

Law Week 2002 in the NT

The Territory legal profession pulled together for another successful Law Week. The theme this year was "Taking it to the Streets" and each event attracted the attention of the community and involvement of "ordinary people".

From the Crime Tours hosted by Solicitor-General Tom Pauling QC in Darwin and lawyer John Stirk in Alice Springs, through to the radio interviews by the NT Women Lawyers Association and the NT Legal Aid Commission's Casuarina Shopping Square Stall – it was nothing if not diverse.

The photographs on the next four pages tell the story.



Launch Day – Monday 13 May

The Attorney told the gathering: "It is essential that the legislative arm of Government does not compete with the judiciary but reinstates its position as an equal and significant arm of Government."

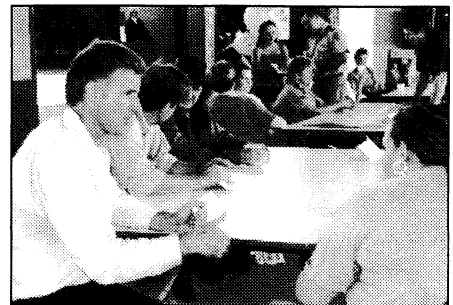
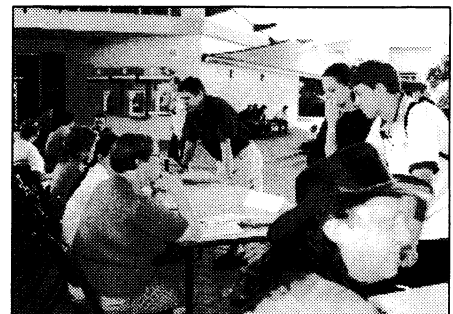
Far left: Solicitor-General Tom Pauling QC dresses up and performs for the media. His popular crime tours were the backdrop for the launch.

Centre left: Chris Kourakis QC, President of the South Australian Law Society with NT Law Society President Ian Morris.

Left: Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne does the honours at the launch.

Crime Tours and Careers in the Law Expo

The Crime Tours in Darwin took place around the Parap area and were well attended. The Careers in the Law Expo saw students and members of the public coming in to chat with the legal fraternity.



Below left and left: Tom Pauling QC had the Crime Tours participants enthralled with his case-by-case narration.

Right and below: Two days of the Careers Expo at the NT University. Students from high schools and the university alike took the opportunity to "have a chat" with legal professionals.





**Alice Springs Law Week
lunch – 15 May**

A good turnout and all had a great time with guest speaker, *The Australian's* cartoonist Peter Nicholson's entertaining "drawk".

Nicholson is one of Australia's pre-eminent cartoonists. The creator of the popular *Rubbery Figures* television show, his talent has been showcased across Australia.

The Law Society was honoured to have him accept our invitation to be our guest speaker for the week.

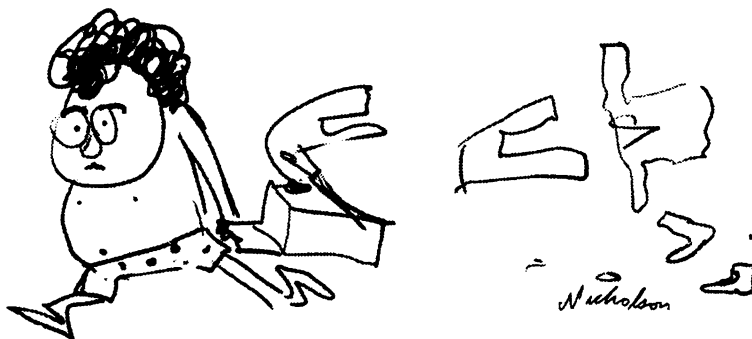
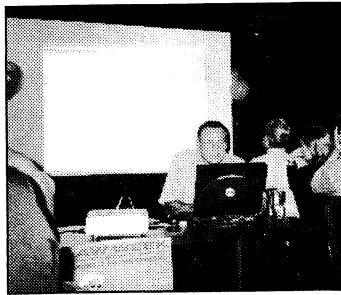
Top far left: (l-r) Victoria Shiel, Katrina Budrikis, Murray Preston, Mark O'Reilly, Sarah McNamara, Janet Taylor

Top left: (l-r) Mark Heitmann, Mark Blumberg, James McEwen, Michael Carey, Stephen Geary

Middle far left: (l-r) Kim Kilvington, Gerry Greene, Alison Phillis, Rennie Anderson

Middle left: Guest speaker Peter Nicholson does his stuff.

Bottom: Nicholson's drawing of Alice lawyer John Stirk catching a plane south in his usual orderly manner.



Darwin Law Week Lunch – May 17

"I was going to shorten the greeting to 'G'day to the fudgers, judgers, codgers, geezers and fellow bludgers'....but I didn't want to offend anyone!" – so introduced Law Society president Ian Morris to the annual Darwin lunch at Parliament House. Morrie had just gone through the list of dignatries attending the lunch.

About 130 legal types were captivated as guest speaker Peter Nicholson went through his presentation. The audible "ahhh" as Nicholson sketched up a classic Bob Hawke was proof of the appreciation for his talent.



Above: Steve Southwood QC, Law Society vice-president Merran Short and Society councillor Duncan McConnel settle in for some wining and dining.



