



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

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BAR COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 10 April 2014
in the Boardroom of the New South Wales Bar Association
at 4.30 pm

PRESENT: Boulten SC; Needham SC; McHugh SC; Toomey; Temby
QC; Street SC; Game SC; Moses SC; McGrath SC; Traill;
Walker; Healey; Morris; Khandhar; Callan; Hunt; Page;
Dobraszczyk

APOLOGIES: Hutley SC; Stone; Gleeson

IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director; Director,
Professional Conduct; Executive Assistant

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of 27 March 2014 were confirmed.

FINANCE

Noted.

MEMBERSHIP

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

Claire Cantrall
Robert Clark
Nicolas Ford
Allison Hawkins
James Mack
Sarah Mahmud – B
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Waratah Chambers
10 Selborne Chambers
Edmund Barton Chambers
Level 22 Chambers
Level 22 Chambers
Zurich, Switzerland

James Masur
 Thomas O'Brien
 Quentin Rares
 Wai Soon
 Rebecca White
 James Willis

Jack Shand Chambers
 11 Wentworth Chambers
 7 Wentworth Chambers
 Epping, NSW
 9 Selborne Chambers
 8 Selborne Chambers

FOR CONSIDERATION

Memorandum to Bar Council dated 3 April 2014 from Family Law Settlement Service Selection Committee – Family Law Settlement Service Panel

RESOLVED to recommend the barristers listed in the Memorandum to the Family Law Settlement Service Panel for a period of two years. Following this, additional barristers will be invited to apply for the panel through the 2014 mediation accreditation application process.

GENERAL BUSINESS

QC/SC Working Group

The President noted that the Working Group was currently settling its report to Bar Council, which will be provided to the President on or before 17 April. The report is likely to set out arguments for and against approaching the Government to reinstate the use of the title “Queen’s Counsel” and will be considered by Bar Council as soon as possible after its receipt by the President.

Form of Bar Council resolutions

McHugh SC proposed that, as a matter of policy, Bar Council should continue its current practice that the minutes set out the outcome of the particular discussion, rather than also include details of unsuccessful motions or that amendments to motions were carried or lost. It was agreed that this issue be considered by the Bar Council at its meeting of 15 May.

Childcare Launch

The Bar Council noted the successful launch of the Association’s new Child Care scheme which was held in the Common Room on 3 April. The Council commended the work done by Association staff on this excellent initiative, in particular Megan Black and Katie Retford.

Justice in Arms Launch

The Bar Council noted that a very successful function to mark the publication of the book “*Justice in Arms: Military Lawyers in the Australian Army’s First Hundred Years*”, edited by Bruce Oswald and Jim Waddell, was held in the Common Room on 4 April. The book was

launched by the Chief Justice. The Council expressed its thanks to the Executive Director for his work in organising the event.

FOR INFORMATION

Minutes of the Meeting of the Practice Development Committee on Wednesday, 12 March 2014

Noted.

Letter from The Law Society of New South Wales dated 18 March 2014 – Teaching Alternative Dispute Resolution in Australian Law Schools

It was agreed that the Law Society's letter should be referred to the ADR Committee to consider whether the Association should write in similar terms to the Council of Australian Law Deans and report back to Bar Council.

Memorandum to Bar Council dated 3 April 2014 from Paresh Khandhar – District Court Rules Committee

Noted.

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

- Email to Bar Council dated 28 March 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Mandatory Sentencing
- Email to Bar Council dated 31 March 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – New South Wales Bar Association Submission to Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – Issues Paper No. 5 Civil Litigation
- Law Council of Australia – Inquiries and Consultations List – 31 March 2014
- Email to Bar Council dated 1 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Opinion Piece in Today's *Herald*
- Email to Bar Council dated 2 April 2014 from Deputy Executive Director – Transcript – 2UE, Nights, Tuesday 1 April 2014 8:21pm

The meeting closed at 5:25pm.

Confirmed as a correct record:

Phillip Boulten SC
President

Date: