

Buyer beware

Some of you will have noted the letter to the NT News complaining about poor footwear standards in magistrate's proceedings.

There's no flies on Russell Goldflam of the Alice Springs division of the Legal Aid Commission. Arriving in Tennant without shoes, he set to solve his dilemma with a set of Size 10s from the local Op Shop.

And this from the guru of Alice Springs lawn sales. The deal was that he would purchase the Doc Martens for \$25 on the basis he could return them in two days time and receive \$20.

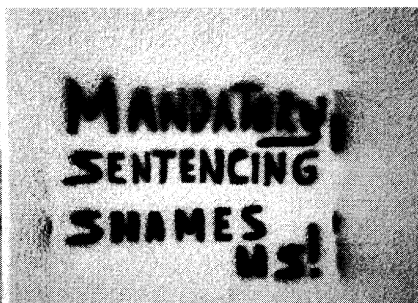
An attempt to flog the shoes to a colleague from Aboriginal Legal Aid failed, despite the fact they fitted perfectly. Unlike poor Russell. Beset by numerous blisters he limped into the Op Shop in an attempt to redeem the shoes for the aforementioned \$20. They offered him only \$15.

Russell now realises he should stick to the Size 10 wedding dresses he has previously touted so well.

Caveat emptor.

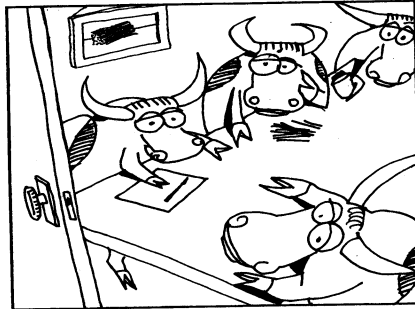
Outdoors kind-of-guys

Great consternation occurred after television broadcasts of the media conference held by the Law Society, Bar Association and Criminal Law-



The writing is on the wall - 14 days jail for this illegal Act.

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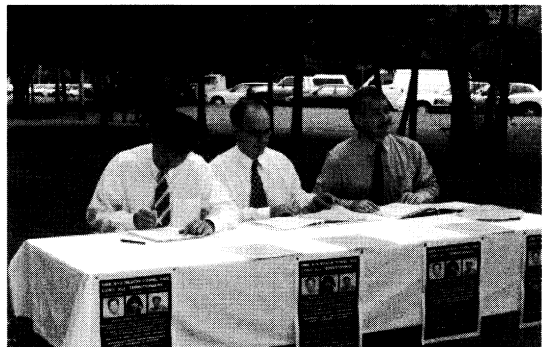
yers, united in their opposition to mandatory sentencing. Geared to get away from the serious legal stereotype, flanked by endless law books, it appeared to our Alice Springs brethren to have been held outside. Not quite the long grass, but certainly somewhere closer to clients than advocates.

Alice Springs representative, Max Horton, was deeply concerned that the lease on the Law Society's premises appeared not to have been renewed.

He was relieved to be reassured that Southwood, Tippett and

McDonald are just typical outdoors kind-of-guys and were happy to be seen communing with nature while debating grave matters of state. The media conference was held in Darwin's Bicentennial Park.

Thankfully, recent robust debate between the Society and the Attorney have not affected previous government commitments to continue arrangements for the Society at NT House.



Jon Tippett, Steve Southwood and Colin McDonald communing with nature at Bicentennial Park.

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In September, the Australian Legal Practice Management Group (General Practice Section of the Law Council of Australia) and the NSW Law Office Managers Group will present a 'not to be missed' professional conference covering the challenges facing legal firms today and tomorrow. The theme of the conference is "Get Focused - Positioning Your Firm for the Future".

The two day conference offers managing partners and legal managers the opportunity to hear from 15 local and international presenters, who will inform you of the trends in the profession and assist you to fine tune your planning and ensure that your firm is on track for a successful future.

The conference will be held at The Westin, Sydney, on Thursday 9 and Friday 10 September 1999.

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