Office bearers

Executive
Tass Liveris, President
Candice Maclean, Vice-President
Josine Wynberg, Secretary
Maria Savvas, Treasurer

Councillors
Jeff Collins
Sally Bolton
David Woodroffe
Emma Farnell
Leonique Swart
Andrew Giles

Representatives
Tony Whitelum, Alice Springs
Mark O’Reilly, Alice Springs (alternate)
David Alderman, Northern Territory Bar Association
Hugh Bond, Northern Territory Young Lawyers
Dominic Gomez, Northern Territory Young Lawyers (alternate)

Secretariat
Kellie Grainger, Acting CEO, Manager Regulatory Services
Marian Wilson, Senior Policy Lawyer, Pro Bono Coordinator
Julie Davis, Corporate Services Manager, Secretary, Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund
Dagmar Brautigam, Finance Officer, Secretary, Law Society Public Purposes Trust
Bella Basilides, Professional Development Officer
Pam Jaenke, Administration Officer Regulation, Events Coordinator
Ella King, Licensing Officer
Yvette Buffon, Administration Support Officer, Publications Officer
Rebecca Hamersley, Executive Assistant
Angie Perry-Mansell, Reception & Administration Assistant
Mission statement

The Society promotes the interests of its members and the public by providing leadership in a time of change and by:

• Facilitating and improving the delivery of fair, economic and efficient legal services;

• Enhancing access to justice, improving the law and maintaining individual rights;

• Being accountable for and maintaining the highest standards of professional conduct; and

• Representing and promoting the NT legal profession and the legal services it provides to the community.

Vision The pre-eminent voice supporting and advancing the legal profession in the NT.

Values Integrity, accountability and excellence.
President’s report

At the strategic planning day in November 2015, the Society resolved to maintain the strategic goals set the previous year of developing and enhancing the delivery of CPD, enhancing communication and management of relationships and enhancing service delivery and engagement with the regions. Throughout the year, there was a high volume of legislative reform and emerging issues and the Society involved itself in the discussions and debates in a targeted and strategic way to support and advance the legal profession in the NT.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Secretariat, the Executive and the Council and thank them all for their dedication, support and assistance. The success of the Society as a statutory and membership organisation is only ever achieved as a result of the combined efforts of many people and I thank everyone who was involved in the year for their important contribution to the Society’s business and functions.

Within the Secretariat during June 2016, the CEO Megan Lawton ended five years of service as CEO. The relationship between President and CEO in corporate governance frameworks is a very close and important one and I’d like to acknowledge Mrs Lawton and thank her for the service she gave the Society. On 13 June 2016 the Society appointed the MRS, Kellie Grainger, as the Acting CEO for the purposes of the Legal Profession Act 2006 (LPA), pending the recruitment of a CEO. Under the guidance and leadership of Mrs Lawton and Ms Grainger, the Secretariat has run the day-to-day activities of the Society in a professional and exemplary way.

In addition to Mrs Lawton, I would like to thank the Society’s CSM, Julie Davis and Ms Grainger, both of whom are members of many of the Society’s committees and are key to the Society’s ability to fulfill core functions. Along with the Treasurer, Ms Davis monitors the Society’s day-to-day spending and budget and plays a key role in the Society’s annual funding submission. In managing complaints and disciplinary matters, supervising licensing, CPD and trust accounts, Ms Grainger has been pivotal in ensuring the Society’s compliance with statutory functions and I thank both Ms Davis and Ms Grainger for their vast contributions. On behalf of the members, I thank each and every one of the Secretariat staff for their commitment and work and congratulate them on their combined success.

The hard work and support of the committees, Executive and Council was crucial in the year. I have continued to be a member of many of the Society’s committees, however I relinquished the role of Chairperson of many committees—for efficiency, strategic and succession planning reasons. I am a member of the Society’s Legal Practice, PII, Ethics and Allocations Committees and I chair the Social Justice and CPD/CDU committees. As President, I am a member of the Funds Management Committee and the NT Law Reform Committee.

As a member of many committees, the importance of the volunteer contribution from the legal profession to the Society’s success is very close to me. I thank all of the volunteers from across the NT for continuing to provide their time and expertise to what are often difficult tasks. Volunteering takes many forms and the NT has a rich culture of lawyers giving back to their community and their professional organisation and this significantly enhances the quality of the Society’s contributions to consultations and discussions. I thank and congratulate all of the Society’s volunteers on their successes in the year.
As President, I continued to be the Society’s director on the LCA. I enjoyed being part of the national framework and participating in important discussions about the issues and challenges facing the legal profession. I attended quarterly LCA director meetings and the adjacent meetings of the Conference of Law Societies. I became a member of the LCA’s Corporate Governance Committee and the LCA director member of the Australian Young Lawyers and attended several meetings of these committees throughout the year, via telephone or videoconferencing.

The LCA has continued to play a large and active role in upholding the rule of law, both domestically and internationally. Of note, during the year the LCA spearheaded a large legal assistance funding campaign, continued to debate whether the uniform law should expand to the rest of the Australian jurisdictions or not and continued to advance diversity in the legal profession. LCA directors resolved to adopt and approve the National Model Gender Equitable Briefing Policy, which is one outcome from the LCA’s NARS strategy. The LCA also debated and resolved against supporting the introduction of contingency fee cost agreements.

“As a member of many committees, the importance of the volunteer contribution from the legal profession to the Society’s success is very close to me. I thank all of the volunteers from across the NT for continuing to provide their time and expertise to what are often difficult tasks.”

I had the privilege of delivering a presentation to the conference on the Indigenous Protocols for Lawyers Second Edition, which received wide acclaim, including being described by one of the keynote speakers as ‘ground breaking’. I congratulate the Supreme Court and all who were involved in the Language and the Law Conference II on making it the impressive event that it was.

In January 2016 with the support of the Federal Circuit Court, the Society held the annual Start at the Top Family Law Conference at Parliament House. The event was a great occasion, attended by many local and interstate practitioners and members of the judiciary and I enjoyed the opportunity to formally open the conference and attend it.

On 1 February 2016, Chief Justice Riley announced his retirement, effective 4 July 2016. I congratulate the Chief Justice on his career, his immense contribution to the Court and the administration of justice and wish his Honour and Mrs Riley the happiest of retirements. I would like to thank and acknowledge the Chief Justice for continuing to meet with the Society on a regular basis throughout the year. The relationship between the Society and the Supreme Court has been good for many years and the Chief Justice has been extremely generous in his commitment to maintain that productive relationship for the benefit of the legal profession.

The Attorney-General announced his retirement from politics during the year. I thank the Attorney-General for continuing to meet with the Society on a regular basis. During his time in parliament and as a Minister, the Attorney-General has implemented a very active law reform agenda. I congratulate the Attorney on his political career and his career as Attorney-General and wish him and Mrs Elferink the very best in the next stages of their life and career. During a very active law reform time, the Attorney and I continued to enjoy an established relationship that enabled open and respectful dialogue to occur on a wide range of issues.

On 4 and 5 February 2016, the OLY celebrations took place in Darwin and Alice Springs. They were both extremely successful events and incorporated the launch of the Little Red Book of Advocacy, Second Edition, which the Society is very proud of. The keynote speaker, Nerolie Withnall, was one of the most entertaining and engaging speakers in many years. Mrs Withnall brought something refreshing and unique to OLY in 2016 and I thank Mrs Withnall for doing so.

In August 2015, the Language and the Law Conference II was held in the Supreme Court. The Society was amongst the sponsors and it was an enormously successful conference, which was attended by a wide audience and included a keynote address by the Chief Justice of Australia.
On 8 April 2016, the Attorney-General announced the Solicitor-General, Michael Grant QC, as the next Chief Justice. The Society publically congratulated Chief Justice Grant on his appointment and looks forward to continuing the successful relationship between the Court and the legal profession, under his Honour’s leadership. His Honour’s appointment was the first to be made to the Supreme Court pursuant to the protocol for the appointment of judicial officers in the NT, which was adopted during the year and which will play an important role in enhancing public confidence in the judiciary.

During the year, the jurisdiction of the NTCAT has continued to expand and on 1 May 2016, reforms to the Local Court took effect, with the consolidation of the criminal and civil jurisdictions of the Court into a single Local Court. The old terminology of stipendiary magistrate was abolished and replaced with the title of judge. Amongst other reforms, the Local Court has a civil jurisdictional limit of $250,000 and NTCAT has original jurisdiction to hear and determine claims within the jurisdictional limit of $25,000. Also, the new Youth Justice Court at the former Federal Circuit Court premises at 80 Mitchell Street was established and now sits daily.

In May 2016, Law Week was held with great success. In addition to the usual range of events, the national Legal Aid Matters (#legalaidmatters) campaign was extremely successful. The NT was one of the only jurisdictions to not stage a rally, however the online social media and petition campaign that was run in lieu of a rally was an extremely important part of the national process and which the Society was able to play a leading hand in promoting.

I am delighted to report that the President’s XI got the better of the Chief Justice’s XI in the Law Week cricket match on 22 May 2016. This game was well-attended by members and their families and was again a wonderful, collegiate occasion with face painting and entertainment for the children. In reality, the President’s XI won in a canter but the real success of the day was in collegiality and diversity, which was wonderful to see.

In mental health and wellbeing, there were very good attendances from across the NT at the mental health and wellbeing CPD presented by Justice Shane Marshall of the Federal Court on 23 July 2015 and as usual the Society coordinated a range of successful activities during Mental Health Week in October 2015, including the breakfast on 9 October 2015.

