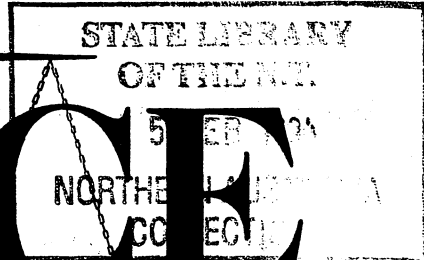


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Legal service open



Some of the Community Legal Service committee celebrating after the service opened last month. At opening time twelve people arrived seeking advice ranging from family law to debt.

The service operates from Sommerville Community Services on the corner of Lee Point Road and Vanderlin Drive every Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

There is no phone yet. The service operates on a first come, first served basis.

Investment advice for women

A representative from the Womens Investment Network will visit Darwin in early September. Sylvia Vale will hold public seminars on financial planning and security for women.

Ms Vale has invited female practitioners to an informal dinner/seminar on Wednesday September 11.

She said legal practitioners have a peculiar financial position, and those in private practice are often bound by new or changing legislative requirements.

Any practitioners who would be interested in attending the dinner/seminar should contact Jodie at the Society on 815104 no later than September 5.

Beyond the Berrimah line

The Berrimah line has struck again. The June issue of *Balance* carried a front-page story on the appointment of Mildren J and listed other home-grown judges.

Unfortunately, Martin J was left off this impressive list.

Funnily enough, the first to notice the error was one Max Horton of the firm Martin and Partners in Alice Springs. Uh-oh.

A letter of apology was hastily dispatched to His Honour regretting the error, but not accepting total responsibility.

You see, the list of Territory-appointed judges was rattled off by the Territory's most authoritative legal historian, the then Dean Mildren, QC.

The journalist's error, though, was a breach of the most fundamental rule of journalism — check, check and check again.

And don't believe everything an historian tells you, particularly not about contemporary issues.

Balance takes this opportunity to publicly apologise to His Honour and to all practitioners south of the Berrimah Line.

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