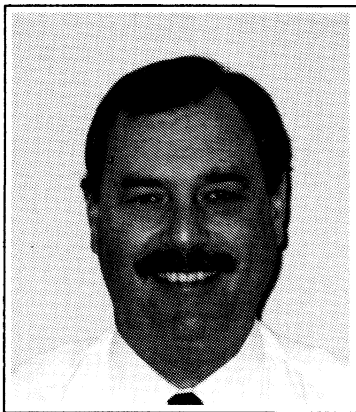


Changes at the DPP



Jacek Karczewski

Jacek Karczewski is returning to the DPP after some years in policy in the Attorney-General's Department. Jacek will be Assistant Director in the Darwin Office.

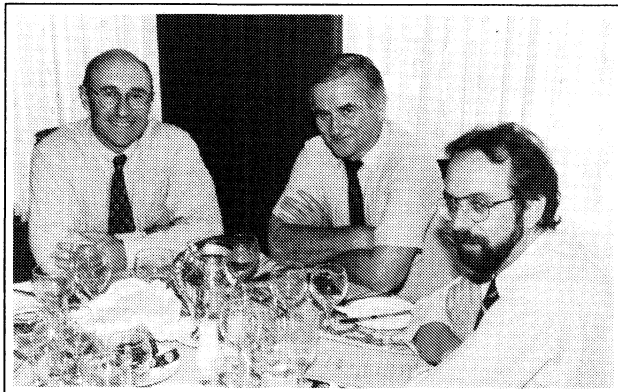
John Birch, the senior prosecutor in the southern Office, becomes

Assistant Director (Alice Springs).

As previously reported in *Balance*, Jenny Blokland, currently Dean of the Faculty of Law at NTU, is joining the Office and has accepted the position of General Counsel to the Director. She commences in the new year. Her duties will include those previously carried out by the Solicitor to the Director. That position was formerly occupied by Kerrie Channels who has joined the Litigation Division of the Attorney-General's Department.

Other changes in-

clude the completion of Peter Bannon QC's two-year term as Deputy Director, which sees his return to New South Wales, and the departure of prosecutor Chris Delaney to pursue his interests in sports law and management.



Prosecutors John Birch, Peter Bannon QC and Chris Roberts

Full Court Sittings for 1998

Pursuant to sections 12 and 15 of the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976, notice is hereby given that sittings of a Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia during 1998 will be held at the places and will be conducted during the dates indicated below:

2-27 March 1998

Sydney
Melbourne
Perth
Hobart
Canberra
Brisbane
Adelaide

2-27 November 1998

Sydney
Melbourne
Perth
Hobart
Canberra
Brisbane
Adelaide

29 June - 24 July 1998

Sydney
Melbourne
Perth
Darwin
Canberra
Brisbane
Adelaide

- *No sittings will be held unless there is a substantial amount of business.*
- *An urgent matter may be transferred to a place of sitting other than that in which the matter was filed.*
- *If the circumstances require it a Full Court may sit in capital cities to deal with matters on dates other than those listed.*

The Registrar, Mr Warwick Soden advises that this roster reflects a change in Full Court Sittings and notes the following by way of explanation:

Unlike previous years when Full Court Sittings commenced in Sydney in February and were held consecutively around Australia, in a number of cities more than once, the Full Court Sittings for 1998 and future years will be held in a Full Court Sitting period which will occur three times a year. Although the Full Court Sittings will be held in each of the capital cities during that four-week period, it will not follow that, for example, Sydney Full Court Sittings will be held at the same time as Melbourne Full Court Sittings. As well, it may be that the Brisbane Full Court Sittings will be held in the first two weeks of the four week period which would be at the same time as the first two weeks of the Sydney Full Court Sittings