The year was occupied with significant and often vexing issues. Of the greatest note, these included:

- Whether the NT required an ICAC. The ICAC debate took place in parliament and included in August 2015, the government announcing a review into the functions and powers of the Commissioner for Public Interest Disclosures. The Society supported and participated in the review, ultimately taking the form of an independently commissioned report which is yet to be released.

- Corrections in the broad sense, including practitioner experiences at the new prison, such as access, legal professional privilege and enhancing the standard of interactions between guards and practitioners. The Society met regularly with the Corrections Commissioner, both in the capacity as common members of certain groups and in specifically organised meetings, to progress these matters and the operation of the Correctional Services Act.

- The introduction of Bills such as Daniel’s Law and Bills to amend drug laws, police search powers, the so-called ‘no body no parole’ amendments to the Parole Act and amendments to the Bail Act with the effect of creating presumptions against bail in certain circumstances.

- The long-term and ongoing issues of alcohol policy, imprisonment, including youth detention and Indigenous incarceration and mandatory sentencing.

- The Society is a member of the MJW coalition. MJW has a wide membership base of organisations with the common interest of improving how to make justice work for the community. The Society was involved in devising and designing an infographic, which details ‘six asks’ ahead of the NT general election on how to make justice work. I congratulate the Society staff, in particular Marian Wilson and Yvette Buffon, for their great work in this area, which continues to receive high praise from members and stakeholders.

With the great advice and assistance of the committees, the Society involved itself in many of these debates, as sensitive and difficult as they often were. The Council was bold and ambitious in the work that it did and the approach it took to improving procedures. The Council approved policies for exemptions from PII and CPD, all with the objective of giving effect to consistency, transparency and fairness.
The Society also extended the engagement it has with members and stakeholders and I enjoyed being a part of that, including:

- Meeting with and visiting practitioners from the regions, particularly from Katherine, Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. I travelled to Alice Springs during the year and also made a trip to Katherine.

- Meeting with departmental policy officers for legislative briefings, as well as with the Attorney, other government ministers, independent MLAs, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and members of the opposition.

- Engaging with the judiciary, including regular meetings with the Chief Justice and the Chief Magistrate/Chief Judge.

- Meeting with other stakeholders, such as the Corrections Commissioner, CDU, Northern Territory Women Lawyers’ Association, Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory and the Northern Territory Bar Association.

- Attending meetings of the diverse range of other groups and forums the Society is involved in, such as the Northern Territory Legal Assistance Forum, the Criminal Justice Forum and MJW.

On a final personal note, this has been my second year as President. My two years have been professionally and personally challenging and one of the most rewarding times of my career and I am deeply indebted to the staff at the Secretariat, the Executive and the Council who, together with all of the volunteers, make the Society what it is and make the role of the president what it is.

It is with much gratitude that I thank all of you for the continued support and assistance that has been given to me, as well as to my family who have made numerous sacrifices and given me unconditional support in the work I was able to do.

_Tass Liveris_
President
The Society experienced an unusual year and the audited financial statements for the 2015/16 year show the Society recorded a net loss of $11,448. Accumulated members’ funds have decreased from $859,181 in 2014/15 to $847,733 in 2015/16. This result comes about mainly due to increased regulatory and other expenses.

The Society went into the 2015/16 financial year with significant budgetary constraints and a great deal of effort went into keeping variable expenses under control. With the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund coming under pressure from reduced investment income (securities and interest), the recommendation of the Funds Management Committee which was approved by the Attorney-General did not provide the full amount of the funding submission, reducing the amount requested by $78,000.

Additionally, due to the number and seriousness of matters on foot, regulatory expenses went almost $90,000 over budget. Although careful management was required, the Council recognises regulation of the profession to be a core function of the Society, and these expenses are a budget priority taking precedence over other aspects of Society activities. It is anticipated that there may be some options to recover some regulatory expenses where appropriate in the coming year.

The following graphs provide a diagram of the last three years of income and expenses:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2015/16</th>
<th>2014/15</th>
<th>2013/14</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Total Income</td>
<td>2,124,054</td>
<td>2,081,831</td>
<td>1,837,394</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>All Other Income</td>
<td>118,550</td>
<td>185,310</td>
<td>120,054</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Admin Fee Income</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>90,000</td>
<td>90,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PD Income</td>
<td>205,504</td>
<td>153,093</td>
<td>156,631</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LPFF Funding</td>
<td>1,710,000</td>
<td>1,653,428</td>
<td>1,470,709</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Expenses:

- Total Expenditure
- All Other Expenses
- CPD Direct Expenses
- Travel Expenses
- LCA Capitation Fees
- President's Allowance
- Regulation Costs
- Rent
- Wages and Superannuation

Funding received from the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund:
Chief Executive Officer’s report

This year saw the Society into the final year of its Strategic Plan 2013–16. The four key goals set out from the inception of the Strategic Plan have provided a solid direction to guide the Society as it has moved forward.

Be the pre-eminent provider of CPD The CPD Program delivered by the Society has continued to develop and emphasis has been given this year to providing greater depth to the program, especially by providing CPD events directed toward expanding the expertise of practitioners in their specialised areas of practice.

The Advocacy Workshop remains one of the Society’s cornerstone CPD events and the Society is grateful for the continued support of the Supreme Court, Justice Hiley and Professor Les McCrimmon and the many senior practitioners who volunteer their weekend time to enable the Society to provide this much sought after skill development workshop.

The Start at the Top Family Law Conference and the One-Day Intensive in Alice Springs were again well-attended this year and both these CPD events have now secured an annual position in the CPD program.

Promote the fundamental principles of a just society and the administration of justice The many volunteers who support the work of the Society, from the Council and committees members to CPD presenters and members of the PBCH, were acknowledged at a ‘Give Happy Live Happy’ event held during Law Week. The Society and the community has benefited from more than 400 hours of time from Council and committee volunteers. The PBCH report highlights the growing demand for pro bono assistance in the NT and the tireless work by members of the local profession to provide assistance where possible.

In September 2015, the Society was also a proud sponsor of the Language and the Law II Conference, hosted by the Northern Territory Supreme Court in Darwin, and the Indigenous Legal Conference, held in Brisbane.

OLY was a much celebrated event with the return of a former President, and first female president of an Australian law society, Nerolie Withnall as the guest speaker. The Darwin lunch for OLY also saw the launch of the eagerly anticipated second edition of Chief Justice Riley’s Little Red Book of Advocacy. The Society is delighted to have published this updated edition of a resource that is no doubt found on the bookshelves in many lawyers’ offices across the NT.

Secure stakeholder confidence in the Society The Society, and in particular the Council, have continued to develop and implement policies to provide transparency and accountability about the manner in which the Society exercises its various decision making powers under the LPA.

A review of the Society’s practices and application of the LPA around the eligibility of the statutory exemption for government lawyers from the requirement to be covered by the Society’s PII resulted in the Society engaging with a number of practitioners who may previously have been considered exempt but did not properly fall within the statutory criteria.

In the lead up to the practising certificate renewal process the Society’s former CEO, Megan Lawton, with the support of the Society’s PII Committee and the Council, negotiated strongly to secure the best deal for PII premiums for NT law practices and practitioners.

This year saw a significant event for the local profession with the announcement of the retirement of Chief Justice Riley in February. The Society provided in-kind and financial support with organising a farewell dinner for the outgoing Chief Justice in both Darwin and Alice Springs.

Advocate with influence The Society has been an active participant in promoting the LCA’s ‘Legal Aid Matters’ campaign. The Society achieved significant publicity for this campaign during Law Week, with a broad social media reach. This ongoing project is an important means to pursuing better funding for the legal services that are often the only avenue of legal assistance for vulnerable members of the community seeking to access justice.

During this year the Society continued its work as a member of the MJW coalition. This collective of non-government organisations worked to generate a framework of ‘asks’ for political parties and candidates to consider adopting as the NT moves into an election campaign. The focus of this group’s work is to promote tangible actions the incoming government can take to make justice work better for all...
Territorians. The Society is proud to participate in this important initiative and provide resources to contribute to its valuable work.

The Society continues with its work as the voice of the NT profession at a national level. Through its participation with the LCA and its various committees, the Society has engaged in discussion and consultations about the *Legal Profession Uniform Law* (now rolled out in New South Wales and Victoria), Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority (OMARA) and changes to *Migration Act*, and the *Australian Solicitors’ Conduct Rules* (ASCR), to name but a few. Through this involvement and these networks the Society monitors the progress of the move toward a national profession and a national set of conduct rules.

The Society was pleased to collaborate with the Local Court to hold a Youth Justice Forum on 24 March 2016.

Diversity of the profession has been a focus of the Society. The number of female practitioners in the NT again exceeded the number of male practitioners as at 1 October 2015 (52.5% to 47.5%). The number of female barristers increased by 1 to 11 as at 1 October 2015, (compared to the previous practising year as at April 2015). Due to a slight decrease in overall barrister numbers this however now means that they represent 26% of the Bar in the NT.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total barristers</th>
<th>Female barristers</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

In furtherance of the Society’s engagement on diversity, it participates in the reference group for the Bilata Legal Pathways Program. This important program, managed by the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, seeks to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people practising law in the NT by encouraging and supporting high school students, university students and adult participants to study law.