Above: Acting director of Legal Aid Suzan Cox, Justice Dean Mildren, Jon Tippet QC and Mark Johnson from the Office of Courts Administration.



Above: Sue Oliver from the Department of Justice chats with Coroner Greg Cavanagh.

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Darwin Law Week Lunch cont.



Above: Vicki Kossaris, Sarah Hawke, Cathy Ganley.



Above left: Cheryl Richardson chats with Steve Rossingh.



Above right: Ben Farmer and Neville Henwood.



Above: Tracey Marris, Josephine Stone and Greg Cavanagh.



Left: (l-r) Vince Luppino SM, Jan Whitbread, Chris Kourakis QC (President of SA Law Society).

Right: (l-r) Ombudsman Peter Boyce, DOJ head Richard Coates, Society EO Maria Ceresa, Peter Nicholson.

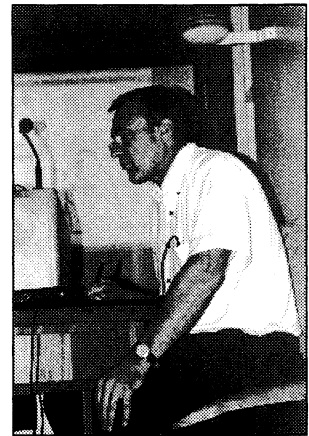


Above: Resolve's Tony Fitzgerald, OCA's Margaret Rischbieth.

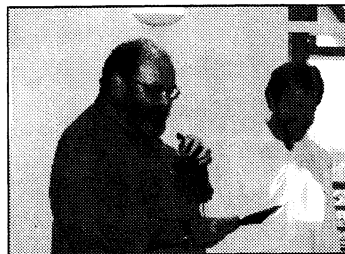


Above: (l-r) Barrister Michael O'Donnell, NLC's John Newman & Kristy Gowans.

Below: (l-r) The Hunt & Hunt crowd, Peggy Cheong, Tanya Ling, Chris Osborne, Megan Lennie.



Above: Guest speaker Peter Nicholson amazed and enthralled the crowd.



Left: Morrie emceed, Justice Riley did the honours as "barrel girl" and Samantha Miles won the major door prize generously donated by Qantas.

Right: The DPP's Jack Karczewski QC and Michael Carey.



And onto Christos....

One of the "problems" facing lunch organisers was: how do we get 130 lawyers out of Parliament House by 3pm? We had to clear out because of a Super Cars function on that night.

Enter Christo Phillipou who agreed to "host" those who wanted to kick on at the bar area of his restaurant.

Everyone got ONE drink on the house when they walked in and most didn't leave until the sun had well and truly gone down!

BIG day for many. Especially those who went to the Supreme Court Open Day the next morning (see those pics on the next page).



Above: Matthew Storey, Martin Fisher and Sue Oliver.

Right: Rex Wild QC catches up with Magistrate Vince Luppino.



Top: Megan Lennie and Sandra Robinson.

Above: Samantha Willcox and Merran Short.

Left: Sam Rosewarne and Laini Liberman.



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Supreme Court Open Day - May 18

The Society and Chief Justice Martin were buoyed to see so many members of the public attend the Supreme Court Open Day.

About 70 visitors took part in the tours, the Young Lawyers' small claims workshop and the NT Bar Association's Mock Trial Picnic at Frotter's Falls.

The Mock Trial definitely provided an entertaining and educational insight into courtroom drama. It also provided a platform for a few aspiring local hams.



Clockwise from left:
David Alderman swears on "the bible" (the NT News) and played it straight for laughs as Helmut Flunkenhoffen.
Michael Grant - starred as the judge's associate who kept falling asleep.
Steve Southwood QC, counsel for the defendant, the Parks and Wildlife Commission.
Chris Osborne as park ranger Sylvia Woods.
Concentrating on the trial - a near full house.



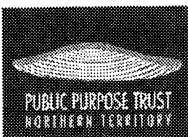
A frocked up Judith Kelly as the plaintiff, Edna Avarice (pronounced: Av-are-arch-ee)
Ian Morris enjoyed his role as Judge Grumblefrock.
Tony Young gave his all as witness William Bacon.
Peter Barr gets "serious" as counsel for the plaintiff from the faux company, Hodgkiss Snogg & Frottage.



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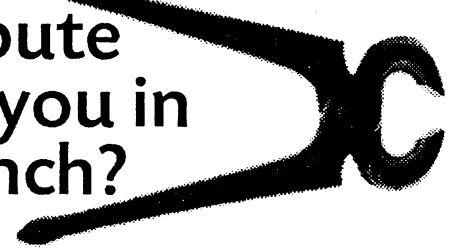
The Law Society of the Northern Territory wishes to thank all those who helped make Law Week 2002 a good event.

We cannot name everyone who volunteered and/or supported the week but we do make special mention of the following (and not in any particular order):

- Samantha Willcox & NTLAC
- Tom Pauling QC & John Stirk
- John Reeves QC, Michael Grant & members of the NT Bar Association
- Meredith Day & the NTU Law Faculty and students
- Ally Loftus & the Young Lawyers
- John Pinney, Alexis Fraser & Michelle Fadelli from the Red Cross
- Sandra Robinson & the NT Women Lawyers' Association.

Finally, a big thank you to his Honour Chief Justice Brian Martin, his staff, Leanne Denholm-Taylor & Supreme Court staff for the Open Day at the Supreme court. ☺

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