

# New NTWLA Committee

By Sharon Krause, NTWLA President

Whilst there has been some turbulence of the office of the Presidency this year, the committee has remained focussed. Unfortunately Frieda Evans resigned her Presidency due to work and personal commitments.

The most significant task this year has been to finalise the Constitution to comply with the requirements of the Associations Act. This task was completed in early April with all committee members making a valuable contribution and giving up significant personal time to ensure the efforts of previous committee members did not go to waste.

Both previous Constitutions (invalid due to the new Associations Act), were incorporated as far as possible to comply with previous committee members intentions.

A Special General Meeting was called on 5 May, with great attendance and members voted to accept the new Constitution, followed by drinks at the Vodka Bar at Ducks Nuts.

The current committee comprises:

President: Sharon Krause

Vice President (Darwin): vacant

Vice President (Alice Springs): vacant

Public Officer: Clare Sturm

Treasurer: Jocelyn Nathaniel-Walters

Secretary: Anna Swindley

Committee Member: Michelle Nickols

Committee Member: Andrea Videion

Committee Member: vacant

Committee Member Alice Springs: vacant

Vacant positions are expected to be filled at the next committee meeting on Friday 26 May at 1 pm at Kitty O'Sheas, Mitchell Street, Darwin. Members are welcome to attend the meeting and of course encouraged to join the committee.

Any members interested in joining the committee, please contact Sharon Krause on 8948 9125 or at [sharon.krause@pfes.nt.gov.au](mailto:sharon.krause@pfes.nt.gov.au).

## FUNCTIONS

This year, our Patron, Her Honour Justice Sally Thomas AM, is hosting Patron's drinks in Alice Springs in September - a great opportunity for our Alice Springs members.

The next Darwin function will be held in June and will be advised to members very soon. Please



ensure if you change employers, email addresses or phone numbers, that you update your details with the NTWLA. An email to a committee member will suffice.

## AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS CONFERENCE

Of special note, the first Australian Women Lawyers Conference will be held in Sydney on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September 2006. Emails have already been sent to members advising of details, go to <http://www.womenlawyers.org.au/>. Speakers are still being finalised and include a keynote address by The Honourable Mary Gaudron QC.

## POST SCRIPT

Renew your membership or join Northern Territory Women Lawyers Association at Myilly Point Chambers, Mines House, 6 Burnett Place Larrakeyah, on Friday 23 June at 5.30pm. Nibbles and drinks, members free, guests \$5, all welcome. RSVP 21 June to [sharon.krause@nt.gov.au](mailto:sharon.krause@nt.gov.au).



## Volunteer Lawyers

Volunteer lawyers are needed for the 2006 free Legal Advice Sessions run by Darwin Community Legal Service:

- \* Monday in Palmerston 6.30-7.30pm
- \* Thursday in Darwin 5.30-7pm
- \* Saturday at Casuarina library 10-11.45am

Lawyers usually commit to monthly or bi-monthly sessions

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