

Major rewrite of laws

A select group of lawyers has moved to de-jargonise Australian laws.

An impressive editorial committee including Sir Zelman Cowan, Sir Ninian Steven and Sir Anthony Mason, among others, has been working on a series of publications entitled *The Laws of Australia*.

Melbourne barrister, John Riordan, is the Editor.

Sir Zelman is the honorary Editor-in-Chief of the project, which should result in a library of 35 volumes published by the Law Book Company and expected to retail at about \$225 per volume.

Sir Zelman said the project was "one solely of the profession, having been initiated by it and wholly under its control.

"The support given by the profession has been remarkable and the principal consulting editors in each state and territory are senior respected members of the judiciary," he said.

"The work promises an historic treatise of Australia's laws.

"It has, in a unique fashion, brought together each branch of profession in unprecedented collaboration," he said.

Sir Zelman said the project is pledged to provide a work which meets the practitioners' needs.

WANTED:

Practitioners to lecture in schools during Law Week 1991.

Interested people should call Robyn at the Society on 815104.

New appointments to Law Society staff

There are a couple of new faces at the Law Society.

Jim Campbell took up the position of Executive Officer (Managerial) in late January.

Robyn Smith became his Assistant and the Secretary of the Public Purposes Trust late last month.

Jim, 50, has extensive experience in the administration of trusts, both as the employee of private trust companies and as Public Trustee in both the ACT and the Northern Territory.

He has a good deal of experience with legal firms, although he is not a formally qualified practitioner.

Jim is no stranger to the Northern Territory.

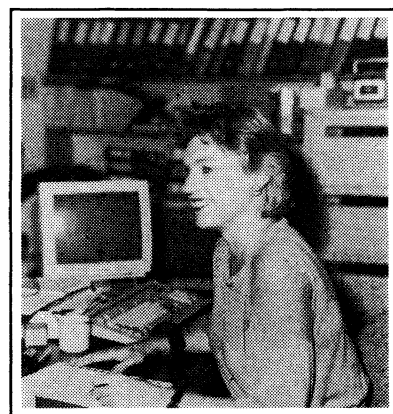
He arrived in Darwin in July of 1979 to take up the Deputy Public Trustee's position.

He acted as Public Trustee until March

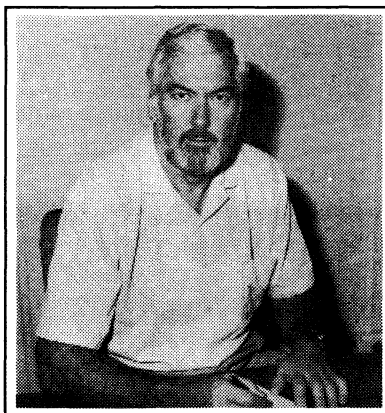
Robyn Smith, 28, is a Journalism graduate of the NTU and is now enrolled in the Graduate Law programme.

She has lived in Darwin for the best part of 22 years.

She completed her education (but for a two-year interlude caused by Cyclone Tracy) in Darwin at Jingili Primary and Nightcliff High schools.



Robyn Smith



Jim Campbell

of the following year and then moved to the Department of Lands to administer land development and allocation. From July 1982 to September 1985, Jim was the Assistant Director of the Estates division at the NT Housing Commission.

More recently, Jim has been the Divisional Manager of Personal Trust and responsible for Tax Management for the a major trustee company in Queensland.

Robyn's work experience is fairly diverse and includes marketing, public relations and promotion, political research and middle-management in private enterprise.

She has worked in Darwin, Papua New Guinea and Sydney.

Robyn replaces Cecilia Palma who resigned in February after four years with the Society.

Cecilia has no immediate plans and said she would like a couple of months off before resuming a full-time job later in the year.

The Secretary, Jodie Markwell, remains and is about to enter her fourth year with the Society.

The staff assures Society members of their prompt service at all times.

You'll probably be delighted to know that the phone system is being upgraded, meaning that when you call you should not get the eternal and irritating engaged signal.