



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 13 November 2014
in The New South Wales Bar Association Boardroom at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Needham SC; Hutley SC; Moses SC; Hogan-Doran; Doyle Gray; Bennett QC (by phone); Menzies QC; Sullivan QC; Phillips SC; Game SC; Cunneen SC; Traill; Walker; Khandhar; Toomey; Wood; Stitt; Callan; Hyde Page; Antipas; Sethi

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Executive Assistant

OFFICE BEARERS

Kate Traill, being the most senior Junior present, took the chair until after the election of the President, when Needham SC assumed the chair.

The following office bearers were elected:

President:	Jane Needham SC
Senior Vice-President:	Noel Hutley SC
Junior Vice-President:	Arthur Moses SC
Treasurer:	Justin Hogan-Doran
Secretary:	Philippe Doyle Gray

The President welcomed new Executive office holders and new Bar Councillors, and congratulated the continuing members on their re-election.

The President observed one issue – that of whether the Bar should approach the Government to seek the requisite legislative amendments to enable Senior Counsel to practice under Letters Patent as Queen’s Counsel – had caused some controversy in the wake

of the Bar Council election result. That result indicated that there was interest among members in the Bar Council pursuing this issue with the New South Wales Government.

The President stated that the Bar faced many challenges, the resolution of the Queen's Counsel/Senior Counsel issue being among them. But matters such as the continuing response of the Bar to the Law Council NARS report, the implications of a national profession, the uniform practice rules, and the Association's statutory regulatory functions, would also take up time and require significant and concentrated effort.

The President noted that the work of the Professional Conduct committees was a vital part of the Council's functions, and that she would be ensuring that each Bar Councillor was a member of a professional conduct committee as well as assisting on other committees where possible.

The President thanked the Executive Director and staff of the Bar Association for their devoted and unstinting service. She urged Bar Councillors with any queries or problems to contact either her or the Executive Director - and noted that neither seemed to ever have their phones turned off.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Jane Needham SC
President