From the Secretariat During this year the Society refreshed its image by updating its logo and corporate colours, although the much loved no. 7 boomerang can still be found influencing the Society’s publications and documents. As part of this process the Society’s website received a much needed facelift. The site was redesigned to bring it into the twenty-first century by making it mobile friendly.

After almost five years in the role, Megan Lawton finished as the Society’s CEO on 10 June 2016. The Society thanks her for her contribution during her time in this role.

The team at the Secretariat have worked hard over the past year and I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution each member of the Secretariat has made to the Society achieving the many successes and goals of the past year.

Kellie Grainger  
Acting Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Services Manager’s report

Visual identity The Society undertook the significant body of work to update its visual identity and this project is reaching its final stages. We have tackled each range of documentation by function as it arises in our annual calendar so the rebranding is rolled out across the organisation in a timely manner. The new logo has brought a fresh and modern look to all of the Society corporate documents and signage and has been well-received.

Facilities Final touches were made to the Council Room including a painted feature wall and the installation of the President’s gallery. We have also sought advice on the valuation, preservation and framing of art items for public display. Extensive use has been made of the meeting spaces by users including Council, committees, CPD seminars and many stakeholder individuals and organisations that regularly interact with Society representatives. Members have also taken the opportunity to make use of these facilities and due to the many and varied users, it is advisable to book well-ahead.

Workforce Our staff turnover rate is 27% and although as a percentage this appears high, with a workforce of 11, this represents only 3 staff members over the course of the year. The Secretariat welcomed Angie Perry-Mansell as Receptionist and Rebecca Hamersley as Executive Assistant. Both Angie and Rebecca bring skills and energy to their respective positions and make a valuable contribution to the Secretariat team.

Key accounts and business strategies Premium funding arrangements were reviewed and Macquarie was engaged to provide a premium funding facility for PII premium, practising certificate and annual contribution fees. Macquarie provided a streamlined and efficient service and Marsh’s assistance with this arrangement is appreciated.

Accounting software was upgraded to improve efficiency and take advantage of additional features offered.

Following Australia Post’s announcement to introduce price increases to business letter mail pricing commencing in October 2015 and January 2016 we calculated the increased cost for our activities and noted it’s effect for budgetary purposes. The Society considers electronic delivery of communications and services where appropriate and in accordance with industry standards where it is cost effective.

Partnerships Legalsuper continued their association with the Society’s CPD Program for 2015/16 and representatives regularly visit the NT to attend CPD events. Legalsuper representatives freely offer a wealth of information, updates and guidance on superannuation issues to members through their site visits, email newsletters, Balance magazine articles and offer direct appointments.

Law Week benefited once again from the support provided by Marsh Pty Ltd which includes the Marsh Law Week Cricket Match. Judging by the increased attendance, this family friendly event has proved to be a popular format.

Marsh arranged an event in September to mark twenty years of partnership with the Society, inviting current and past presidents, CEOs and PII committee members for a celebratory dinner held at Pee Wee’s Restaurant.

The Society renewed its agreement with EASA to continue to provide EAP under the Society’s LAWCARE program. EASA has offices in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs and can also service members in remote areas via video or teleconference.

Julie Davis GAICD
Corporate Services Manager
Alice Springs Representative’s report

Alice Springs enjoyed another busy year of legal practice particularly in the criminal, domestic violence and family jurisdictions where the comprehensive and punitive legislation makes it even more apposite that ordinary Australians have access to justice by way of properly funded legal aid across all sectors of the community.

OLY and Law Week were well-patronised by the local profession. However, by far the most popular events were the farewell for Chief Justice Riley (just to make sure he actually went) and welcome for Chief Justice Grant.

CPD sessions continue to be well-received. Perhaps we could make a more concerted effort to contribute locally.

Tony Whitelum
Alice Springs Representative
The object of the Information Act (the Act) is to create a right of a person to access information relating to the functions of a public sector organisation but also personal information held by public sector organisations, and includes a right to correct personal information. The Act includes exemptions for certain information. In addition, the Act sets standards for the retention of records and requires the annual report of the public sector organisations to make statements regarding compliance with the Act.

Pursuant to section 646 of the LPA the Society is a public sector organisation under the Act. The LPA expressly states that this includes a reference to Council. Importantly, sections 46 and 49 of the Act state that information is exempt under section 44 if it prejudices the investigation of a breach or possible breach of the law (whether generally or in a particular case) or discloses information about a proceeding or other matter before a body such as the Society which is established under the LPA and has quasi-judicial functions.

Under section 11 of the Act, a public sector organisation must publish a statement about its structure and functions, the types of information usually held by it, a description of the organisation’s procedures for providing access to its information and a description of the organisation’s procedures for correcting information.

Information concerning the organisation and functions of the Society can be found:

**Organisation**
www.lawsocietynt.asn.au

**Functions**

### Procedures for providing access to information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Documents available</th>
<th>The following documents are available for inspection or purchase on request:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Brochures</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Policy statements</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Report</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Indigenous Protocols for Lawyers Second Edition</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lectures on Northern Territory Public Law</td>
<td>No charge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance</td>
<td>Cover charge plus $5.00 postage and handling</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Little Red Book of Advocacy, Second Edition</td>
<td>$20.00 plus $5.00 postage and handling</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Administrative arrangements for access to information

General inquiries and requests for access to documents may be made in person, by telephone or in writing addressed to the CEO of the Society. Parties to a current or past complaint such as the complainant or the practitioner should address inquiries to the MRS. The Society is open Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

Access under the Information Act

For a party seeking access under the Act, application forms may be obtained from the Office of the Information Commissioner website at https://infocomm.nt.gov.au/ or by contacting the CEO of the Society.

Information held by the Society

The Society holds information in the following categories:

- Information relating to inquiries and complaints investigations against legal practitioners and lawyers. This information includes: complaints; correspondence and consultations with complainants, the legal practitioners or lawyers the subject of complaints, other parties to any proceedings; and other information sources such as background material, transcripts, records of conversation, analysis and advice and reports;

- Information relating to the Society’s role as an advocate on legal issues and on behalf of the profession and legal reform. This includes information stored by subject, research and background materials relating to submissions to inquiries or comments upon policy or legislation.

- Information relating to the Society’s management of the Secretariat, including personnel, contracting and financial records and information about asset management. This also includes various membership activities such as events and publications and information relating to other entities for which the Society provides administrative and financial secretariat services.

- Information relating to the Society’s licensing and other regulatory functions such as practitioner registration files; firm and trust account records; and in relation to the CPD functions.

- Information relating to the work of the Society’s advisory committees and the Council including minutes of such meetings.

The following are specific types of information held by the Society:

Administrative and policy files

The Society maintains files of correspondence and other documents, indexed by subject matter, on issues concerning office administration and management. There are records on a wide range of policy and general questions concerning the functions and powers of the Society. Access to information held on these files may be provided depending on the content of the relevant documents. Charges may also apply (see Procedures for providing access to information above).

Practitioner, firm and trust account files

The Society maintains an electronic database of legal practitioners, law firms and trust account information as required by the LPA. This is complemented by paper files. The Society also maintains electronic and hard copy records of firm and trust account information as required by the LPA. Access to the information on these files is generally restricted depending on who is seeking the information.

Complaint files

The Society keeps files of documents relating to each written complaint made under the LPA and records of telephone enquiries regarding complaints. The files are indexed in several ways, including the complainant’s name, and the legal practitioner or lawyer the subject of the complaint. The Society maintains a computer-based register of all complaints and enquiries. A paper file is also maintained. On completion of inquiries, complaint files or documents are stored in the Darwin office or maintained at a local archiving facility. Access to the information on these files is generally restricted depending on who is seeking the information.

Legal opinions

The Society maintains a copy of legal opinions it has obtained. These opinions cover issues arising during the investigation of complaints and matters before courts or tribunals such as the Tribunal and issues involving the Society’s functions and powers.

Information sheets

The Society has a range of information available to the public and the legal profession. The material details the functions of the Society and provides a guide to making complaints, CPD Guidelines and rules of professional conduct. Some printed copies of these brochures are available free of charge from the Society’s office and some are available for downloading from the Society’s website.
Agendas, minutes and reports The Society’s Council minutes are maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Act and are available for inspection by officers of the Society free of charge. Minutes of any general meeting of the Society are available for inspection by members at the Society’s office free of charge. Minutes of the Society’s advisory committees are available for inspection by members of those committees and Council. Minutes of meetings of the Executive are available for inspection by the Council. Minutes of Council meetings are not generally available for inspection but limited access may be given to resolutions of Council in relation to regulatory matters relating to the party requesting the information.

Manuals and guidelines The Society has various policies and procedural information for use by Secretariat employees relating to employment and operational processes. Access to information contained in these manuals may be provided depending on the content of the relevant documents. Charges may also apply (see Procedures for providing access to information above).

Publications The Society publishes a journal, Balance, to members and subscribers four times per year. Past editions may be obtained from the Society subject to availability and will be charged according to the cover price. The Society also publishes an e-newsletter called Practitioner which is available to members of the Society. Practitioner is generally not available to non-members but historical copies can be provided to members at no charge.

Copies of the current Annual Report and some previous Annual Reports are available for downloading from the Society’s website at www.lawsocietynt.asn.au.

