

News and updates

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The celebrations of the Society's 50th anniversary started with the wonderful ceremonial sitting in the Supreme Court on 4 May 2018. They will continue at special dinners to mark this event—in Alice Springs on Friday 31 August and in Darwin on Saturday 1 September. We'd love for you to come and join as we celebrate this important milestone for the Society and the profession in the NT.

At the celebratory dinner we will also launch a book to commemorate the NT legal profession. Well-known and highly regarded local historians Peter and Sheila Forrest have been commissioned by the Society to write a history of the profession in the NT. The book has a very human focus—it looks at some of the many interesting characters to have practised law in the NT (the saints and the sinners as aptly described by the Forrests in the book!) and the development of the Society and its role within the NT over the past 50 years. It's a beautifully presented book and a delightful read—don't miss out on your copy of *Mandatory Reading: Lawyers and Life in the Northern Territory!*

The Society's committees continue to undertake valuable work to support the Society's advocacy

and representation of issues affecting the profession. We know that the implementation of the recommendations from the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory is something of vital importance and interest to many of our members. The Society's Social Justice Committee has been tasked with developing approaches for our advocacy. If you are interested in becoming involved with this work get in touch with us.

We continue to monitor events affecting the profession on the national stage. The public consultation period on the review of the *Australian Solicitors Conduct Rules* (ASCR) has closed and we now await the completion of the review process by the Law Council of Australia (LCA) to see if any changes are made to the ASCR. The Society continues to monitor developments in respect of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (LPUL), particularly with the announcement that WA plans to join the

LPUL scheme from July next year. The Society also continues to observe and support the LCA's advocacy with the Commonwealth government about the potential introduction of Tranche 2 of the Anti-Money Laundering/Counter Terrorism Financing regime (AML/CTF) for the legal profession in Australia. The extension of the AML/CTF to the legal profession in New Zealand as reporting authorities commenced on 1 July 2018 and we watch with interest the impact on our fellow practitioners across the ditch.

Since the last edition of Balance we have welcomed a new staff member to the Secretariat. Jamie-Lee Dow has come on board as our Receptionist (and Administration Assistant).

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