

The Christmas ham is no longer recognisable as ham. The new year party hats are composting nicely in the garden.

I am ready to commence the new year. Intuitively, I open my diary to the first month of the working year... May? May? How did it get to May!

Although the months are creeping by at an ever increasing pace NTYL has successfully hosted its first networking event at il lido in early March to welcome new and existing members. The event was

held in conjunction with the Young Professional Network which was a great opportunity for young lawyers to mingle and get to know other like-minded people in Darwin.

In addition NTYL has elected a new executive consisting of:

- President:** Peter Clayton
- Secretary:** Jenna Dennison
- Treasurer:** Anne Marie Hardwick

We also welcome Rose Watts and Zara Gooden as our social and fundraising coordinators and Maker Mayek and Dom Gomez to

the Committee.

We thoroughly enjoyed Law Week 2014 despite senior team winning the annual debate, as well as helping out with a few cricket bat 'modifications' for the annual cricket rendezvous.

There is much to look forward to and we are teasing out a few ideas for new events and fundraising activities to host later this year. Trivia anyone? There is much to do. So let's get moving. ●

Jenna Dennison

NTWL and NT ADC International Women's Day Breakfast

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On 7 March 2014 the Northern Territory Women's Lawyers Association in partnership with the NT Anti-Discrimination Commission hosted a breakfast in celebration of International Women's Day. The breakfast was aptly titled 'You may ask yourself, how did I get here?' which was based on the theme for International Women's Day 2014 'Inspiring Change'.

The focus of International Women's Day this year was that 'women's equality has made positive gains but the world is still unequal. International Women's Day celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women while focusing world attention on areas requiring further action.'

The breakfast was held at the Novatel Atrium on the Esplanade

and was a great success with 100 attendees, despite nearly being cancelled the day before due to Darwin's catastrophic power outage.

Guests heard from three inspiring women from vastly different sectors of the community: Helen Summers – Optometrist and Telstra NT Business Woman of the Year/ Emma Cameron- Local Indigenous Marathon Runner involved in the Rob De Castella Boston Marathon Program and Sandra Markman Executive Director of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Helen Summers shared her experience of starting out as a young female professional and omitting her gender from job applications in order to be considered for jobs. Emma Cameron spoke of her persistence

and training in the lead up to the Boston Marathon, only to be prevented from finishing and narrowly escaping injury when the marathon track suddenly exploded due to a terrorist bomb just ahead of her. Sandra Markman gave us a hilarious account of what it's like to be a legislation drafter and the importance of supporting our female colleagues.

The morning was enjoyed by all and we would especially like to thank the speakers for their heart-warming and thought provoking speeches and for making themselves available at such an early hour of the morning. Special thanks to our sponsors and to the Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission for their collaborative efforts in making the event run so smoothly. ●

