

On-Line CPD Trial

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The Law Society in conjunction with Charles Darwin University held a trial for delivery of CPD's on-line on the 19th May 2009. The session was quite successful with participants from Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Darwin attending. Zoe Marcham, Acting Commissioner of Information gave a presentation on Federal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

The benefit of this method of delivery is that there is no delay with hearing the material unlike video conferencing where there is a 5 – 10 second delay. A question can be asked at any time unlike DVD and the session is in real time. There is an opportunity to text a question to the main room or to an individual participant which is a great backup if in the event of any problem with audio. Less paper is used as the power presentation is on your screen. There will always be times when it is not physically possible to be on-line or attend a CPD due to other commitments, however this delivery method gives those practitioners an opportunity to hear presenters in Darwin and interact with colleagues from different parts of the Territory.

The response from attendees has been positive with the following comments made:

Russell Goldflam NT Legal Aid Alice Springs

"Thanks for going to the considerable trouble you obviously went to, to get

the pilot online CPD online. I'm pleased to say it went very well from our end, and am looking forward to the next instalment."

Peter Dickerson Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit

"Please note that the use of the technology was very effective for reaching an isolated place like Tennant Creek. The visual and audio with the classroom technology works very well. There would be good scope for this to be used regularly or semi regularly for further CPD. Please also note that without Ken's expertise and enthusiasm the trial would not have worked so well. CAAFLU's thanks to the Law Society for trialing this terrific innovation."

The Law Society is arranging another on-line session with



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Ken Parish in July. If you wish to participate in the next session please contact Leonie Hastie-Gordge to arrange for access and purchase a headset for the session. This opportunity may open up an avenue of having interstate or international speakers on-line. The possibilities are endless! 1

Upcoming CPDs

Wednesday, 19 August 2009 - 12.30pm - 2.00 pm

Legal Aspects of Judicial Review of NT Decisions and the Case for a Judicial Review Act (NT)

Darwin

Thursday 20 August 2009 - 12.30 pm - 2.00pm

Update on Darwin Prison

Darwin

Wednesday, 26 August 2009, 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Changes with Credit Legislation ASIC

Darwin

Thursday, 10 September 2009, 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Unfair Dismissal Laws under the New Fair Work Act

Darwin

For further details and a comprehensive list of upcoming CPD's, visit <http://www.lawsocietynt.asn.au>