

2000 NTYL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The election for all office bearers in the 2000 NTYL Committee was unopposed and I was joined on the NTYL Committee by Pryce Dale (now enjoying Perth), Michelle Fadelli (now continuing her studies interstate), Sophie McEwen (Silvester back then), Jason Schoolmeester and James Docherty. We also had the assistance of NTYL past president, Sarah Hills, who helped as the CLE coordinator. We worked together as a team and I'd briefly like to run through behind the scenes of the year 2000 to give you a better understanding of what NTYL has done and the future of NTYL.

We began the year full of ideas, and the majority of those ideas were put into practice. One was the NTYL newsletter — a concept that only lasted one issue. Unfortunately NTYL doesn't have the resources of the Law Society, with a full time PR officer, so we switched to informing NTYL of events by a medium that has been very successful — email. The Committee is able, from the comfort of its office bearer's desks, to easily distribute information to members via our email list. Anyone who hasn't received notifications by email please contact the Committee.

Law Week

NTYL conducted seminars at the Darwin Magistrates Court and the Palmerston Civic Centre on how to run Small Claims during Law Week. NTYL is conducting the same seminar this year and anyone who wants to get involved should contact the Committee.

NTYL also took part in the Careers Expo and presented, together with a number of other practitioners from various backgrounds in the law, short talks to High School students at the Supreme Court.

Social Events

On 3 June 2000 NTYL held a very successful Sunset Harbour Cruise. Although it was very cold out on the water members had a great time on the Sea Cat Ferry and even had to make a short pitstop for more beer due to the crowd emptying the supplies.

On 21 October 2000 NTYL held its annual ball — with a cocktail ball theme — which drew a crowd who danced the night away

at Rydges Hotel. We were up against some competition that night i.e. Small Business Awards and Media Awards, but everyone had a great time and a majority of the revellers ended up at *Blush* after the show.

Australian Young Lawyers Committee

I represented NTYL at the face to face AYLC meeting in Sydney in November 2000. The main issues discussed were responses to the draft 2010 Workforce Report; CLE's, the 21st Century Workplace and Practical Legal Training. I wrote a summary of the meeting in January's *Balance*.

NTYL CLE programme

In 2000 we were fortunate to have six CLE's presented by various members of the profession. The topics were: Income Protection Insurance; Affidavits and Statements, Commercial Leases; An Overview of the Work Health Act; Crimes (Victim's Assistance) Act — dispensation of service and substitution of service; and An Overview of the Lands Titles Act and Law of Property Act.

Website

The NTYL website can be accessed at www.ntyounglawyers.asn.au The website contains chapters from the 1997 NTYL Articles Handbook and NTYL the Committee is currently updating the Handbook for current and future members of NTYL.

2001

The AGM was held on 23 March 2001 with the following members elected:

President — Reinis Dancis, De Silva Hebron

Vice President — Mark Wallbridge, Morgan Buckley

Secretary — Emily Caldwell, Clayton Utz

Social Coordinator — Kai-Li Tan, Clayton Utz and Roman Micaïran, Associate to the Hon Justice Trevor Riley

Treasurer — Jason Schoolmeester, NT Treasury

Public Officer — David Elix, De Silva Hebron

CLE Coordinator — Sarah Hills, Ward Keller



Reinis Dancis, NT Young Lawyers President

NTYL has organised a Practitioners Advocacy Workshop for 26 May 2001 to be held at the Industrial Relations Courts in NT House. Places will be limited and NTYL members will receive a discount from the cost.

CLE's are planned for each month this year, and if NTYL is successful in receiving a Public Purpose Trust Grant we will purchase a selection of NSW Young Lawyers CLE videos on various topics. We will show one each month and if members wish to review the tapes we can lend them out from the NT Law Society offices.

Roman and Kai-Li have added a new dimension to the social side of NTYL and will be organising functions for members during the year. NTYL will hold the traditional ball and there may be another harbour cruise, but I'll let Roman and Kai-Li inform you the upcoming events in the *Balance* NTYL column.

I must say that I have definitely expanded my knowledge of mustering young lawyers from one venue to another and hope that you, the members, have been satisfied with the work that the Committee has done for you. I'll take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the work that they put in this last year.

A final point — NTYL is not just for "young" lawyers - those being young in their age — NTYL is an association for all articulated clerks, judges associates and all admitted practitioners in their first five years of practice that provides continuing legal education and encourages high professional standards for legal services provided to the public.