



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 30 July 2015  
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association  
at 4.30 pm

**PRESENT:**

Needham SC; Moses SC; Hogan-Doran; Bennett AC QC;  
Menzies QC; Sullivan QC; Phillips SC; Game SC (by  
phone); Cunneen SC; Walker; Toomey; Stitt; Callan; Hyde  
Page; Antipas; Sethi

**APOLOGIES:**

Hutley SC; Doyle Gray; Traill; Khandhar; Wood

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Manager,  
Professional Conduct (for professional conduct matters);  
Executive Assistant

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2015 were confirmed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Noted. The President advised that Elizabeth Cheeseman SC has resigned as a member of the 2015 Senior Counsel Selection Committee due to work commitments. Bar Council agreed with the President's proposal that Sophie Goddard SC replace Cheeseman SC on the Committee. Mary Walker and Dominic Toomey declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this issue.

The President also thanked Bar Council for their participation in last Saturday's Strategy Day. She noted that the report of the Facilitator, Mr David Shortland, would be available shortly and then will be considered by the Executive with a view to the finalisation of a new strategy document.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Noted. The Executive Director drew Bar Councillors attention in particular to ongoing negotiations regarding a protocol to govern the carrying of firearms in courts by police officers.

## FINANCE

Noted. The President advised that usage of the Association's childcare scheme has progressed to the point where no financial contribution was currently required.

## FOR CONSIDERATION

**Memorandum to the Bar Council dated 22 July 2015 from the President – National Attrition and Re-engagement Study (NARS) update**

Noted. The President outlined the progress that has been made in the implementation of equity and diversity initially highlighted in the Law Council's NARS Report.

### **Equitable Briefing Policy**

The Junior Vice-President, the co-chair of the Equitable Briefing Working Party, updated Bar Council on progress. A draft revised Equitable Briefing Policy was being finalised and will shortly be submitted for the consideration of Bar Council.

## FOR INFORMATION

**Report to Bar Council on activities of the Common Law Committee 2014-15**

Noted.

**Report to Bar Council on activities of the Practice Development Committee 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015**

Noted.

**Email correspondence to the Executive dated 6 July 2015 from Greg Antipas, Chair of the New Barristers Committee – Request in accordance with the Survey Protocol**

Noted.

**Letter to the Executive Director dated 16 July 2015 from L King SC – District Court Civil Business Liaison Committee**

Noted. Dominic Toomey noted that the correspondence raised a significant issue regarding the proposed introduction of expert conclaves in the District Court which will require Bar Council consideration.

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

- Email to the Bar Council dated 21 July 2015 from the Deputy Executive Director – *Lawyers Weekly* piece – speaking roles in Court

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

*Confirmed as a correct record:*

Jane Needham SC  
President

Date: