### Trip of the tongue

The principal solicitor at Victoria's Murray Mallee Legal Service, Gavan Tellefson, provided *The Law Institute Journal* (November 2000) with a humorous anecdote our readers may enjoy:

"In March, one of our country members had arranged to travel to Wellington to watch the Test Match between Australia and New Zealand," Mr Tellefson wrote.

"On the morning before his departure, he was the duty solicitor at the Swan Hill Magistrate's Court.

"Before the sittings began, he was chatting with Magistrate Frank Moloney and told His Worship about the New Zealand holiday.

"Later in the morning, our man appeared for what was his final plea of the day. His addicted client pleaded guilty to possession and use of amphetamine powder. Mr Moloney duly admonished the offender and fined him an appropriate sum.

"When that was done, counsel informed His Worship that he had no

more matters and begged to be excused.

"As he and his client approached the Court door, His Worship remarked to our holiday-bound counsel, "Have a good trip'.

"In a flash, the client, ignorant of the New Zealand excursion, turned, grinned at the magistrate and said 'Gee, thanks, mate!"

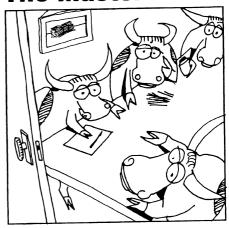
## It's a fishy business

According to 'goings on' cited in the Northern Territory
News (4 November 2000) the
Magistrates Court appears to be
turning into an animal menagerie.

The paper reported that Magistrates Court orderly Kathleen Washusen came to work to find a python on top of a small fish tank on her desk

"Fortunately the circular tank had a lid, on which the 30-40cm snake was curled up, eyeing the single fish swimming below. The python eventually found freedom in the court garden via a plastic bag. What everyone is trying to figure out is how a python

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got into the orderlies and monitors section, a secure area on the third level of the building?"

#### All in a name

Skimming through the Sydney Morning Herald's Column 8 (20 October 2000) Balance found a piece sent in by the mother of a boy working on Anthony Lagoon, a property in the Northern Territory.

According to her son, Dave, the pilot used in cattle mustering is, ahem, Mr Whirlyman.

# ROUNDS

# NAALAS

#### Veronica McClintic

Has taken up the position of Director of NAALAS.

Gordon Renouf, formerly Director, will continue as Principal Legal Officer in the short term.

#### Human Rights Commissioner

Dr Sev Ozdowski Am has been appointed as the new Human Rights Commissioner.

#### New Admissions

#### Sarah Beech, Cridlands

Donna Dreier moved the application for admission to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Sarah Beech on Tuesday 7 November 2000.



## Koula Saroglou, Ward Keller

Michael Grove moved the application for admission to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Koula Saroglou on Tuesday 7 November 2000.



Donna Dreier and Sarah Beech, Cridlands

#### Don't forget

Practitioners are reminded that pursuant to section 33A of the Legal Practitioners Act they are obliged to notify the Law Society of any change of address.



Koula Saroglou, Ward Keller