

New court impressive

The news of the moment is the shift into the new Supreme Court in Darwin.

Most will agree that the facility is long overdue, and it will be refreshing to have some space in which to move.

The official opening, of course, will be held on the morning of Friday November 29.

The Society has arranged a package weekend for Alice Springs practitioners who would like to travel to Darwin for the opening and the Law Ball which has been confirmed for Saturday November 30 in the foyer of the new Court.

Mildren J will be sitting in Alice Springs during that week and he will return to Darwin on Thursday 28 so there will be no sittings in Alice Springs, leaving practitioners free to join the festivities.

The Darwin wine tasting is scheduled for Friday November 15 at the Cridlands Board Room. I understand some practitioners were interested in attending but could not com-

Themselves without knowing a date. We've had to restrict numbers to 30, so it will be a matter of first in, first served.

If the Darwin tasting is a success we will arrange a similar event for Alice Springs.

The Child Support CLE held earlier in the month in Darwin was inadvertently scheduled on a Family Court sitting day.

Practitioners who were unable to make the seminar should contact the Society as soon as possible to have a second screening organised so the material can be sent on to Alice Springs.

You may have noticed that the Society is running a month-long print media public awareness campaign on the theme of conveyancing.

This is in preparation for the introduction of Land Agents legislation. It also serves to raise the Society's profile in a general sense and was the result of a decision reached by the Conveyancing Committee.

Another issue that will affect the community at large is legislation which makes parents liable for childrens' crime.

It is an issue which will be addressed by the Law Week committee which, hopefully, will plan a public awareness campaign to run during Law Week next year so that people understand exactly what the legislation means.

Anyone who has any ideas for Law Week should contact one of the Com-

mittee members: Robyn Smith at the Society on 815104, Meredith Harrison and Simon Nish at the Department of Law on 895511 and Neville Henwood at Cridlands on 430400.

The changeover of court boxes in Darwin was not as smooth as it should have been.

The problem was that each box came with only one key and our key cutter could not find a suitably shaped key to cut.

That resulted in several days' delay and some keys still are not cut.

We apologise for the inconvenience. The Society will retain the master key to each box and in the event that a key is lost the firm will be responsible for the cost of having a replacement cut.

We've been asked by the Supreme Court to maintain a register of holders of lockers in the Robing Room.

The same problem of having only one key to each locker has arisen, along with the problem of practitioners taking keys to lockers.

Anyone holding a key to a locker is requested to return it to Kevin McShanag urgently so copies can be cut and lockers allocated.

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