

# Happy New Year for 2003!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I was fortunate enough to spend the New Year on a friend's yacht in the harbor which was a wonderful, very calming start to the New Year, which gave me time to think about New Year's resolutions.

Normally I don't make them, as I always have difficulty keeping them.

The usual ones – get fitter, lose weight, work less, play more, spend more time with family – all seem to fly out the window when the working year starts.

This year I did make a resolution to try and get a better balance between work and life.

I am sure I will have a few hiccups along the way, but I am going to give this resolution my best shot.

I'll keep you informed as to my progress during the year.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are due now, and we would appreciate your support. Cost is \$35 and membership forms can be obtained from me, so give me a call on 8981 3133.

We will be mailing out to our past members to remind them to renew their membership.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wine Tasting, presented by Vintage Cellars on **Friday 21 February 2003**. This is to be held at the offices of Hunt & Hunt, Cavenagh Street, Darwin. Members are free; cost to non members is \$10.

Vintage Cellars provide a range of wines for us to taste and they will also tell us a little bit about the wines we are drinking. It should be fun and interesting. RSVP Danielle Howard, 8981 3133 by **Wednesday 19 February 2003**.

On **Sunday 13 April 2003** a quiz afternoon will be held at Shenanigans, Mitchell Street, Darwin, 2pm.

The cost is \$10 per person. Get your tables together, as it promises to be a great afternoon, at a great venue.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS

You will no doubt be aware that Justice Gaudron is to retire from the High Court, and that the Federal Government selected a male replacement.

This has caused some friction amongst many ranks of the legal profession and several State Attorneys General who were of the opinion that a female should have been selected.

The national body has been very vocal in their disappointment and they have written editorials and letters to Attorneys General and relevant ministers.

It was resolved at our last meeting to start lobbying government now, to adopt a selection criterion that has been prepared by the Law Council of Australia, when they are assessing suitability for appointment of judges to the High Court.

Australian Women Lawyers are also hosting a summer twilight reception at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant on Saturday 25 January 2003 from 6-10pm. Tickets are \$125 for members and \$150 for non members.

If anyone is in Sydney on that weekend, it would be a great opportunity. I have tickets available.

Sam Miles is back in Darwin and is recovering.

This is great news and we send Sam and her family our best wishes for 2003.

## FINALLY...

NT Women Lawyers denies all knowledge of the theft of "information and pictures from the office of a well known twitcher in legal circles" concerning one article on the Argentinian Lake Duck.



Sandra Robinson, president, NTWL

Inquiries concerning the importation of this duck for scientific purposes have met with refusal by the relevant authorities; they obviously want to keep the duck for themselves!

Unfortunately the photograph in *Balance* did not do the duck justice. Anyone interested should contact "the twitcher". ①

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**The Partners of  
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**Michael Davis**

**was appointed an  
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