



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 28 July 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;
McHugh SC; Walker; Welsh; Mitchelmore; Shead; Higgins;
Gleeson; Antipas; Roy; Hutchinson

APOLOGIES: Callan; Hunt

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Executive Director

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 21 July 2016 were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

Noted.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Escrow Payment Services for Barristers – the Senior Vice-President noted that further discussions regarding the proposal had been held with the National Australia Bank, and that a session would be organised for members in order to determine the level of interest in the idea.

Bar Examinations – Greg Antipas advised that a report from the Education Committee to Bar Council on the question of publication of bar examinations was currently being prepared.

FINANCE

Noted.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 21 April 2016 from the Practice Development Committee – Social media

RESOLVED that:

- a. the Association's Social Media Protocol be amended to allow suitable individual members (such as Committee Chairs) the ability to apply to the Executive for approval to tweet "live" from events such as Conferences from the Association's account on a case by case basis;
- b. that the Executive may authorise the free online streaming to the general public through the Association's website of particular New South Wales Bar Association conferences and presentations on a case by case basis; and
- c. that the Association should include links on its homepage to its social media accounts.

The Bar Council requested that a report on the Association's social media activity over the last twelve months be provided for its consideration.

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 21 July 2016 from Deputy Executive Director – Gender pay gap

Bar Council agreed that further consideration needs to be given to strategies to address the gender pay gap at the NSW Bar. It was also agreed that the Diversity and Equality Committee should work with the Women Barristers Forum to prepare a note for Bar Council's consideration regarding a strategic framework for action to address this issue. The Bar Council noted that the actions previously approved in relation to the National Attrition and Retention Report, and the material provided to the Bar Council for consideration at that time, should be included in the note.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Bar Council noted the announcement by the Attorney earlier in the afternoon by the Attorney General of the appointment of Warwick Hunt as a judge of the District Court. The

President advised that, pursuant to clause 12.5.1 of the Association's Constitution, James Mack will fill the casual Bar Council vacancy. The Bar Council congratulated Hunt on his appointment.

FOR INFORMATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 29 June 2016 from Senior Policy Lawyer – *Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016*

Noted.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 13 July 2016 from the Deputy Executive Director – Judgment 12 July 2016 *Walker v Bar Association*

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Confirmed as a correct record.

Noel Hutley SC
President

Date: