgan of William Forster Chambers and Tamzin Lee of Murray Chambers.

The 2019 topics and competitors were:

- *Blowing the budget: how can lawyers save the Territory's fiscal crisis?* Tom Richardson, De Silva Hebron
- *How to win awards and influence people; the Matthew Littlejohn guide to self-promotion* Max Stretton, Supreme Court
- *To politics or not to politics...The key question for every junior lawyer* Yiannis Roubos, Povey Stirk
- *ADR – tips and tricks for surviving office politics* Tisha Tejaya, Solicitor for the NT
- *Word play...how can legal lingo liven up your love life?* Alex Craig, Central Land Council
- *"I don't have instructions on that, Your Honour", "I'm in the Court's hands", and "can I stand the matter down"; essential lines for a junior lawyer* Caitlin Shervill, De Silva Hebron
- *Is litigation art? Drawing inspiration from Registrar v Jenkins* Caitlin Weatherby-Fell, Top End Women's Legal Service

Caitlin Weatherby-Fell of TEWLS took home the title of NT Golden Gavel champion for 2019. Caitlin continued on to represent the NT at the National

Golden Gavel in Darwin on Friday 6 September 2019. Congratulations to Tom Richardson from De Silva Hebron who won the *People's Choice Award*.

Thank you to all of our competitors, and a special thanks to our sponsors, William Forster Chambers and Murray Chambers for their kind sponsorship of this event.

Darwin Sunset Cruise Young lawyers enjoyed a sunset cruise on Friday 9 August 2019 to enjoy the last of the dry season weather. The event saw over 30 young lawyers enjoy an evening of sailing on the harbour and the event provided a great opportunity for young lawyers and law students to socialise and network.

National Golden Gavel On 6 September 2019, the NTYL hosted the National Golden Gavel for the first time ever in the NT. The event was attended by over 150 people, where winners from each state and territory Golden Gavel competitions showcased their advocacy and comedy skills.

NTYL would like to take this opportunity to thank our major sponsors, Ward Keller, Legal Super and the Northern Territory Bar Association, and to thank our minor sponsors, Hunt & Hunt, Piper Ellis Lawyers, JKW Law, Povey Stirk and De Silva Hebron. Thank you also to our adjudicators for the evening, the Hon Attorney-General of the NT, Natasha Fyles, his Hon Chief Justice of the NT, Michael Grant and President of the Law Society NT, Maria Savvas.

The 2019 National Golden Gavel competitors were:

- *Fire and fury – dealing with judicial wrath* Adrian Dean, Vic
- *Striving for burnout and other goals for junior lawyers* Nicholas Edmondson, Tas.
- *ADR – tips and tricks for tolerating office politics and surviving* Alexandra Douvartzidis, SA
- *Happiness is found in a four day week* Dhanu Eliezer, NSW
- *Why drink and drive, when you can smoke and fly? The case for legalising recreational marijuana* Claudia Carr, WA
- *Overachievers and other workplace hazards* Maclaren Wall, ACT

- *"I withdraw that, Your Honour"; five words every junior lawyer should know and why* Taylor Bunnag, Queensland
- *The only people that wear jackets, are lawyers from down south and defendants; fashion options for NT Courts* Caitlin Weatherby-Fell, NT

Congratulations to competitor, Adrian Dean (Vic), who was awarded as the winner of the National Golden Gavel for 2020 by our adjudicators. Thank you to all of those who supported this event, by attending, providing sponsorship or volunteering their time.

Annual General Meeting The NTYL will host their AGM on Friday, 15 November 2019 prior to our Christmas Drinks event. If you are interested in becoming involved with the NTYL as an Executive or General committee member in 2020, please contact us (details below, or contact Sarah Dowd, sarahdowd@wardkeller.com.au). All positions on our Committee will be up for re-election. Further information regarding nominations will be provided on our Facebook page and emailed to our mailing list.

Christmas Drinks Save the date for the NTYL Christmas Drinks events across the Territory! The final event for 2019 will be a drinks, nibbles and networking event held in both Darwin and Alice Springs on Friday 15 November 2019 following our AGM. Further information regarding both events will be posted to our Facebook page and emailed to our mailing list.

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.

On behalf of the NTYL Committee, thank you to everyone who has attended our events or supported the NTYL in 2019. It has been the biggest year yet for the NTYL, and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events across the Territory next year! ■

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