

Join the winners at DCLS

You might be more inclined to think “underdog” than “winner” when you hear Darwin Community Legal Service mentioned. But Law Week 2005 has proved otherwise.

DCLS Chairperson Colleen Atkinson was awarded the 2005 Attorney-General’s prize at a ceremony held in the NT Supreme Court on 24 May 2005. (A full report on the Charles Darwin University awards is on page 25.)

Last year Colleen received a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours, and the Charles Darwin University’s School of Law and Business has named her as the top law student - a great accomplishment. Colleen attained 13 high distinctions and 10 distinctions during her degree. Her honours thesis - ‘We don’t want your kind here. Or here. Try the other place.’ - dealt with the unlawful termination of employment and discrimination.

NT Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne commented that it was a fantastic coup for the Department and the Territory for such talent to remain in the NT.

Darwin Community Legal Service is proud of Colleen’s achievements, her hard work and her commitment to ensuring access to justice for all Territorians.

Later in Law Week, long standing DCLS volunteer Dylan Walters was awarded the Law Society NT’s Contribution to the Community Award 2005. Dylan is a mainstay of DCLS’s free legal advice sessions conducted

in Palmerston on Monday evenings. Not only does Dylan provide legal advice on a breathtaking range of legal matters to up to seven people in one evening; he also supervises the work of less experienced solicitors volunteering at the clinic and ensures that DCLS policies and procedures are followed.

Dylan’s contribution ensures that the Palmerston clinic operates to its best capacity - we consistently receive positive feedback about the quality and accessibility of our legal advice clinic in Palmerston.

DCLS could not provide free legal advice to residents of the Palmerston region without the dedicated assistance of our volunteers. We are very proud that one of our many generous and skilled volunteers won the Law Society NT’s Community Contribution Award 2005.

Congratulations Colleen, Dylan and all the DCLS volunteers. Join the winners - become a DCLS volunteer!

If you are interested in becoming a DCLS volunteer please contact Nfanwy Welsh on 8982-111. ①

New premises for William Forster Chambers



Bob Woolley, Marion Woolley, Anna Garraway and Allan Garraway at the WFC opening.

The Barristers at William Forster Chambers officially opened their new premises in Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Friday 20 May 2005. ①



Colin McDonald QC and Lady Johanna Forster officially open the new Chambers.



Peter Tiffin and Gary Schneider at the WFC opening



Members of the local legal profession enjoy the opening of William Forster Chambers’ new premises.