



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 21 July 2016
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Moses SC; Game SC; Loukas SC; Khandhar; Bell SC;
Cunneen SC; McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Shead; Higgins;
Hunt; Gleeson; Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Hutley SC; Bennett AC QC; Lonergan SC; Mitchelmore;
Callan

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 23 June 2016 were confirmed.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Louise Coleman	6 Selborne/Wentworth
Harrison Grace	7 Wentworth/Selborne
Rachael Hermes	7 Wentworth/Selborne

FOR CONSIDERATION

Briefing of the *Walker v The New South Wales Bar Association* [2016] FCA 799 judgment

Walker absented herself and was not present for the discussion of this item.

Noted. The Senior Vice-President outlined the major elements of Besanko J's judgment for the information of Bar Councillors.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Court Security – The Treasurer noted that there had been a recent incident involving a Public Defender in a high profile matter where she had been harassed by the media when attempting to leave the Supreme Court, and had experienced some distress as a result. The Public Defender involved had asked the relevant Court Security staff whether she could leave the building by an alternative exit, but that request had been refused. It was agreed that the Association should raise its concerns regarding the incident, and the need for security staff to be more flexible in these kinds of circumstances, with the Supreme Court.

FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Practice Development Committee held on 8 June 2016

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Common Law Committee held on 29 June 2016

Noted.

Letter to the Executive Director dated 30 June 2016 from Malcolm David, Mills Oakley – Dubler SC – Barristers' Benevolent Association of NSW

Noted. The Senior Vice-President advised that the Executive Director had agreed to waive the renewal fee should Dubler SC seek to renew his practising certificate during 2016-17.

Joint letter to The Hon Victor Dominello MP from the Presidents of the Law Society of NSW and the NSW Bar Association – CTP and the Expert Reference Panel

Noted. Welsh advised that consultations with the Government's CTP Expert Reference Panel were continuing and that further draft submissions will be submitted for the consideration of Bar Council in the next week.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 23 June 2016 from the Executive Director – Barristers getting 23 June letter – total 56

The meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Noel Hutley SC
President

Date: