

# Out with the old...

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## Opening of the Legal Year - NEW FORMAT

Sincere thanks go to all members of the Society who recently took the time to complete the OLY survey. The responses have now been collated and suffice to say, the membership has called for change.

Following consultation with the Chief Justice, the Council of the Law Society has agreed with His Honour that the formalities at the Court will not continue; to be replaced with an address to the profession by the Chief Justice at the celebratory lunch held in Darwin, and dinner in Alice Springs.

## Social Justice Committee

The new Law Society Social Justice Committee has now been formed and has had its first meeting. The committee comprises the following practitioners:

Fiona Hussin (NTLAC)  
Chairperson  
Matthew Storey (DoJ and President of LSNT)  
Barbara Bradshaw (LSNT)



Sophie Anderson (LSNT)  
Jared Sharp (NAAJA)  
Nigel Browne (DoJ)  
Shahleena Musk (NAAJA)  
Ben Grimes (NAAJA)  
Lisa Coffey (Health Community Services Complaints Commission)  
Tony Whitelum (Cridlands MB)

The Committee will closely monitor major policy issues and form 'working groups' to deal with particular matters. A few of the topics this committee is currently looking at include the Corrections portfolio, the recognition of Indigenous people in the Constitution, funding of Legal Services and the review of the *Summary Offences Act*.

If any legal practitioner has recommendations for policy areas for the committee to consider, or if you wish to be considered to join a working party, please contact Sophie Anderson at [porp@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:porp@lawsocnt.asn.au).

## Do You Move?

Please remember to notify the Society if you are changing your area of practice, employer, address, leaving the Territory or leaving the profession as this impacts upon the validity of your practising certificate, insurance and members' benefits. Danielle Sawyer at [licenseofficer@lawsocnt.asn.au](mailto:licenseofficer@lawsocnt.asn.au). ●



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