Disclosure of information The LPA expressly prohibits disclosure of information obtained for the purpose of an investigation or certain information obtained in the course of carrying out the regulatory functions under the LPA. Information the Society holds may be disclosed:

- As required by law, or
- On request, for example, in relation to information sought by a complainant about the investigation of his or her own complaint, where the documents are routine, an ongoing investigation will not be prejudiced and there is no other interest likely to be adversely affected by disclosure, and the information is not personal information as defined in the Act.
## Register of submissions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>TOPIC</th>
<th>SUBMISSION TO</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>06.07.2015</td>
<td>Serious Crime Control Act</td>
<td>LCA; Queensland Law Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20.08.2015</td>
<td>Statute Law Amendment (Directors’ Liability) Act</td>
<td>Independent Members of Parliament</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07.08.2015</td>
<td>Bail Act</td>
<td>LCA; Queensland Law Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20.08.2015</td>
<td>Review of the Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage Act 1986 (Cth)</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28.08.2015</td>
<td>NT Anti-Corruption Body</td>
<td>Information Commissioner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31.08.2015</td>
<td>People Trafficking – National Compensation Scheme</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>31.08.2015</td>
<td>ALRC inquiry – Traditional Rights and Freedoms</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28.08.2015</td>
<td>Universal Periodic Review</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23.11.2015</td>
<td>Domestic and Family Violence – Issues Paper</td>
<td>Department Attorney-General and Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>06.11.2015</td>
<td>Daniel’s Law</td>
<td>Attorney-General of the Northern Territory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.01.2016</td>
<td>Cyber Security</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15.01.2016</td>
<td>Inquiry – Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15.03.2016</td>
<td>Inquiry – Anti-corruption integrity and misconduct commission</td>
<td>Hon Justice Brian Martin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18.01.2015</td>
<td>2016-2017 Pre-Budget Submission</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19.01.2016</td>
<td>Daniel’s Law</td>
<td>Department of Attorney-General and Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.02.2016</td>
<td>Joint General Comment on the human rights in the context of international migration and Rights of the Child</td>
<td>LCA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10.02.2016</td>
<td>Daniel’s Law</td>
<td>Department of Attorney-General and Justice</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23.02.2016</td>
<td>Delay in Court Returns</td>
<td>Chris Cox Director of Courts and Tribunals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01.03.2016</td>
<td>Guardianship of Adults Bill</td>
<td>Department of Health and Minister for Health</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>09.03.2016</td>
<td>Police Administration Act</td>
<td>Police Commissioner</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29.04.2016</td>
<td>Review of Indigenous Incarcerations</td>
<td>Global Partners</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Council attendance

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>POSITION</th>
<th>ATTENDANCE</th>
<th>TOTAL POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE</th>
<th>ATTENDANCE PERCENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tass Liveris</td>
<td>President</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Candice Maclean</td>
<td>Vice President</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Josine Wynberg</td>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>92%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeff Collins*1</td>
<td>Treasurer/Councillor</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maria Savvas*2</td>
<td>Treasurer/Councillor</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tony Whitelum</td>
<td>Alice Springs Rep</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>67%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mark O’Reilly</td>
<td>Alice Springs Alt Rep</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sally Bolton</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Woodroffe</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma Farnell</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrew Giles</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leonique Swart</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Alderman</td>
<td>NTBA Rep</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hugh Bond</td>
<td>NTYL Rep</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>58%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dominic Gomez</td>
<td>NTYL Alt Rep</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>50%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma Schulz</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>100%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suzi Kapetas</td>
<td>Councillor</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>75%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Notes:
- Council Year = November to November
- *1 Mr Collins resigned as Treasurer on 26 May 2016 and became a Councillor.
- *2 Ms Savvas was elected Councillor at the 2015 AGM and then as Treasurer on 27 May to fill the vacant position which arose upon Mr Collins’ resignation.

### Meeting dates for the 2015/16 financial year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>27 August 2015</td>
<td>17 December 2015</td>
<td>31 March 2016</td>
<td>10 June 2016</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Pro Bono Clearing House

The PBCH has seen a busy 2015/16 year and would like to acknowledge the work of the previous coordinator, Lily North, who left the Society in early 2016.

During 2015/16 the PBCH received a total of 38 enquiries, up from 27 last year (an increase of 40.7%).

Applications received for pro bono assistance totalled 35, up from 14 last year (an increase of 150%). Unfortunately, the PBCH was unable to find assistance for 5 eligible applicants.

An increased number of applications were received from both the Darwin and Alice Springs correctional centres. However, a majority of the applications were for civil law matters.

The PBCH would like to recognise the individual practitioners who have assisted with eligible pro bono applications and furthermore, would like to thank the dedicated practitioners on the panel that continue to assist with assessing applications.

The PBCH gratefully acknowledges the following individuals for their contribution throughout the 2015/16 year:

- **Paul Maher** (Paul Maher Solicitors)
- **Tamzin Lee** (William Forster Chambers)
- **Hai-Van** (Clayton Utz)
- **David Alderman** (William Foster Chambers)
- **Miles Crawley** (William Foster Chambers)
- **Rene Laan** (Libertas Legal)
- **Ron Lawford** (Ron Lawford Solicitors)
- **Lyma Nguyen** (William Foster Chambers)
- **Jeff Collins** (Ward Keller)

Pleasingly, 12% of the NT legal profession who can participate in the scheme are volunteers of the PBCH—a 2% increase on last year.* It is hoped that these numbers will continue to grow in the coming year.

**2015/16 pro bono applications received**

1. Admin law 3 (8%), 2. Civil 12 (34%), 3. Criminal 7 (20%), 4. Employment 3 (9%), 5. Family 1 (3%), 6. Immigration 2 (6%), 7. Native title 4 (11%), 8. Wills probate & admin 1 (3%), 9. Other 2 (6%), **Total 35 (100%)**

---

* 10% excludes government practitioners as they do not hold PII and are unable to volunteer under this program.

**Marian Wilson**
Senior Policy Lawyer, Pro Bono Coordinator
OLY 2016 provided a perfect opportunity for the official launch of *The Little Red Book of Advocacy, Second Edition*. The second edition included the series of short articles on advocacy written by the Honourable Chief Justice Trevor Riley for the Society’s *Balance* magazine in the many months following the publication of the very popular first edition.

Darwin’s OLY lunch was held in the Waterfront Room at the Darwin Convention Centre on Thursday 4 February. The Hon Trevor Riley addressed attendees prior to the address by keynote speaker Mrs Nerolie Withnall BA, LLB, FAICD.

Alice Springs practitioners attended dinner in the Gumtree Room at the Chifley Alice Springs Resort on Friday 5 February, again with the company of the Chief Justice and Mrs Withnall.

At both events, attendees were treated to a wonderful speech from Mrs Withnall, the first female President of an Australian law society. Mrs Withnall’s extremely funny and occasionally emotional address, gave us an insight into her time in the NT and the characters she met along the way. Mrs Withnall expressed her real pleasure at being invited back to Darwin in the year of the retirement of the Chief Justice as she commented on ‘book-ending’ his career, having seen his Honour commence his legal career in the NT and having the opportunity to acknowledge his work in the year of his retirement.

### Opening of the Legal Year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>ALICE SPRINGS ATTENDANCE</th>
<th>ALICE SPRINGS TICKET PRICE</th>
<th>DARWIN ATTENDANCE</th>
<th>DARWIN TICKET PRICE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>$115.50</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>$143</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>$110/$100*</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>$130/$120*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>$105</td>
<td>123</td>
<td>$130/$120*</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>$125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>$87</td>
<td>139</td>
<td>$100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>$85</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>$95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>$79</td>
<td>117</td>
<td>$89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>146</td>
<td>$85</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Early Bird special price.
National Law Week 16–22 May 2016

Alice Springs practitioners were very supportive of the Law Week dinner held at the Chifley Resort in Alice Springs on Friday 20 May. Keynote speaker Mrs Fiona McLeod SC, President-elect of the LCA and barrister at the Victorian Bar, gave a very interesting address to guests about her work in human rights trials. Also attending was Judge David Bamber and the Hon Justice Jenny Blokland.

Lunch at the Darwin Hilton on Thursday 19 May marked Law Week for Darwin practitioners. Mrs McLeod SC was also the keynote speaker at this event. Special guests in attendance were the Hon Austin Asche AC QC and Dr Valeria Asche, the Hon Justice Graham Hiley and Chief Judge John Lowndes. Representatives from Marsh, sponsors of Law Week, Mr Simon Landrigan and Mrs Karen Searle attended both Alice Springs and Darwin events.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Alice Springs Attendance</th>
<th>Alice Springs Ticket Price</th>
<th>Darwin Attendance</th>
<th>Darwin Ticket Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>$110</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>$121</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>$105</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>$130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>$98</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>$120</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>$85</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>$110</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>$85</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>$95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>$85</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>$95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>$86</td>
<td>102</td>
<td>$88</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>$86</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

“...A large number of family and supporters saw the President’s XI take out the win. A very pleasing result indeed for our President Tass Liveris.”

Marsh Law Week Cricket Match Played at Gardens Oval on Sunday 22 May, the Marsh Law Week Cricket Match between the President’s XI and the Chief Justice’s XI was hotly contested. Despite a slightly delayed start due to overnight rain and a subsequent cut in the number of overs, a large number of family and supporters saw the President’s XI take out the win. A very pleasing result indeed for our President Tass Liveris. Children attending the match were entertained by face painter ‘Mermaid Toni’ and judging by the amount of paint on their faces, had a lovely time. A very well deserved Player of the Match award went to Josh Ingrames from the Chief Justice’s team.
Other events

Mental Health Week 2015 Practitioners were provided an opportunity to attend and participate in a number of events during Mental Health Week which was held from 5–9 October with the theme of ‘Celebrate, connect and commit’. Practitioners were encouraged to celebrate collegiality, connect with friends, family and with the community and commit to learning something different.

