



## News and updates

**TRACI KEYS** PRESIDENT, NTWLA

**A big thank you** to all our members who joined us in Darwin for our end of year Christmas Party at the new Law Society NT premises. Christmas time is a hectic time for everyone and we appreciate that you made time in your busy schedule to come celebrate with us. Alice Springs members finished up 2019 with End of Year Patron's Drinks which was held on the balcony of the Supreme Court with Her Honour Justice Blokland. I am told it was overall a lovely evening with many new faces.

The end of year also meant it was time for our annual general meeting, which saw some changes to the Committee. Most notable was a change in President, with Bronwyn Haack finishing up in this role. Bronwyn has been integral in further expanding the work of the association to meet the diverse needs of members; including the development of CPDs relevant to female practitioners, significant progress on developing mentoring (to be progressed this year—so watch this space), contributions to significant policy and law reform, as well as continuing our usual opportunities for social get-togethers. She has been an inspiring President and has left the Association in a positive state. I know I speak for the entire Committee when I thank Bronwyn for her commitment and her quality leadership.

As the incoming President, I feel honoured and excited to be able to lead an incredible group of women into 2020. Supporting me will be:

**Vice-President (Darwin):**

CAITLIN WEATHERBY-FELL

Top End Women's Legal Service

**Vice-President (Alice Springs):**

TIERNEIGH PARNELL

Department of the Chief Minister

**Treasurer:**

NICKI PETROU

senior practitioner

**Secretary:**

CHEERIAN EECAN

law student

**Public Officer:**

FRIEDA EVANS

Supreme Court NT

**General Committee members:**

BRONWYN HAACK Solicitor for the NT, Legal Policy

ROS CHENOWETH Crime Victims Services Unit

ANNA DAVIS Territory Families

KENDRA FEW Cozens Johansen

NHI TRAN Territory Families

LEANNE GORDON Darwin Local Court

ASHLEA BEGG North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency

ALEXANDRA CRAIG Central Land Council



It's great to see some new faces and the continuation of past Committee members. We do however say goodbye to some of our long-term members. In particular, our two Vice-Presidents, Jessica Holgersson and Julia Parkin. Both big contributors to the Association and both big losses. The Committee wishes them both well and thanks them both for the time and commitment they each gave. I note that Julia is also departing the NT to take up a role with the Women's Legal Service in Victoria. We wish her well and thank her for being such a welcoming face to female practitioners in Alice Springs.

Also leaving in 2020 was Asta Hill (NT Legal Aid commission, Alice Springs), Rebecca Everitt and Michaela Malone (Director of Public Prosecutions). We look forward to meeting Asta and Michaela's new bubs in 2020.

Lastly while not leaving (which I am very thankful for) is Frieda Evans who has been the Treasurer for NTWLA for a considerable period of the Association's existence. Frieda has been the backbone of NTWLA, making considerable contributions both behind the scenes as well as being a familiar face at every function. This year Frieda will step down from this long-term role, but will remain on the executive as Public Officer. The Committee thanks her for her dedication, commitment and pragmatism.

As the new President, this year has already started off as a very busy one. We are currently working with NTYL to host a breakfast for International Women's Day on Friday 6 March 2020. This was an extremely popular event last year and very positively received. I am pleased we are able to partner with NTYL in 2020 to run the event for a second year. Tickets are available on Facebook, so to avoid disappointment, book your tickets soon—in 2019 this event sold out well before the day.

