



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 9 June 2016  
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association  
at 4.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Hutley SC; Moses SC; Game SC; Loukas SC; Khandhar;  
Bennett AC QC; Bell SC; Cunneen SC; Lonergan SC;  
Welsh; Mitchelmore; Shead; Higgins; Callan; Hunt; Gleeson;  
Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

**APOLOGIES:** McHugh SC; Walker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director; Professional Conduct (for professional  
conduct matters)

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2016 were confirmed.

**Renewal of practising certificates**

The Executive Director advised that 2338 renewal applications had been sent to current members of the NSW Bar. Renewals had to be lodged by COB on 7 June 2016.

As at a few minutes before the Bar Council meeting, 2201 renewal applications had been received. Thirty-two barristers had advised that they did not wish to renew their practising certificate.

There were 105 overdue applications. This is similar to the number of applications not received at this time last year.

The Executive Director also advised that so far 24 applications had been received for a parental leave waiver of practising certificate fees. The cost of the waivers was in the order of \$45,000.

**Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 31 May 2016 from the Director, Professional Conduct – Delegation – early assessment of suitability (regarding admission)**

RESOLVED pursuant to section 30 of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*, to delegate to the Executive Director the powers and functions contained in section 21(1) of the *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014* to make representations to the LPAB in relation to applications for a declaration of early assessment where the matters disclosed do not include a matter that would be a show cause event if the applicant were applying for a practising certificate or an offence involving a custodial sentence or do not relate the applicant's physical or mental capacity.

**Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 31 May 2016 from the Director, Professional Conduct – Barristers – fees in advance**

RESOLVED to approve the tabled form: 'External Examiners Report – Barrister'.

**MEMBERSHIP**

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

Benjamin Barrack	Sir Owen Dixon Chambers
Siobhain Climo	Maurice Byers Chambers
Monique Cowden	Level 22 Chambers
Neha Evans	7 Garfield Barwick Chambers
Neal Funnell	11 Garfield Barwick Chambers
Jeremy Harrison	4 Wentworth Chambers
John McKenzie	Port Macquarie NSW
Christopher Micali	16 Wardell Chambers
Bharan Narula	16 Wardell Chambers
Katrina Musgrove – B	Blackburn Chambers (ACT)
Patrick Williams	Newcastle Chambers

## FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 6 April 2016 from the Education Committee – New South Wales requirement of tutor policy

RESOLVED that the policy be amended so that the Executive Director could take account of an applicant's experience as a barrister in another jurisdiction when determining whether an applicant be appointed a tutor.

## FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Practice Development Committee held on 16 March 2016

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Investment & Audit Committee held on 13 May 2016

Noted

Letter from the President dated 24 May 2016 to The Hon Victor Dominello MP – Insurer submissions to CTP Review

Noted

Joint letter from the Presidents of the NSW Law Society and NSW Bar Association dated 30 May 2016 to The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP – Committal proceedings in New South Wales

Noted

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

*Confirmed as a correct record.*

Noel Hutley SC  
President

Date: