



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

PRESENT: Hutley SC; Moses SC; Game SC (by phone); Loukas SC;
Callan; Terracini SC; Bell SC (by phone); Nomchong SC;
McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Katekar; Mitchelmore; Izzo (by
phone); Higgins (by phone); Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Weinstein SC; Khandhar; Gleeson

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director

MINUTES

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BAR
COUNCIL OF 23 FEBRUARY 2017

Noted.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Noted. It was also noted that item 1, regarding corporate governance matters, was being dealt with in the context of the development of the Association's new Strategic Plan.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noted.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Noted.

FINANCE

Noted.

MEMBERSHIP

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

John Dailly – B

Northbridge NSW

Scott Richardson – B

Chambers 33, Brisbane

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 22 February 2017 from the Executive Director – Policy regarding eligible tutors

The Bar Council agreed to approve publication of the amended policy as set out in the memorandum.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 20 March 2017 from the Senior Vice-President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director – Proposed ABA Bi-annual National Conference – Sydney 2018

The Bar Council agreed to establish a Committee to be chaired by the Senior Vice President and also comprising Kylie Nomchong SC, Mary Walker, Ben Katekar, Greg Antipas and the Executive Director, to report back to Bar Council on the matters set out in the memorandum.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 22 March 2017 from the Chair of the Education Committee and the Chair of the Diversity and Equality Committee – 2017 Junior Barrister Mentoring Program: McCarthy Mentoring

The Bar Council agreed to engage McCarthy Mentoring for the 2017 mentoring program with an increased amount of administrative work to be conducted internally.

The Bar Council also agreed to review the current arrangements with McCarthy Mentoring.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Kylie Nomchong SC suggested, and the Council agreed, that the current Health and Wellbeing Survey of the Bar be promoted at all CPD sessions for the remainder of March by way of the PowerPoint slide that has been used for regional conferences.
- (b) The Senior Vice-President noted that the Practice Development Committee was considering the possibility of a NSW Bar open chambers satellite event to be held on conjunction with International Bar Association Conference in Sydney in October. It was agreed that the President and Senior Vice-President raise this issue in their meeting with the President of the IBA next week.

FOR INFORMATION

Joint letter from The Law Society of New South Wales, The New South Wales Bar Association and the Australian Lawyers Alliance dated 3 March 2017 to The Hon Victor Dominello MP – *Motor Accident Injuries Bill 2017*

Noted. Elizabeth Welsh noted that additional comments on the Motor Accident Injuries Bill 2017, which was introduced into Parliament on 9 March, had been provided to the Minister by the legal profession last week. The Minister has been requested to provide a response to these outstanding concerns by Friday 24 March.

Joint letters from The Law Society of New South Wales and The New South Wales Bar Association dated 4 March and 6 March 2017 to The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP – Urgent review of resourcing in the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia

Noted.

Letter to the President dated 8 March 2017 from Gladys Berejiklian MP, Premier of New South Wales – Justice Cluster

Noted.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 20 March 2017 from the Professional Development Department / Examination Working Party – NSW Bar Examination – February 2017 results

Noted. The Bar Council agreed that a working party chaired by the Junior Vice-President be established to report on the review of the February 2017 results conducted by the Education Committee.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 6 March 2017 from the Deputy Executive Director – Draft submission to NSW Government civil justice strategy consultation

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Noel Hutley SC
President

Date: