

Geelong Law Association



Annual General Meeting 2018

When 16-03-2018 at 23:30

Location: Empire Grill, 66 McKillop St, Geelong VIC 3220, Australia

Chairperson Aaron Jolly

Minute taker Lydia deraad

Minutes

1. Opening of the AGM

The AGM was declared open by Geelong Law Association President, Aaron Jolly.

2. Apologies

Ben McLean Wightons Lawyers, Jeremy Hallett Coulter Roache, Nicole Carter TAC and Julie Clarke University of Melbourne

3. Minutes of Last AGM

These were placed on members tables.

Decision

Motion to accept the minutes as correct. Moved: Helen Buchan Seconded: Daniel Fullerton

4. Presidents Report

The Presidents report was given by Aaron Jolly, the President of the GLA.

2017 in review

1. Aaron welcomed everyone to the AGM and noted the attendance of Katie Ho from Homeless Law and Will Beresford, Philanthropy Development Manager, Equity Trustees.

2. Aaron noted that the association has continued to grow in 2017 with in excess of 250 members.

3. Aaron spoke about the events in 2017 which included: opening of the legal year, provision of monthly CPD's, Deakin Law School Awards, our presence at the LIV careers expo, the annual dinner at the Geelong Library and Deakin Day (tickets done on tidy HQ for the first time and was a success) and the regional young lawyers winery tour.

4. Aaron stated that we have had a successful movement of the Association's affairs management from a primarily paper and ad hoc computer based management to utilising software specifically developed for non for profit incorporated associations.

5. Aaron noted there was acquisition of sponsorship from Equity Trustees.

Vision for 2018

1. Aaron stated the GLA will continue to provide the valued low cost or free CPD throughout 2018. There are three primary changes to the monthly CPD. The first being the change in venue from the offices of Victoria Legal Aid to the Geelong Library and Heritage Centre. He acknowledged and thanked Victoria Legal Aid for allowing us to use their offices over the past years.

The second is that the GLA have released a provisional calendar of CPD for the year so members can see what CPD is planned well ahead of time. The GLA will also open these up as events in TidyHQ so you can register early and put them in your diary well in advance. To avoid overcrowding, a limit will be placed on the number of attendees at each session so please register early. If it becomes apparent that a particular session is more popular The GLA can make a venue change provided we are aware early enough. Early registration will assist with this.

The third is Matt Parnell joining the CPD committee. Most of you will know that Matt is a clerk at Foley's List and has been the key contact between the Association and Foley's List over a number of years. Matt now lives in the local area and formally joined with the CPD committee. Matt has been instrumental in the new and improved CPD events. Aaron thanked Matt for his commitment and work to date.

2. Aaron introduced the next new event we are doing which is a Health & Wellbeing Seminar on Friday 13 April 2018 which is unique as it discusses the difficulties facing many practitioners in their day to day work and this seminar is designed to assist with ways to deal with these difficulties.

3. Aaron stated we launched our own instagram account and encourage members to follow us on instagram.

4. Aaron also made mention of the Geelong Property Lawyers and Conveyancers Group that is sponsored by the GLA. The group is a support group between Property Lawyers and Conveyancers through the E-Conveyancing changes.

Aaron thanked the 2017 Executive committee for all their hard work and thanked all the members for their attendance today.

Decision

5. Financial Report

1. Copies of the financial report for the Association for the year ending 31 December 2017 including the auditors report were placed on the member's table.

2. Helen discussed that there was a small loss of \$742.05 and overall the financials were keeping in line. They were summarised by Helen Buchan.

 [GLA_Audit_2017.pdf](#)

Decision

Motion: To accept the reports and authorise Aaron Jolly and Helen Buchan to sign the financial statements: Moved: Helen Buchan. Seconded: Jesse Rankine.

Motion: to set the subscription fees for 2018-2019 year at \$25.00 Moved: Aaron Jolly. Seconded: Sam Hawkins.

Motion: to appoint Nagle & Co as the auditors for next year. Moved: Helen Buchan. Seconded: Jesse Rankine.

6. Payment of Honoraria

Decision

Motion to pay the President, Secretary and Treasurer honoraria of \$1,000.00 each.

Moved: Jim Rutherford. Seconded: Tom O'Grady

7. Election of Committee for 2018-2019

Lydia de Raad chaired the elections for the committee for 2018-2019. The following executive positions were elected unopposed:

President: Aaron Jolly (WJM Lawyers)
Vice-President: Ben McLean (Wightons)
Secretary: Lydia de Raad (WJM Lawyers)
Treasurer: Tom O'Grady (RCT)
Young Lawyers Representative: Ben McLean (Wightons)

The following ordinary members were elected unopposed:

Jesse Rankine (Wightons), Sam Hawkins (WJM Lawyers), Julie Clarke (Melbourne Uni), Nicole Carter (TAC), Jessica Fay (TAC), Caitlin Farquar (TAC), Kylie Ellis (Maurice Blackburn), Jeremy Hallett (Coulter Roache), Daniel Fullerton (Harwood Andrews), Yas Tiry (Wisewould Mahoney), Matt Parnell (Foley's List), Marijana Hawkins (BCLS) and Ashleigh Lincoln (Perisic Lawyers)

Decision

8. General Business

No further business was declared and with that Aaron Jolly declared the AGM closed.

9. Speaker - Kate Ho from Homeless Law

10. Speaker - Will Beresford, Philanthropy Development Manager, Equity trustees

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018 on 16-03-2018

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

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Summary of Attachments

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5.	GLA_Audit_2017.pdf
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Attachments can be found under your TidyHQ admin account at:
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