

I haven't seen you since...

It was a reunion of sorts when Tania Heaslip married at Bond Springs Station in mid April.

"Triple T" tied the knot in front of friends (and ex-NT types) including Alastair Wyvill (from Birmingham), Katie McGregor, Adela Zamusca and Trish McEniery. Tania herself is now living at Margaret River.

Law Week tale (1)

Perhaps they were in a hurry to be elsewhere. Whatever their reasons, two notables were spied walking and driving away from the legal fraternity's drinks arvo at Christo's after the Law Week lunch, without a call-in.

The first was former Attorney-General Shane Stone QC, spied leaving the restaurant area via the reception.

The second was current Attorney-General Peter Toyne who had sent his apologies to the lunch itself because of Cabinet and meeting obligations. He was seen driving by in a government car along the little lane between Christos and Mitchell St at about 5.30pm.

Law Week tale (2)

In an attempt to show our guest speaker cartoonist Peter Nicholson some NT hospitality, the Society arranged a fishing trip on Darwin harbour. Peter had not caught a fish since 1974 and despite spending all Saturday in a tinny on the water, no fish were caught.

So it was arranged that a whole frozen jewfish be provided for him to take back on the plane and to impress his daughter. With 30 minutes to spare before take off and a cab waiting, Peter stopped to pick up his fish. The problem was the smallest fish to be found in the deep freeze was half a metre long and weighed 12 kilos prior to being frozen. There was no room in his suitcase.

Fish fillets were suggested but Peter was adamant that this one was not going to get away.

Another suitcase was dutifully produced but the fish was too bulky for the hard plastic case and its tail was too frozen to bend.

Determined, Peter transferred his luggage to the new case and wrestled the big jewy into his soft fabric case.

Mission accomplished Peter was packed into the cab with his contraban and was last seen contemplating his tall story for the family.

A hellava ride

On the back of a classic *Northern Territory News* beat up about bikie gangs taking over the Northern Territory, the Attorney-General was spotted cautiously looking both ways before crossing a quiet Darwin lane. When asked what he was doing Dr Toyne replied: "Just checking the road for Hells Angels."

A barrister's trial

Michael Grant's natural habitat may be the Supreme Court spruiking his stuff at the bar table. But take off his wig and his gown and he crumbles.

The organiser of the Northern Territory Bar Association's Law Week mock trial, Grant gave himself the role of judge's associate.

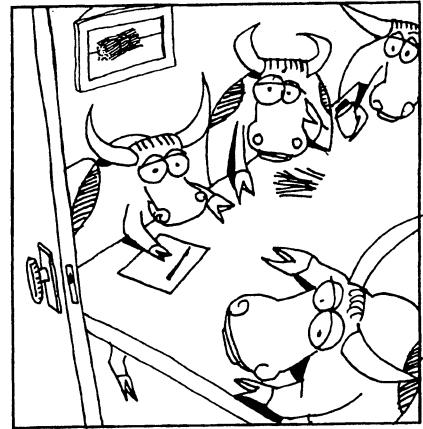
It should have been a snack. All he had to do was open the court and present the judge with the time honoured words.

But a severe attack of nerves had him forgetting the very phrases he must have heard thousands and thousands of times over his career.

Just goes to show, not everyone is cut out to be a judge's associate.

(The Society thanks Michael and the team for staging a hilarious and highly successful last event of Law Week 2002.)

The Muster Room



Where's Boris?

The LAWASIA Secretariat recently hosted a visitor from Russia, a thoroughly charming gentleman of advancing years, who confessed that it had been his lifelong ambition to visit Australia.

He was here promoting the forthcoming Moscow Legal Forum. After Darwin, the Charming Visitor was to head to the Big Smoke – Sydney, to be exact. With the Darwin leg of his visit over, the CV set off for Sydney...or so it seemed...

The SNAFU factor emerged when LAWASIA was on the receiving end of an anguished e-mail from personnel at the Law Society of NSW, advising the CV hadn't appeared and generally wondering if anyone knew what had become of him.

After a few flurried telephone calls and a lot of Petrov-based jokes about potential defection, it became clear the CV had simply returned to Moscow and was giving Sydney the big miss. Why he did, nobody knows, maybe Sydney just didn't appeal after the warmth of Darwin. ①

PEOPLE AND THE LAW

MOVEMENT AT THE STATION

Maria Savvas has left Withnall Maley to join De Silva Hebron.

Danielle Howard of Hunt & Hunt has been promoted to Associate.

ADMISSIONS

Before Angel J and Mildren J on the 2 April at the Supreme Court in Darwin,

the following practitioners were admitted:

Terry Lynn Lisson, Joel Patrick Von Thien, Jagdip Singh Randhawa, Alice Laine Garton, Edward Juan Cubillo.

LAW SOCIETY ALTERNATE REP

At a meeting of the Law Society Council held on 18 April 2002, Tony Whitelum

from Morgan Buckley was appointed Alternate Alice Springs representative, replacing Dominic Conidi who has moved interstate. ①



Above: Alice Garton