

Annual CPD Certificate due 31 March 2013

It's that time of year again, time to think about your CPD obligations and to submit your annual declarations. Practitioners are reminded that there have been changes to the CPD regime since last year. Remember:

- 1. Your obligations have changed
- 2. There is a new form 'Annual Certificate'
- 3. Download the new form from the Society's website. www.lawsocietynt.asn.au.
- 4. Forms must be submitted to the Society no later than 31 March 2013.
- 5. You should ensure that you comply with the new requirements.

If you have any questions about the new form please contact the Society's Professional Development Officer or the Manager Regulatory Services.



here never seems enough time during the day in a lawyer's work schedule to get everything done – but now there's a *Lunch and Learn* CPD series which proved to be a great hit, with practitioners scrambling for seats.

At its simplest, *Lunch and Learn* is a series of informal CPD training hosted by the Society initially intended to harness and develop young Lawyers' skills in almost any area of the law. It is scheduled at lunchtime for an hour. Training is informal and less structured than the usual CPD. Practitioners can also accrue .05 CPD point per hour of attendance. The inaugural Lunch and Learn 'Resilience, Professional on Courtesy and Personal Sustainability' was held at the Ward Keller's Boardroom on 16 November 2012 and was aptly presented by the patron of NT Young Lawyers, the Honourable Chief Justice Trevor Riley. This CPD was repeated on 11 December 2012 on request of other young lawyers who felt they have missed out due to the limited seating capacity of the venue. A Lunch and Learn with the same topic was also presented by Dr Nanette Rogers at the Law Courts Boardroom in Alice Spring on 6 December 2012.

Topical and engaging, the *Lunch* and *Learn* CPD series are interactive and stimulating – a great way for participants to network, share their expertise as well as take away some useful handouts and tips to apply back at work. It also provides an opportunity for young lawyers to get into the minds of the movers and shakers in the legal profession who openly share their experiences, lessons learnt and insights.

The subtle message is that 'Lunch and Learn' is valuable and cost effective. It gets you out of the doldrums' and stress of the office, into a new and interesting experience.