

ALICE SPRINGS LAW WEEK

The Alice Springs legal profession is invited to form a Law Week Sub Committee to formulate plans and coordinate activities for Law Week 2001.

The primary aim of Law Week is to help people understand law and their legal rights. Law Week seeks to encourage a healthy respect for the law and its institutions. It is a time when all Northern Territorians can learn about the ways legal professionals assist them in their everyday lives and what services are available to them.

The Law Society Northern Territory is keen to encourage law week activities "down the track" and welcomes practitioners with ideas or suggestions for Law Week 2001 in Alice Springs and surrounds.

Interested practitioners are encouraged to join the committee and should contact the Law Society to nominate.

The Alice Springs Law Society Council representative is Ms Katrina Budrikis at Ditton, Budrikis and McNamara. She can be contacted on telephone: 8953 2242 if you would like to discuss the Committee further.

Alice farewells Warren Donald

Stipendiary magistrate Mr Warren Donald has left Alice Springs after five years on the bench to take up the position of Federal magistrate in Newcastle.

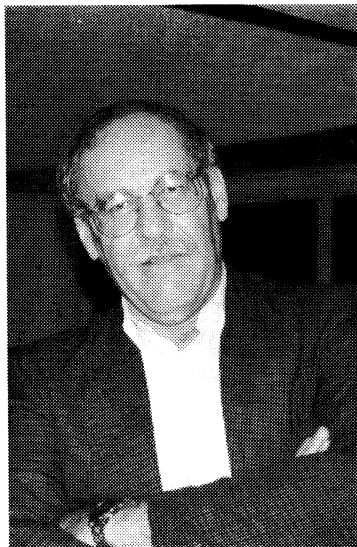
The Alice Springs legal community gathered at a farewell function to wish him well in his new job.

Mr Donald made a short thank you speech which is reproduced here in full:

"I do want to say that I practised in Canberra for 10 years before coming here and my immediate impression which has been fully sustained over the whole period I've been here is that standards, both personal and professional, of the lawyers here are most impressive. I am still astounded, I must say, by CAALAS especially, who take on so many letters in one day and do a magnificent job.

Certainly the works of the courts, in the absence of lawyers, would be almost impossible. You wouldn't get through the work and all that you do. I must say that the high standard runs right through the profession. And I thank everyone here, those that are here, and those that have been present for the last five years. I thank everyone for their cooperation, good sense and in most cases, short windedness.

Thank you very much for all of your help and cooperation and your very high professional standards. Thank you."



Warren Donald



Victoria Shiel, CAALAS



Rennie Anderson, Povey Stirk and Peter Campbell,
Local Court Registrar



Dr Nanette Rogers,
DPP and Justice Sally
Thomas