Events included two CPD’s, one presented by Felicity Gerry QC on ‘Effective participation of vulnerable people in the criminal justice system’ and one presented by Dr David Chapman on ‘Keep calm and chill out – walk the wire: manage stress’, yoga, Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises, the always popular ‘Walk for wellness’ led by the Chief Justice Trevor Riley and mindful meditation.

The week culminated with the always popular Mental Health Week Breakfast held at Adina Vibe with guest speaker, the very interesting and entertaining Dr Simon Moss, Senior Lecturer in Psychology at CDU.

Social media

The Society’s Facebook and Twitter accounts are an excellent way for practitioners and the wider community to engage with the Society, learn about upcoming events and follow topical issues.

The Society has worked very hard over the last twelve months to build our social media profile and provide interesting content on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Facebook is also a great place for our event photos and we encourage practitioners to ‘Like’ the Society on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Facebook reach has increased by 359% over the past year and the Society now has over 1000 followers on Twitter.”

LawCare counselling

For five years the LawCare counselling service, delivered by EASA, has been available for use by members. The Society recognises the high incidence of stress and depression within the legal profession and encourages members to access this very important service.

Corporate partnership

Once again, the Society extends our sincere gratitude to Marsh Pty Ltd for the continued sponsorship and support of Law Week and the Society.

Pam Jaenke
Administration Officer Regulation, Events Coordinator
Council membership roll of honour

1968
Ronald John Withnall (President)
Alexander Robert Rorrison (Vice-President)
Richard G. Kemp (Secretary)
Penelope Holmes (Treasurer)
Godfrey Foy Hall (Alice Springs Rep)
George William Cridland
Richard Keller
Peter Massie
Jim Williams

1969
Alexander Robert Rorrison (President)
Brian St Leger Kelly (Vice-President)
Richard G. Kemp (Secretary)
Cecil Albert Black (Treasurer)
Ian McClelland Barker (Alice Spring Rep)
Graeme Innes-Ker MacNish
Michael Ward
Jim Williams
Keith Williamson

1970
Ian McClelland Barker (President)
Brian St Leger Kelly (Vice-President)
Richard G. Kemp (Secretary)
Thomas Ian Pauling (Treasurer)
Graeme Innes-Ker MacNish
Walter Arnold Raby
Alexander Robert Rorrison
Jim Williams
Nerolie Phyllis Withnall

1971
Ian McClelland Barker (President)
Thomas Ian Pauling (Vice-President)
Allan Michael O’Neil (Secretary)
Nerolie Phyllis Withnall (Treasurer)
Brian Frank Martin (Alice Springs Rep)
Kenneth Arnold Conway
Peter Donald James
Graeme Innes-Ker MacNish
Alexander Robert Rorrison

1972
Ian McClelland Barker (President)
Brian Frank Martin (Vice-President)
Dean Mildren (Secretary)
Nerolie Phyllis Withnall (Treasurer)
Brian Frank Martin (Alice Springs Rep)
Peter Donald James
Alisdair McGregor
Allan Michael O’Neil
Alexander Robert Rorrison
Alexander Henty Silvester

1973
Dean Mildren (President)
Gregory Reginald James (Vice-President)
Peter Donald James (Secretary)
Allan Michael O’Neil (Treasurer)
Brian Frank Martin (Alice Springs Rep)
Ian McClelland Barker
Paul Anthony Edward Everingham
Janice Montes McFarlane
Clement John O’Sullivan
Michael Winter

1974
Dean Mildren (President)
Peter Donald James (Vice-President)
Pamela Noel Gray (Secretary)
Janice Montes McFarlane (Treasurer)
Brian Frank Martin (Alice Springs Rep)
Ian McClelland Barker
Paul Anthony Edward Everingham
Allan Michael O’Neil
Clement John O’Sullivan

1975
Paul Anthony Edward Everingham (President)
Thomas Ian Pauling (Vice-President)
Anna Mayo Norgard (Secretary)
Patrick Loftus (Treasurer)
Brian Frank Martin (Alice Springs Rep)
Hugh Burton Bradley
Narendra Manubhai Patel
Gordon Charles Pelletier
John Bascomb Waters

1976
Paul Anthony Edward Everingham (President)
John Peluso (Secretary)
Patrick Loftus (Treasurer)
Terence Frances Coulehan
Narendra Manubhai Patel
John Bascomb Waters

1977
John Peluso (Secretary)

1978
Nerolie Phyllis Withnall (President)
Allan Michael O’Neil (Vice-President)
Patrick Loftus (Secretary)
David Holt Avery (Treasurer)
Peter George Howard (Alice Springs Rep)
Ian McClelland Barker
John Michael George
Michael David Andrew Maurice
Trevor John Riley

1979
Dean Mildren (President)
Peter Donald James (Vice-President)
John Michael George (Secretary)
Stephanie Anne Forgie (Treasurer)
Peter George Howard (Alice Springs Rep)
Graham Eric Hiley
Athol Geoffrey James
Brian Edward McMillan
Anthony Cecil Thursfield

1980
Dean Mildren (President)
Peter Donald James (Vice-President)
Geoffrey Robert Clark (Secretary)
Peter William Walker (Treasurer)
John Edward Reeves
(Alice Springs Rep)
Terence Francis Coulehan
Graham Eric Hiley
Robert Andrew Kimber
Brian Edward McMillan
1981  
Terence Francis Coulehan (President)  
Peter William Walker (Vice-President)  
Geoffrey Robert Clark (Secretary)  
Kim Latrobe Graves (Treasurer)  
John Edward Reeves (Alice Springs Rep)  
Graham Eric Hiley  
Robert Andrew Kimber  
Brian Edward McMillan  
Gordon Charles Pelletier  
Trevor Marius Dorsman (Provisional Councillor)  
Danny Charles Masters (Provisional Councillor)  

1982  
Terence Francis Coulehan (President)  
Hugh Burton Bradley (Vice-President)  
Brian Edward McMillan (Secretary)  
Kim Latrobe Graves (Treasurer)  
John Edward Reeves (Alice Springs Rep)  
Trevor Marius Dorsman  
Phillip Michael Hamblin  
Graham Eric Hiley  
Margaret Patricia Lyons  
Allan Michael O'Neil

1983  
Hugh Burton Bradley (President)  
Margaret Patricia Lyons (Vice-President)  
Allan Michael O'Neil  
Kim Latrobe Graves  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
Steven Ronald Bailey  
Kevin Maxwell Curnow  
Michael James Gillooly  
Neil Raymond Halfpenny  
Graham Eric Hiley  
Colin Rodney McDonald

1984  
Hugh Burton Bradley (President)  
Margaret Patricia Lyons (Vice-President)  
Allan Michael O'Neil  
Michael James Gillooly (Secretary)  
Kim Latrobe Graves (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
Richard Andrew Kimber  
Brian Sinclair Cooney  
Ivan Michael O'Neil  
Trevor Marius Dorsman  
R. Brian McMillan  
Graham Eric Hiley  
Margaret Patricia Lyons  
Allan Michael O'Neil

1985  
Richard Grant Giles (President)  
Peter Donald James (Vice-President)  

1986  
Richard Grant Giles (President)  
Graham Eric Hiley (Vice-President)  
John Michael George (Secretary)  
Kim Latrobe Graves (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
Roy David Ellis  
Trevor Marius Dorsman  
Peter Donal McNab  
John Edward Reeves  
Peter John Butler Tiffin

1987  
Graham Eric Hiley (President)  
Kim Latrobe Graves  
Peter Francis Conran (Secretary)  
Ian David Logan Briggs (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
Gordon Munro Berner  
Tanya Pauline Fong Lim  
Peter Donald McNab  
John Edward Reeves  
Stephen Roger Southwood  
David de Lappe Winter

1988  
Kim Latrobe Graves (President)  
Stephen Roger Southwood (Vice-President)  
Meredith Denise Smith Harrison (Secretary)  
Ian David Logan Briggs (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
Richard Andrew Andruszko  
Tanya Pauline Fong Lim  
Ian Leslie Gray  
Robert Andrew Kimber  
John Edward Reeves  
Peter Michael Robinson

1989  
Ian David Logan Briggs (President)  
Trevor John Riley QC (Vice-President)  
Meredith Denise Smith Harrison (Secretary)  

1990  
Geoffrey John Stirk (President)  
Terence Michael Gardner (Vice-President)  
Meredith Denise Smith Harrison (Secretary)  
Brian John Cassells (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
David Graham Alderman  
Diana Mary Elliott  
Kim Latrobe Graves  
Neville John Henwood  
Leanne May Robertson  
Markus Andreas Spazzapan (Ian David Logal Briggs – Immediate Past President)

1991  
Geoffrey John Stirk (President)  
Terence Michael Gardner (Vice-President)  
Neville John Henwood (Secretary)  
Brian John Cassells (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
David Graham Alderman  
Richard James Coates  
Diana Mary Elliott  
David Sydney Farquhar  
Judith Clair Kelly  
Leanne May Robertson

1992  
Neville John Henwood (President)  
Terence Michael Gardner (Vice-President)  
Judith Clair Kelly (Secretary)  
Jan Macpherson (Treasurer)  
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)  
David Craig Anderson  
Alison Lois Cassells  
Richard James Coates  
Diana Mary Elliott  
David Sydney Farquhar  
John Michael Roberts Neill (Geoffrey John Stirk – Immediate Past President)
1993
Neville John Henwood (President)
Terence Michael Gardner (Vice-President)
Richard James Coates (Secretary)
David Craig Anderson (Treasurer)
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
Gordon Joseph Kennedy
John Michael Roberts Neill
Guy Andrew Riley
Eileen Marie Terrill
Peter John Butler Tiffin
Janet Denise Trier

1994
Terence Michael Gardner (President)
Diana Mary Elliott (Vice-President)
Guy Andrew Riley (Secretary)
David Craig Anderson (Treasurer)
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
David Robert Davies
James Thomas Moore
John Thomas Stewart
Eileen Marie Terrill
Peter John Butler Tiffin
Janet Denise Trier
(Neville John Henwood – Immediate Past President)

1995
Terence Michael Gardner (President)
Diana Mary Elliott (Vice-President)
Janet Denise Trier (Secretary)
James Thomas Moore (Treasurer)
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
Donna Maira Isabella Dreier
Peter John Butler Tiffin
Eileen Marie Terrill
Samantha Julie Miles
Christopher Gordon Fanning
John Thomas Stewart
Neville John Henwood – Immediate Past President

1996
Terence Michael Gardner (President)
Diana Mary Elliott (Vice-President)
Samantha Julie Miles (Secretary)
James Thomas Moore (Treasurer)
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
Eileen Marie Terrill
Donna Maira Isabella Dreier
Peter John Butler Tiffin
Susan Jane Porter
John Benjamin Lawrence
Anthony David Young

1997
Stephen Roger Southwood (President)
Alan John Lindsay (Vice-President)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Secretary)
Donna Maira Isabella Dreier (Treasurer)
Maxwell Ferris Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
Duncan Charles McConnel (Terry Michael Gardner – Immediate Past President)

1998
Stephen Roger Southwood (President)
Alan John Lindsay (Vice-President)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Secretary)
Donna Maira Isabella Dreier (Treasurer)
Max Horton (Alice Springs Rep)
John William Arthur Birch (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Richard James Coates
Ian McDonald Morris
Duncan Charles McConnel
Alastair John Shields
Merran Kathleen Short
Kevin Royce Stephens
(Terence Michael Gardner – Immediate Past President)

1999
Jon Courtland Arthur Tippett (President)
Ian McDonald Morris (Vice-President)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Secretary)
Donna Maira Isabella Dreier (Treasurer)
Katrina Joanna Budrikis (Alice Springs Rep)
John William Arthur Birch (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Robert Angus Gosford
Elizabeth Jane Morris
Duncan Charles McConnel
Alastair John Shields
Merran Kathleen Short
Kevin Royce Stephens
(Stephen Roger Southwood – Immediate Past President)

2000
Jon Courtland Arthur Tippett (President)
Ian McDonald Morris (Vice-President)
Merran Kathleen Short (Secretary)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Treasurer)
Katrina Joanna Budrikis (Alice Springs Rep)
Domenico Conidi (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Suzanne Francis Oliver
Elizabeth Jane Morris
James Thomas Moore
Duncan Charles McConnel
Timothy Donald Jacobs
Sarah Laurie Hawke
(Stephen Roger Southwood – Immediate Past President)

2001
Ian McDonald Morris (President)
Merran Kathleen Short (Vice-President)
Duncan Wilson Maclean (Secretary)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Treasurer)
Stephen Roger Southwood QC (NTBA Rep)
Katrina Joanna Budrikis (Alice Springs Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Sarah Laurie Hawke
Timothy Donald Jacobs
Duncan Charles McConnel
James Thomas Moore
Suzanne Francis Oliver
(Jon Courtland Arthur Tippett – Immediate Past President)

2002
Ian McDonald Morris (President)
Merran Kathleen Short (Vice-President)
Duncan Wilson Maclean (Treasurer)
Eileen Marie Terrill (Secretary)
Michael Patrick Grant (NTBA Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum (Alice Springs Rep)
Nardine Rosemary Collier (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Suzanne Francis Oliver
Melanie Jane Little
Markus Andreas Spazzapan
Michael John McKillop Grove
Glen Meyers Dooley
Stuart Andrew Barr
Christopher David Booth (Replacement Councillor)
Jennifer Hardy (Replacement Councillor)
2003
Merran Kathleen Short (President)
Duncan Wilson Maclean (Vice-President) Resigned
Michael John Mckillop Grove (Treasurer)
Glen Meyers Dooley (Secretary)
Anthony David Young (NTBA Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum (Alice Springs Rep)
Nardine Rosemary Collier (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Christopher David Booth (NTYL Rep)
Jennifer Hardy
Danielle Sue Howard
Margaret Catherine Orwin (Alice Springs Rep)
Markus Andreas Spazzapan (Alice Springs Rep)
Matthew Gladwell Storey
Jo-Ann Marie Tomlinson (Replacement Councillor)
Allison Margaret Robertson (President)

2004
Merran Kathleen Short (President)
Allison Margaret Robertson (Vice-President)
Jacqueline May Presbury (Treasurer)
Glen Meyers Dooley (Secretary)
John William (Jack) Lewis (NTBA Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum (Alice Springs Rep)
Allan David Forrest Cockburn (Sam)
Salmon (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Lisa-Gaye O'Donohue (NTYL Rep)
Kate Helena Hughes
Jodi Alva Mather
Rhona Mary Douglas Millar (Councillor)
Jo-Anne Marie Pattinson (Councillor)
Markus Andreas Spazzapan (Councillor)
Matthew Gladwell Storey (Councillor)

2005
Allison Margaret Robertson (President)
Rhona Mary Douglas Millar (Vice-President)
Jacqueline May Presbury (Treasurer)
Jodi Marie Truman (Secretary)
John William (Jack) Lewis (NTBA Rep) – Resigned
Patrick Francis McIntyre (NTBA Rep)
Gottlieb Thomas (Tom) Svikart (Alice Springs Rep) – Resigned
Kim Margaret Raine (Alice Springs Rep)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Rep)
Caroline Heske (NTYL Rep)
Markus Andreas Spazzapan
Jodi Alva Mather
Ian Leonard Read (Replacement Councillor)

2006
Allison Margaret Robertson (President)
Rhona Mary Douglas Millar (Vice-President)
Jacqueline May Presbury (Treasurer)
Jodi Marie Truman (Secretary)
Patrick Francis McIntyre (NTBA Rep)
Kim Margaret Raine (Alice Springs Rep)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Caroline Heske (NTYL Rep)
Markus Andreas Spazzapan
Jodi Alva Mather
Ian Leonard Read (Replacement Councillor)
Jo-Ann Marie Pattinson (nee Tomlinson) (Councillor)
Mathew Gladwell Storey (Councillor)

2007
Allison Margaret Robertson (President)
Duncan Charles McConnel (Vice-President)
Matthew Gladwell Storey (Secretary)
Jo-Ann Marie Pattinson (nee Tomlinson) (Treasurer)
Kim Margaret Raine (Alice Springs Rep)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Charles Andrew Martel (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Markus Andreas Spazzapan
Jodi Marie Truman
Caroline Elizabeth Bicheno
Jason Gary Schoolmeester
Ian Leonard Read
Katarzyna Rutowska
Patrick Francis McIntyre (NTBA Rep)
Katherine O'Fathartaigh (NTYL Rep)
Catherine Hamilton (NTLY Alt Rep)

2008
Duncan Charles McConnel (President)
Matthew Gladwell Storey (Vice-President)
Jason Gary Schoolmeester/Caroline Bicheno (Secretary)
Jo-Ann Marie Pattinson/Jason Gary Schoolmeester (Treasurer)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Rep)
Gottlieb Thomas Svikart (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Ian Leonard Read (Councillor)
Allison Margaret Robertson (Councillor)
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (Councillor)

2009
Duncan Charles McConnel (President)
Matthew Gladwell Storey (Vice-President)
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (Secretary)
Jason Gary Schoolmeester (Treasurer)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Rep)
Gottlieb Thomas Svikart (Alice Springs Alt Rep)

2010
Matthew Gladwell Storey (President)
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (Vice-President)
Jason Gary Schoolmeester (Treasurer)
Ben Wild (Secretary)
Rennie Douglas Anderson (Alice Springs Rep)
Ashley Graham Dewell (Replacement Alice Springs Rep)
Gottlieb Thomas Svikart (Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Duncan Charles McConnel (Councillor)
Fiona Levene Hussin (Councillor)
Melanie Jane Warbrooke (Councillor)
Kevin Francis Banbury (Councillor)
Margaret Catherine Orwin (Councillor)
Julian Quentin Johnson (Councillor)
Jared Nathaniel Sharp (Replacement Councillor)
Nicholas Ryan Johansen (NTYL Rep)
Donna Irene Lynette Ward (NTYL Alt Rep)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)
2011
Matthew Gladwell Storey (President)
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (Vice-President)
Nigel James Browne (Treasurer)
Candice Louise Maclean (Secretary)
Ashley Graham Dewell
(Alice Springs Rep)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Duncan Charles McConnel (Councillor)
Fiona Levene Hussin (Councillor)
Maria Savvas (Councillor)
Jared Nathaniel Sharp (Councillor)
Cecil Albert Black (Councillor)
Jeffrey David Collins (Councillor)
Emma Jane Farnell (NTYL Rep)
Imogen Clare Taylor (NTYL Alt Rep)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)

2012
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (President)
Candice Louise Maclean (Vice-President)
Nigel James Browne (Secretary)
Anastasis Andrew Liveris (Treasurer)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum
(Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Ashley Graham Dewell
(Alice Springs Rep)
Matthew Gladwell Storey (Councillor)
Duncan Charles McConnel
(Replacement Councillor)
Fiona Levene Hussin (Councillor)
Margaret Catherine Orwin (Councillor)
Bruce Cameron Taylor (Councillor)
Maria Savvas (Councillor)
Jared Nathaniel Sharp (Councillor)
Donna Irene Lynette Storey
(NTYL Rep)
Nicholas Ryan Johansen
(NTYL Alt Rep)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)

2013
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (President)
Candice Louise Maclean (Vice-President)
Nigel James Browne (Secretary)
Anastasis Andrew Liveris (Treasurer)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum
(Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Duncan Charles McConnel (Councillor)
Fiona Levene Hussin (Councillor)
Maria Savvas (Councillor)
Jared Nathaniel Sharp (Councillor)
Cecil Albert Black (Councillor)
Jeffrey David Collins (Councillor)
Emma Jane Farnell (NTYL Rep)
Imogen Clare Taylor (NTYL Alt Rep)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)

2014
Peggy Siew Meng Cheong (President)
Candice Louise Maclean (Vice-President)
Nigel James Browne (Secretary)
Anastasis Andrew Liveris (Treasurer)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum
(Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Maria Savvas (Councillor)
Emma Jane Farnell (Councillor)
Jeffrey David Collins (Councillor)
Zaklina Bernadette Palavra
(Councillor)
Josine Marie Wynberg (Councillor)
Ronald David Todd Woodroffe
(Councillor)
Peter John Clayton
(NTYL Rep)
Jenna Ann Dennison
(NTYL Alt Rep)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)

2015
Anastasis Andrew Liveris (President)
Candice Louise Maclean (Vice-President)
Josine Marie Wynberg (Secretary)
Jeffrey David Collins (Treasurer)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum
(Alice Springs Rep)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Rep)
Sally Joan Bolton
(Councillor)
Ronald David Todd Woodroffe
(Councillor)
Hugh Marcus Bond
(NTYL Rep)
Dominic Paul Gomez
(NTYL Alt Rep)

2016
Anastasis Andrew Liveris (President)
Candice Louise Maclean (Vice-President)
Josine Marie Wynberg (Secretary)
Jeffrey David Collins (Treasurer/Councillor)
Maria Savvas (Councillor/Treasurer)
David Graham Alderman (NTBA Rep)
Anthony Ross Whitelum
(Alice Springs Rep)
Mark Gerard O’Reilly
(Alice Springs Alt Rep)
Sally Joan Bolton
(Councillor)
Jeffrey David Collins
(Councillor)
Maria Savvas
(Councillor) Resigned
Emma Jane Farnell
(Councillor)
Ronald David Todd Woodroffe
(Councillor)
Hugh Marcus Bond
(NTYL Rep)
Dominic Paul Gomez
(NTYL Alt Rep)
In following last year’s trend, the 2015/16 year saw a 25% increase in the number of complaints received by the Society. The 40 complaints received during this year falls just short of the high point of 44 complaints set in 2011/12.

As in 2014/15, this year more than 50% of the complaints concluded during 2015/16 were summarily dismissed, that is, without an investigation. Complaints were summarily dismissed for a variety of reasons including:

- Non-responsiveness from the complainant to requests for further information.
- Complaints that were made more than three years after the alleged conduct and the Society was not satisfied of the matters required by section 473 of the LPA.
- Complaints that lacked substance as they were made against the legal practitioner acting for the other party.
- In one instance the person complained about was not a lawyer (although it related to an allegation that they held themselves out as one).

Of the remaining complaints dealt with this year, 2 were withdrawn and the remainder of the complaints were dismissed.
Complaints received by area of law
1. Family law 11 (27.5%),
2. Commercial 1 (2.5%),
3. Practice - general 9 (22.5%),
4. Criminal litigation 8 (20%),
5. Civil litigation 5 (12.5%),
6. Probate 1 (2.5%),
7. Conveyancing 1 (2.5%),
8. Workers compensation 4 (10%),
Total 40 (100%)

Complaints by contact type
1. Consumer Dispute 3 (2%),
2. Complaint 40 (25%),
3. Enquiries 119 (73%),
Total 162 (100%)

Complaints by practitioner type
1. Barrister 2 (5%),
2. Principal 7 (17.5%),
3. Non-principal 14 (35%),
4. Sole practitioner 14 (35%),
5. Government 1 (2.5%),
6. Other 2 (5%),
Total 40 (100%)

Complaints by complainant type
1. Individual/consumer 22 (55%),
2. Other party 6 (15%),
3. Third party 3 (7.5%),
4. LSNT 8 (20%),
5. Practitioner 1 (2.5%),
Total 40 (100%)
Performance criteria

Section 557 of the LPA requires the Society to set performance criteria relating to the handling of complaints under Chapter 4 of the LPA and to report against that performance criteria each year. The Society has currently set as the performance criteria that 75% of complaints received be concluded by the Society within one year of receipt of the complaint.

This performance criteria is assessed as against complaints finalised during the 2015/16 year. This year the Society achieved this target with 76% of the complaints concluded in 2015/16 being complaints that were finalised within one year from the date of their receipt.

Of the complaints concluded in 2015/16, 5 took more than twelve months to be finalised. Of these, 2 were dismissed following an investigation, 2 were dismissed without an investigation and 1 was dealt with summarily pursuant to section 499 and a fine was imposed on the practitioner. Further, 2 of these complaints were made by the other party in proceedings, 2 were by a person on behalf of the client about that client’s legal practitioner and the remainder was a complaint by client about their own legal practitioner.

Factors that impacted on finalising complaints within the performance criteria included delays arising from a deferral of the complaint investigation whilst an appeal was being heard (the complaints made by the other party to the proceeding) and deferral pending the finalisation of a costs assessment process. One complaint finalised in 2015/16 had been substantively dealt with in a prior year with a referral to the Tribunal for several grounds of the complaint. However one ground of that complaint was not dealt with in that referral and left open for further investigation pending engagement with the practitioner in the disciplinary proceedings. Ultimately this final ground of complaint was dismissed without further investigation following the finalisation of the disciplinary proceedings.

On average complaints that were finalised during the 2015/16 year took 299 days. This represents a slight reduction from the average of 310 days in 2014/15 and 316 days in 2013/14.

Time taken to finalise complaints 2015/16

1 12 months or less 16 (76%),
2 More than 12 months 5 (24%)
Total 21 (100%)

Average time taken:
Total days 6277
Average no. of days to finalise 298.9
Consumer disputes The number of consumer disputes dealt with by the Society continued fall this year with only 3 matters, down from 10 in 2013/14 and 5 in 2014/15. None of these resulted in a subsequent complaint.

These consumer disputes were dealt with by making contact with the legal practitioner on behalf of the client to seek the practitioner make contact with their client to provide information or clarification about the progress of their matter.

Enquiries The number of enquiries received by the Society has continued to increase, with a substantive jump to 119 for the 2015/16 year. This was a 30% rise on the 91 enquiries received in 2014/15. At least 13 of these enquiries later resulted in the Society receiving a formal complaint from the enquirer during the 2015/16 year.

The Tribunal There were no matters referred to the Tribunal during the 2015/16 year. The Society had 1 other matter before the Tribunal which was a disciplinary application commenced during the 2013/14 year. This application was withdrawn following a resolution reached with the practitioner.

There were no appeals initiated against any of the Society’s decisions to dismiss a complaint or to summarily deal with a complaint pursuant to section 499 of the LPA.

Prosecution of offence In December 2015 the Society laid a complaint and summons in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction (as it then was) against a person alleging an offence pursuant to section 18 of the LPA of engaging in legal practice whilst not being an Australian legal practitioner. The matter had not been heard and determined by the Court by the end of the 2015/16 year.

Practising certificate matters During 2015/16 the Society determined not to renew one practitioner’s practising certificate for the year.

In January 2016 the Society determined to cancel the unrestricted practising certificate of a practitioner, Wayne Connop. Mr Connop appealed the Society’s decision and sought a stay of the cancellation decision pending the determination of the appeal. On 26 February 2016 the Supreme Court made a stay order which was subject to numerous conditions about Mr Connop’s continued practice pending the appeal. On 15 July 2016 reasons were delivered for the Supreme Court’s decision to dismiss Mr Connop’s appeal and make a declaration that he was not a fit and proper person to hold an unrestricted practising certificate. A copy of the Court’s decision is available on the Supreme Court website (Connop v Law Society Northern Territory [2016] NTSC 38).

External interventions In 2015/16 the Society exercised its powers of external intervention and appointed managers for 2 law practices. Both law practices were sole practitioner firms and were ultimately wound up. The reasons for the need for appointment arose from a health issue for 1 practitioner and the loss of practising certificate for the other.

