



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 12 March 2015
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm

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

APOLOGIES: Moses SC; Walker

NON-ATTENDANCE Traill

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 26 February 2015 were confirmed.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Sarah Alekovski – B	2 Selborne Chambers
Belinda Lyus – B	Lyus Legal
Jodi Phelps – B	2 Selborne Chambers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Noted.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 2 March 2015 from Policy Lawyer – Annual Report on the NSW Bar Association’s Professional Standards Improvement Program

RESOLVED to approve the 2014 Annual Report on the New South Wales Bar Association’s Professional Standards Improvement Program. The Council also noted that the Association’s new Professional Standards Scheme had been approved and gazetted to commence in NSW on 1 July 2015. The Council thanked Ms Kim Kemp, the Association’s Policy Lawyer, for her work on both the Scheme and the Annual Report on the Professional Standards Improvement Program.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Menzies QC raised an issue regarding the proposed reinstatement of civil juries, which had been discussed at the previous meeting of Bar Council. It was agreed that there was no need for Bar Council to re-consider this issue until it has had the benefit of a background paper to be prepared by the Deputy Executive Director.

FOR INFORMATION

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Law Council of Australia Directors’ Meeting held on 29 November 2014

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Practice Development Committee held on 25 January 2015

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Equal Opportunity Committee held on 17 February 2015

Noted.

Minutes of the meeting of the Criminal Law Committee held on 19 February 2015

Noted.

Email from Mary Walker dated 2 March 2015 - Report from the Supreme Court ADR Steering Committee held on 11 December 2014

Noted.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 20 February 2015 from the Deputy Executive Director – NSW Dept of Justice Discussion Paper on limitation periods for victims of child sexual abuse – draft submission
- Email to the Bar Council dated 27 February 2015 from the Executive Director – ABA submissions to the Legal Services Council
- Email to the Bar Council dated 27 February 2015 from the Executive Director - Delegations

The meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Confirmed as a correct record.

Jane Needham SC
President

Date: