



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 23 February 2017
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Hutley SC; Moses SC; Game SC; Loukas SC; Callan; Bell SC; Weinstein SC; Lonergan SC; McHugh SC; Katekar, Mitchelmore; Izzo; Higgins; Gleeson; Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Walker; Khandhar; Callan

NON-ATTENDANCE: Terracini SC; Welsh; Katekar

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 9 February 2017 were confirmed.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive of 7 February were noted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Noted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAR COUNCIL OF 8 DECEMBER 2016

Noted.

The Senior Vice-President and Executive Director noted the decision of the Law Council of Australia to postpone any draft submission in relation to the Parliamentary Joint Committee Inquiry into Freedom of Speech in Australia until June 2017.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AS AT 15 FEBRUARY 2017

Noted.

FINANCE

Noted.

MEMBERSHIP

The following were admitted as Class A – Local Practising Barrister – unless otherwise shown:

Mark Davies
Simon Davis – B

ODPP Dubbo
Werri Werri Beach NSW

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council Executive dated 2 February 2017 from the Senior Vice-President and Executive Director – Katrina Dawson Award

RESOLVED to establish a Katrina Dawson award on the terms set out in the memorandum as amended by the Bar Council and take steps to advertise the award in advance of the September 2017 Bar Practice Course.

The agreed amendments to the memo of 2/2/17 were to replace the ‘essential criteria’ and ‘other relevant circumstances that may be taken into account’ with:

“Eligibility

The Award will only be open to women who have passed the NSW bar exam and committed to enrolling in a Bar Practice Course within 18 months of winning the award.

Criteria

The criteria of the award are as follows:

- Excellent academic qualifications, including all necessary legal qualifications;
- Leadership skills in the community;
- Track record in legal employment, for example as a solicitor or as an associate to judicial officer;
- Proposed use to which the financial assistance would be applied in coming to the NSW Bar;
- Interest in participating in and fostering life at the NSW Bar;
- Names and contact details of at least two referees.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 7 February 2017 from the Senior Projects Lawyer – Aggregated Claims Data for Period ended 31 December 2016

Noted.

Letter to the Executive and Deputy Executive Directors dated 14 February 2017 from Bar Cover – Barristers Sickness & Accident Fund Pty Ltd – Revised Constitution (2017)

RESOLVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Barristers Sickness & Accident Fund Pty Ltd.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 14 February 2017 from Senior Projects Lawyer – Application for a Practising Certificate and application for renewal of Practising Certificate

RESOLVED to approve pursuant to section 473 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* (NSW) the application for a practising certificate and application for renewal of practising certificate forms, subject to the amendment to question 10 of the renewal application form agreed to at the meeting.

The amendment referred to is; insert ‘including in relation to your taxation obligations,’ after ‘foreign country’.

FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Investment & Audit Committee held on 8 February 2017

Noted.

The following papers were circulated via e-mail prior to the Council meeting.

- Email to the Bar Council dated 15 February 2017 from the Deputy Executive Director CTP Reform

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Noel Hutley SC
President

Date: