



News and updates

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It has certainly been an unexpected, challenging yet interesting first few months for me here at the Society with much to learn and many people to get to know.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the welcome given to me and the support provided by everyone here at the Secretariat. I would also like to thank Kellie for all her efforts in handing over to me and for continuing to be available to assist whenever needed.

I would also like to thank the profession for the generous support provided throughout this transition period. One attraction to the role for me was that I would have the opportunity to re-acquaint myself with many of you whilst also getting to know others for the first time.

Whilst on the subject of new faces at the Secretariat, I am pleased to announce that Fiona Kepert has commenced with the Society in the role of Manager Regulatory Services whilst Aislinn McIntyre is on parental leave.

Ms Kepert joins us from the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission where she has worked extensively as a barrister and solicitor in the criminal justice system with a more recent focus

in Youth Justice. Many of you will also know Fiona through her work as a Councillor of the Society and through her Committee work.

The Society is extremely fortunate to have attracted someone with Fiona's background and expertise to the role.

Dealing with COVID-19 has provided unprecedented challenges to everyone no matter who or where we are—challenges which will continue for some time yet. Whilst we all no doubt reflect on how fortunate we are to live where we do at this time, the local profession has not been immune from its effect.

Throughout this difficult time, the Society has remained open for business and continued, for the most part, to provide its services albeit behind closed doors and at times behind a camera! This has meant that there has been little to no impact on the annual practising certificate renewal process for 2020/21 with the renewal period now nearing its end.

A reminder also that the annual reporting period relating to trust accounts has commenced. Information relating to reporting requirements is available on the Society's website and regular updates and reminders will be provided in *The Practitioner*.

As we hopefully continue to emerge from the effects of COVID-19 the Society will continue to look at ways it can support the local profession including the provision of a free CPD program as previously advised. Practitioners are also reminded of the Society's free confidential LawCare Counselling Service offered through Employee Assistance Service Australia.

Whilst there is still a way to go, I am optimistic and looking forward to the gradual return to normality and to see what the new normal brings for the legal profession generally.

Finally I invite members to raise any issues affecting the profession with me at any time and look forward to being able to catch up with you throughout the year once normal activities are able to be resumed. ■

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**FRIDAY 22 & SATURDAY 23
JANUARY 2021**

**Planning is still underway for the 2021
Start at the Top Family Law Conference!**

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Northern Territory legislation

INTRODUCED

Financial Management Amendment Bill 2020 [^]	19/02/20
Firearms Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 ^{^^}	19/02/20
Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	19/02/20
Judicial Commission Bill 2020	13/02/20
Planning Amendment Bill 2020	13/02/20
Transport Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	13/02/20
Treaty Commissioner Bill 2020	12/02/20
Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019	28/11/19
Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2019	28/11/19
Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019	28/11/19

PASSED

Utilities Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	24/04/20
Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	24/04/20
Public and Environmental Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	24/04/20
Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Amendment Bill 2020	24/03/20
Emergency Legislation Amendment Bill 2020	24/03/20
Supply (2020-2021) Bill 2020	24/03/20
Liquor Amendment Bill 2020	24/03/20
Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019*	24/03/20

[^] Private Member's Bill - Negated 19/02/2020

^{^^} Private Member's Bill

* Amendments made

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