



News and updates

KELLIE GRAINGER CEO, Law Society NT

Happy New Financial Year! With 6 months of 2019 already under our belt there is still much to be done before Christmas drinks roll around in early December.

The Society's Annual Dinner which was held on Friday 21 June at Pee Wee's at the Point was a wonderful event that took full advantage of the beautiful Dry season weather in Darwin. The dinner was well-attended including guests from Alice Springs and from interstate to coincide with the Society hosting Conference of Law Societies meetings on Friday 21 June and the Law Council of Australia Directors' meeting on 22 June. Our interstate guests were most impressed by the gorgeous harbour views, the stunning sunset followed by the blood Moon and the sheer delight of being able to have a dinner outside on the lawns in June.

The Society has been active with an array of submissions and advocacy over recent months, including submissions to the Legislative Assembly Scrutiny Committees on the Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019 and the Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, as well as submissions in response to the Reforming Regulation of the Sex Industry in the Northern Territory Discussion Paper and the exposure draft of the Criminal Code (Joint Commission) Bill 2019. If you are interested in contributing to the Society's submissions, which include those made to the Legislative Assembly's Scrutiny Committees about Bills referred or submissions in response to other consultations by government through Discussion Papers, Issues Papers or exposure draft Bills please contact the Society's Senior Policy Lawyer, Marian Wilson.

The Society has started the preliminary stages of the work necessary to develop its next Strategic Plan, to follow on from the expiry of the current Strategic Plan on 31 December 2019. Part of this process includes talking to members about their thoughts on where the Society should be focusing its energy and attention over the next few years. If you don't have the chance

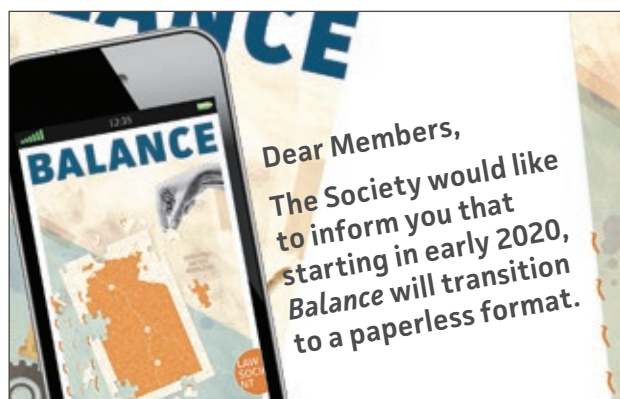
to get along to the consultation sessions being held in Alice Springs, Darwin or Katherine we still want your input and encourage you to reach out to the President or myself by telephone or email to share your views.

During these consultation sessions we are also providing an update to members about some key changes and challenges facing the Society which will include current work to re-shape our Continuing Professional Development Program and how you'll receive *Balance* next year. The Society has been subject to funding pressures over recent years with a need to reduce its budget to diminish the extent of the Society's draw on the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund and an update about this will also be provided through the consultation sessions.

Finally, it is with much sadness that I advise Dagmar Brautigam will be leaving the Secretariat on 31 July. Dagmar has been an esteemed member of the Society's Secretariat for over 10 years. In addition to attending to the Society's bookkeeping needs she has also served as Secretary for the Law Society Public Purposes Trust. We appreciate that through these roles many in the profession, including support staff, will have come to know Dagmar well. The Secretariat staff will be sad to see her go and we wish her all the best for the future. ■

Contact Kellie

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Law Society NT recent advocacy activities

Submissions

Development of Protocol for Police and Children in Residential Care 7 March 2019, Territory Families

Tenancy Advice Funding 13 March 2019, Attorney-General

Youth Justice Amendment Bill 19 March 2019, Chief Minister Northern Territory

Joint Law Society NT and
Law Council of Australia letter:

Outstanding Royal Commission Recommendations 22 March 2019, Chief Minister Northern Territory

TOR for Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability 25 March 2019, Law Council of Australia

Youth Justice Facilities in Alice Springs 4 April 2019, Minister Wakefield, Territory Families

Crimes Victims Assistance Reform 9 April 2019, Attorney-General

Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 17 April 2019, Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee

Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 17 April 2019, Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

Prostitution Regulation Act 7 May 2019, Dept. of Attorney-General and Justice

Joint Law Society NT and
Law Council of Australia letter:

Outstanding Royal Commission Recommendations 15 May 2019, Minister Wakefield

Specialist Youth Judge for Alice Springs 15 May 2019, Attorney-General

Practice Direction 6 of 2009 5 June 2019, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Criminal Code (Joint Commission) Bill 2019 24 June 2019, Dept. of Attorney-General and Justice

Media releases

Territory Families loses its nerve on Royal Commission recommendations 31 May 2019

Conferences and forums attended

Criminal Justice Forum 2 April 2019

Youth Justice Briefing 11 April 2019

Conference of Law Societies 21 June 2019

Law Council of Australia Directors' meeting 22 June 2019

Policy and Advocacy Intensive 26-27 June 2019

Northern Territory Legislation

Introduced

Electoral Legislation Further Amendment Bill 2019	20/06/19
Environment Protection Bill 2019	16/05/19
Education and Care Services (National Uniform Legislation) Amendment Bill 2019	16/05/19
Hemp Industry Bill 2019	16/05/19
Liquor Bill 2019	15/05/19
Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	15/05/19
Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	20/03/19
Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	20/03/19
Care and Protection of Children Amendment Bill 2019	20/03/19
Water Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019	13/03/19

Passed

Property Activation Bill 2019	20/06/19
Revenue Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	20/06/19
Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill 2019	20/06/19
Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 2019	16/05/19
Medical Services Amendment Bill 2018	15/05/19
Water Amendment Bill 2019*	14/05/19
National Disability Insurance Scheme (Authorisations) Bill 2019*	9/05/19
Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	9/05/19

* Amendments made.

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