

It's AGM time again

It that's time of the year again, and my term as President ends on 30 June 2003. All positions on the committee will be available and I urge all members to consider joining the committee and getting involved with the NTWL.

My time as President has been very rewarding. I have met some wonderful people and have been involved in many issues involving women lawyers at both a local and national level. I will provide a full report of my presidency in the next issue of *Balance*.

Patrons drinks on the Supreme Court balcony was very successful, it was

a great turnout and I thank all of you for your attendance.

I would also like to welcome all new members who signed up on the night, and those members who renewed their membership. It was great to see so many new women lawyers coming along to the function and becoming members. I look forward to meeting you all at the AGM.

A big thank you to Judge Thomas for making this a special event on the NTWL calendar.

The Annual General Meeting is on 29 July 2003. Papers will be distributed prior to the meeting. It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting. A new Committee is to be elected, and this is your chance to get involved. Drinks and Nibbles will be provided. It will be held at the offices of Hunt & Hunt, Level 3, 13 Cavenagh Street, Darwin. Please contact me on 8981 3133 if you are attending.

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THEN PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH YOUR PROXIES. THE PROXY DOCUMENT WILL BE FORWARDED PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the AGM.



Sandra Robinson, president, NTWL

Dates for your diaries

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HUNT & HUNT BOARDROOM,
TUESDAY 29 JULY 2003

Indigenous Readers Course

AWL is sponsoring an Indigenous Readers Course for the Bar. This is in conjunction with the University of New South Wales. All of the graduates currently involved in this program are men. We would really like to see a woman enter the course.

If there are any indigenous lawyers out there who are interested in going to the Bar and would like to find out more about the course, please contact me on 8981 3133.①

Legal profession earns \$10,600m

Figures recently release by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) indicate that legal practices and organisations generated \$10,600 million in income and produced 1.1 per cent of the Australian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the 2001-2002 period.

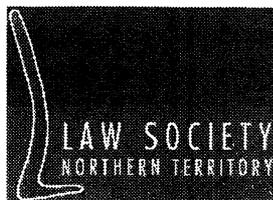
Of the \$10,600m in income, Government solicitor and public prosecutor organisations contributed \$414m, legal aid authorities \$326m and patent attorney practices \$288m.

In 2001-2002 there were 36,000 legal practitioners employing 58,000 staff within the 11,000 legal services practices and organisations across Australia.

Of the 36,000 legal practitioners: 29,000 worked in private solicitor practices; 3,700 were barristers working in their own practice; and 3,300 were employed by government solicitor of public prosecutor offices, legal aid authorities, or community legal centers. ①

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