

Never a dull moment

The *Centralian Advocate* has a column for 'witty' and off beat comments called *Dingo*. Amusing happenings at the local court don't go unnoticed by *Dingo's* intrepid reporter. The following appeared on the 19.09.2000.

"There is never a dull moment in court as Magistrate Cathy Deland will agree. On Tuesday she was asked to adjourn a case so a man could have his arm amputated and another because the defendant was apparently 'under siege'.

The second man's lawyer told Magistrate Deland his client had called to say he could not get to Court on Tuesday because there was an angry mob outside his front door 'waiting to get him'."

Where dropping dead is illegal

The *Sydney Morning Herald* reported a story on 22.09.00 from Le Lavandou, France where apparently the mayor of a village on the French Riviera whose cemetery has run out space had issued a decree telling people not to die.

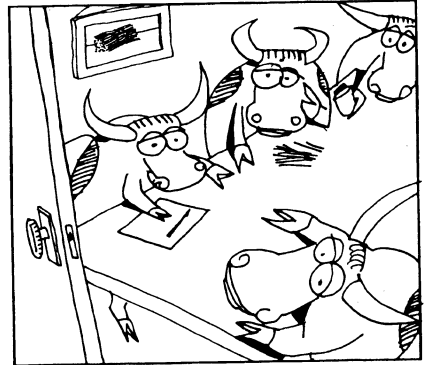
"It is forbidden for any person not in possession of a family vault to die on the village's territory," the order stated.

Gil Bernardi said the decision had been taken after a court in Nice blocked plans to build a new cemetery after a complaint lodged by the local Green Party.

"Article 2013 of the local authorities' code obliges the mayor to provide for the rapid burial of bodies. I have a duty, and I cannot respect it. It is absolutely impossible," he said.

"The Greens want us to put the new cemetery in a remote quarry. We can't get rid of our dead in a dump."

The Muster Room



Reimis Dancis, President of the NT Young Lawyers Association, proudly showing off the jersey owned and autographed by USA Dream Team member Jason Kidd at the Sydney Olympics.

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Pro Bono Task Force

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