The Alice Springs branch of the Committee have also been working hard to put together the International Women's Day Law-N-Bowls event (in conjunction with NTYL). Being held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 5 March at the Alice Springs Golf Club, the event will include barefoot bowls followed by a Q&A panel discussion with distinguished guests Chief Judge Morris and Judge Huntingford, with perhaps the best view of the ranges Alice Springs has to offer. Tickets are available through local Committee members: Ashlea Begg, Tierneigh Parnell and Alexandra Craig. →

## NTWLA 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

### WET SEASON 2020 LAUNCH + WELCOME

**ASP: THURSDAY 5 MARCH**  
International Women's  
Day event  
NTWLA + NTYL

**DWN: FRIDAY 6 MARCH**  
International Women's  
Day Breakfast  
NTWLA + NTYL

**DWN: APRIL**  
NTWLA event  
Welcome + launch of 2020  
Mentoring Pilot

### DRY SEASON MENTORING + CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**ASP & DWN: MAY**  
NTWLA CPD, members only

**ASP: JUNE**  
NTWLA CPD  
Katherine + Alice Springs

**DWN: JUNE**  
2020 Mentoring Pilot

**DWN: JULY/AUGUST**  
NTWLA Patron's Drinks  
(anticipated)

**ASP & DWN: JULY/AUGUST**  
Announcement of  
AWL scholarship  
AWL Conference  
28-29 August, Melbourne

### BUILD-UP & WET SEASON HEALTH + WELLBEING

**ASP & DWN: SEPTEMBER**  
NTWLA CPD, members only

**ASP & DWN: SEPTEMBER**  
NTWLA event  
Women's Health Week

**ASP & DWN: OCTOBER**  
NTWLA CPD, members only

**ASP:  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**  
NTWLA Patron's Drinks  
(anticipated)

**ASP & DWN:  
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**  
NTWLA AGM +  
end of year event

The Committee also had a planning day in February 2020 to put together a road map of events and focuses for the next year. We have I believe developed an exciting and ambitious list of events for 2020 in both Darwin and Alice Springs. We have broken the year into three themes – welcome, mentoring and careers and health and wellbeing. We will continue run our annual events and continue our free CPDs for members throughout the year.

### In Darwin we hope to:

- In March, host International Women's Day breakfast with NTYL;
- Hold a welcome event in April, which will launch our mentoring pilot;
- Run a mentoring pilot in June (watch this space...);
- 3 CPDs for members only – including an event for Women's Health Week.

### In Alice Springs:

- In March, International Women's day Event (Law-n Bowls – Thursday 5 March 2020), with Chief Judge Morris to open and address the event;
- A meet and greet with the newest member of the Local Court judiciary, Judge Huntingford (timing TBA);
- Yoga in the Park (September).

We are also looking forward the Australian Women's Lawyers Conference in Melbourne details can be found at <https://australianwomenlawyers.com.au/event/awl-national-conference-2020-vision-in-focus/>. We will again this year look at providing a scholarship to support a female lawyer attend this event. More to come on this.

I am looking forward to a very positive 2020, and am keen to meet members at our functions. As President I want what we offer to appeal to the diverse array of women and roles within the legal profession and would like to see our membership expand accordingly. So if you know a women working in the law who has not been to our events please encourage them to come along, everyone is welcome. Membership applications are always available via email or message to our Facebook page. ■

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Tierneigh Parnell,  
NTWLA Vice-President, Alice Springs

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**Need CPD points?**

CPD point accrual rate	Max per activity	Max per annum
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**Preparing or giving a presentation:**

0.5 points per 30 mins	5 points	No limit
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**Attending a seminar:**

0.5 points per 30 mins	No limit	No limit
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**Private study using audio or visual material:**

0.5 points per 30 mins	No limit	5 points
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**Preparing or giving a lecture:**

0.5 points per 30 mins	5 points	No limit
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**Writing an article:**

0.5 points per 500 words	No limit	5 points
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**Refereeing or structural editing of an article:**

0.5 points per 500 words	No limit	5 points
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**Committee participation:**

0.5 points per 60 minutes of meeting attendance / other work	No limit	3 points
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**Attending lectures as part of post-graduate studies:**

0.5 points per 30 mins	No limit	5 points
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**Writing assignments or a thesis as part of post-graduate studies:**

0.5 points per 500 words	No limit	5 points
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**Note:** CPD points cannot be claimed in respect of an article that deals with substantially the same content as a presentation for which CPD points have been claimed.