



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday 9 March 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;
Nomchong SC; McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Katekar;
Mitchelmore; Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Terracini SC; Bell SC; Weinstein SC; Khandhar; Izzo;
Higgins; Gleeson

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Executive Director; Director, Professional Conduct
(for professional conduct matters); Finance Manager (for part
of Finance discussion)

The Bar Council welcomed Kylie Nomchong SC to the Council, who pursuant to cl.12.5.1 of the Bar Association's Constitution had succeeded Julia Lonergan SC, who has resigned on being appointed to the Supreme Court bench.

The Council passed a resolution congratulating Lonergan SC on her appointment to the Bench, and for her contribution to the work of the Council.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 23 February 2017 were confirmed.

FINANCE

The New South Wales Bar Association Budget 2017 / 2018

The Treasurer spoke to the financial statements and to the proposed 2017-2018 budget.

The Bar Council considered the budget presented and discussed a number of line items involving both revenue and expenses. The Finance Manager provided further information on certain line items.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Bar Council indicated that it was satisfied with the figures presented and, noting that there be no increase to the practising certificate and membership fees for 2017-2018 and that there be no other change to fees charged for 2017-2018, RESOLVED to adopt the proposed New South Wales Bar Association Budget 2017/2018.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Kenneth Brotherson	6 St James Hall Chambers
Nora Faulua – B	6 St James Hall Chambers
David Murray – B	Southport QLD

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 23 February 2017 from Senior Projects Lawyer – Annual Report on The New South Wales Bar Association’s Professional Standards Improvement Program

RESOLVED to approve the 2016 Annual Report on the New South Wales Bar Association’s Professional Standards Improvement Program considered by Bar Council on 9 March 2017, and submit the same to the Professional Standards Council prior to the due date of 31 March 2017.

FOR INFORMATION

Letter to The Hon Victor Dominello MP dated 20 February 2017 from the President – CTP Reform

Joint letter to The Hon Victor Dominello MP dated 23 February 2017 from the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association – CTP Reform

Joint letter to The Hon Victor Dominello MP dated 27 February 2017 from the Law Society of New South Wales, New South Wales Bar Association and the Australian Lawyers Alliance – CTP Reform

Noted. Elizabeth Welsh outlined the current position relating to CTP reform. The Government has introduced the Motor Accidents Injuries Bill 2017 into the Legislative Assembly. The Bill has been amended to address a number of concerns raised by the

Association and other legal profession groups. The President indicated that if there were continuing concerns with the Bill, the Common Law Committee would need to identify them and if necessary a joint approach should initially be made to Government with the Law Society regarding the need for further amendments. Elizabeth Welsh advised that the Committee was meeting early next week to consider the Bill in detail. Bar Council will be kept informed of developments.

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Confirmed as a correct record.

Noel Hutley SC
President

Date: