

Lawyer no stranger to finer details

Decade old, going strong

By JENI FAULKNER

DARREN Catton, of Catton and Roderick Lawyers, likes dealing with the issues many of us try to avoid.

He draws up people's wills, deals with family law, deceased estates and debt collection.

But, when the time comes that you may need his expertise, it does pay to work alongside someone professional and experienced.

Mr Catton, pictured, represents clients in the Federal and Local Magistrates Court, or at his desk face-to-face.

His main business comes through debt collection, family law, power of attorney, conveyancing and even cases of personal injury.

"Most of the work on the Peninsula is for the elderly so I make a lot of home visits and also take the time to see others who may have to stay in hospital," he said.

Mr Catton bought into the firm at Redcliffe in June last year, keeping the former business name Roderick Lawyers.



"The Law Society takes the view that you use the name of a past partner because it helps people who had a will and those who are power of attorney looking for information," Mr Catton said.

Roderick Lawyers had been synonymous with the Peninsula for 50 years, founded by Lex Roderick who then passed the business to his son, John.

"Lex, John and now I sat in this office so there is a long standing of lawyers that have been in this building."

With his 20 years' experience, Mr Catton said it was wise to always keep learning, so he is doing his Doctorate of Law.

Catton Roderick Lawyers is located upstairs at Comino's Arcade, Redcliffe. For more information phone 3284 9666.



■ Solid unit . . . Robert, Malcolm and Marisa Tognolina with Geoff Lorkin and Paul Ziebart at APM Electronics

WHEN it comes to owning your own business 10 years is definitely a milestone to be proud of.

Paul Ziebart and Malcolm Tognolina opened APM Electronics a decade ago and, even though they admit there have been some tough times, they say business on the Peninsula is moving forward.

For the first six years the business was located on the Hornibrook Esplanade but, with development on the rise, the store was pushed further north to Oxley

Ave in Margate.

"We have been here for four years and we service all the electrical repairs for locals," Mr Ziebart said.

Even though he and Mr Tognolina have been in business for 10 years their partnership stretches much further than that. They met six years earlier by working for Philips Electrical and they said it takes a good bond to work together for so long.

APM Electronic repairs electrical appliances including stereos,

videos, DVDs, plasma and LCD televisions and even microwaves.

"When this business started we had just one person but now we have built it up and we enjoy looking after people on the Peninsula," Mr Ziebart said.

Also involved in the business is Mr Tognolina's wife Marisa and their son Robert.

APM Electronics is located at 253 Oxley Ave, Margate, and is open weekdays from 8.30am to 5pm and until 8pm on Thursday. Phone 3883 3511.

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