Kellie Grainger
Manager Regulatory Services

Outcomes
1 Fine only 3 (14%), 2 Private reprimand 1 (5%), 3 Dismissed 498 by CEO 3 (14%), 4 Dismissed 478 Summary 12 (57%), 5 Withdrawn 2 (10%). Total 21 (100%)
Trust accounts

The MRS continues to have oversight of trust account supervision.

Compliance and notifications The Society has continued to maintain its compliance processes to assist law practices to meet their annual reporting obligations under the LPA and LPR. The Annual Declaration Part A was due by 8 April 2016 and is a declaration about whether or not a law practice had received or held trust monies during the 2015/16 trust account year which ended on 31 March 2016. This notification is required for all law practices, including barristers who are sole practitioners under the LPA.

The Society received 114 Part As for the 2015/16 trust account year and 52 of these were submitted by the due date. By 30 June 2016 a total of 111 Part As had been received and the practising certificate renewal process was an aid to achieving compliance by the principals of some law practices.

External examinations Qualified persons who wish to be engaged by law practices to undertake external examinations must apply to the Society each year to be a designated external examiner. The eligibility requirements to be a designated external examiner have not changed since last year.

The Society has designated 20 persons as external examiners for the current trust account period (commencing 1 April 2016) and consented to the appointment of 15 external examiner assistants.

Trust accounts in the jurisdiction As at 30 June 2016, 51 law practices, including 2 barristers, operated a general trust account, slightly less than as at 30 June 2015 (55 law practices).

8 law practices operated controlled money accounts in 2015/16, similar to the previous 2 years (9 law practices in 2014/15 and 10 law practices in 2013/14).

Barristers and Law Practices with trust accounts as at 30 June 2016
1 Barristers with trust accounts 2,
2 Barristers without trust accounts 39,
3 Law practices with trust accounts 49,
4 Law practice without trust accounts 20

“The Society has designated 20 persons as external examiners for the current trust account period...and consented to the appointment of 15 external examiner assistants.”
Reporting of irregularities

There was an increased number of irregularity notifications this year—67 by 30 June 2016 compared with 41 at the end of the previous year. The majority of these irregularities (70%) arose from the actions of the law practice’s client. This is reflected in the types of notifications—two-thirds of notifications were in respect of trust money deposited to the office account, usually direct deposits by clients. The next 2 most significant types of notifications were the deposit of non-trust money into the trust account and incorrect payments from the trust account (9% each).

Kellie Grainger
Manager Regulatory Services

Kellie Grainger
Manager Regulatory Services

Entrusted funds held by account type (General & CMA)

1 Total CMA monies as @ 31 Mar 2016 $44,765,651.66 (68%),
2 Total GTA monies as @ 31 Mar 2016 $20,888,049.53 (32%)
Total $65,653,701.19 (100%)
Continuing professional development

The Society continued its strong focus during this year to providing CPD events pertinent to local NT content and practice. The Society moved to broaden the depth of its CPD Program by adding emphasis to providing CPDs pitched at different levels of competency—from a foundation level for practitioners wanting a sound stepping board into an area or aspect of law, through to advanced presentations for practitioners already experienced in an area wanting to hone their knowledge and skills.

Achievements of note for the 2015/16 year include:

- Attendance levels held steady with an average attendance of 22, a marginal increase on 2014/15 (20).
- 55 CPD events were delivered, down slightly from 58 in 2014/15 and 57 in 2013/14. The Society however presented an increased number of longer CPDs which is reflected in the total number of CPD units offered over the course of the year.
- The Society delivered a total of 107.5 CPD units which was a substantial increase over the 76.5 units provided in 2014/15. It also exceeds the previous maximum of 99 in 2012/13.
- The minimum price of a CPD remained at $80* per hour for events up to 4.5 hours (4.5 points). CPD events longer than 4.5 hours continued to be priced on a discretionary basis.
- Full-day intensive or conference-style CPDs held this year were:

  **Advocacy Workshop:**
  10 CPD hours at a price of $550* – 50 attendees

  **Start at the Top Family Law Conference:**
  10 CPD hours at a price of $650* – 57 attendees

  **Alice Springs One-Day CPD Intensive:**
  8 CPD hours at a price of $560* – 33 attendees

  **Time Mastery for Lawyers and Accountants:**
  6 CPD hours at a price of $480* – 13 attendees

Consistent with last year, 18% (or 10 CPD events) of the Society’s CPD Program were delivered to members of the profession based outside of Darwin. This included 6 face-to-face CPDs and 4 CPDs via videoconference. The Society is grateful to the agencies that have facilitated the videoconferencing of CPDs through their resources. The Society is working to upgrade facilities at our premises to be able to offer a greater variety of CPDs via videoconferencing.

The Society is thankful for the practitioners and organisations that share their time and resources to enable the Society to continue to provide its diverse CPD Program to members of the profession across the NT. Special acknowledgement must go to Judge Peter Cole, the Federal Circuit Court and Federal Court; the Supreme Court; Local Court; Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission and North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency.

Special thanks must also go to Secretariat staff, Bella Basilides and Pam Jaenke, and the dedicated members of the CPD Committee for their contribution to the quality and range of CPD topics and presenters sourced for the Society’s CPD Program.

The Society appreciates the continued sponsorship of the CPD Program by legalsuper.

---

Kellie Grainger  
Acting Chief Executive Officer

* Excluding GST
CPD speakers list

We would like to thank:

Alexandra Wright  
Alistair Wyvill SC  
Andrew George  
Anna Booth  
Arjun Chhabra  
Brian Cassells  
Carl White  
Catherine Giles  
Charlie King  
Chief Judge Dr John Lowndes  
Chris Osborn  
David Abbott  
David Greenhough  
David Sweet  
Dr David Chapman  
Dr Diane Szarkowicz  
Dr Grant Parsons  
Dr Karen Cavanagh  
Dr Ross Guro  
Dr Simon Moss  
DS Clinton Sims  
Elizabeth Scholz  
Felicity Gerry QC  
Frank Sanitate  
Glen Dooley  
Ian Fraser  
Ippei Okazaki  
James Parfitt  
Jane Le Messurier  
Janet Taylor  
Jean-Pierre Du Plessis  
Jodi Truman  
Joe Catanzariti  
John B. Lawrence SC  
John Jablonka  
John Stirk  
Joseph Crowley  
Judge Elisabeth Armitage  
Judge Janet Terry  
Judge Stuart Roberts  
Judge Terry McGuire  
Judge Tony Young  
Julia Parkin  
Kellie Grainger  
Ken Parish  
Kris Norrington  
Laia Dominguez  
Lauren Campbell  
Leon Loganathan  
Leonique Swart  
Lyma Nguyen  
Lyn Bennett  
Mark O'Reilly  
Matthew Nathan SC  
Megan Hunter  
Melissa Yates  
Merran Short  
Michael Kahn  
Natalie Scattini  
Nicola Coalter  
Oliver Jones  
Patrick Cozens  
Paul Usher  
Peter Holmes  
Prof. Les McRimmon  
Rennie Anderson  
Richard Bruxner  
Richard Henschke  
Richard Montgomery  
Richard Williams  
Robert Bradshaw PSM  
Rowena Petrenas  
Russell Goldflam  
Sall Forrest  
Sue Oliver SM  
Satu Chadd  
Seranie Gamble  
Simon O’Brien  
Simon Weiss  
Sonia Brownhill SC  
Stan Coombe  
Stephanie Booker  
Stephen Bourke  
Stephen Robson  
Steven Rossingh FCPA  
Stewart O’Brien  
Sue Harrington  
Sue Phoo  
Susan Crane  
Suzie Gye  
Tascha Boscato  
Tass Liveris  
Tessa Czislofski  
The Hon Acting Justice Dean Mildred AM RFD  
The Hon Chief Justice Trevor Riley  
The Hon Judge Scarlett  
The Hon Justice Christine Dawe  
The Hon Justice Graham Hiley  
The Hon Justice Judith Kelly  
The Hon Justice Peter Barr  
The Hon Justice Robert Benjamin  
The Hon Justice Shane Marshall  
Traci Keys  
Verity Brown  
Wade Roper
Northern Territory Young Lawyers

The Northern Territory Young Lawyers (NTYL) Committee has been active in 2015/16 in putting on a number of key events for the profession, with the goal of providing support to young lawyers in the NT and showcasing their talents.

The Committee has been made up of Hugh Bond (President), Nhi Tran (Vice-President), Lokesh Kashyap (Secretary), Rose Watts (Treasurer) and general Committee members Dominic Gomez, Elizabeth Thomson, Alexandra O’Donnell, David Qin, Michelle Duggan, Maker Mayek and Clarissa Phillips.

Outlined below are the main activities for NTYL in 2015/16 so far.

Golden Gavel: 4 September 2015

There was a bumper turnout for the 2015 Golden Gavel, with standing room only for much of the evening. Those who were able to squeeze into the Signature Room at the Hilton Hotel were treated to a nutritious comedic buffet, featuring Maddy Sutton, Kate Miller, David Qin, Nhi Tran, Rachel Gleeson, Charlotte Deans, Lachie Peattie and Jessica Holgersson.

The judging panel (comprised of his Honour Chief Justice Trevor Riley, Wade Roper and Damien Jones) awarded the 2015 Golden Gavel to Jessica Holgersson, whose speech on 'Tindering the evidence—what role does Tinder play in modern legal practise' was both stimulating and informative.

NTYL gives thanks to the sponsors of the event: Hunt & Hunt, William Forster Chambers, Marsh Insurance, Paul Walsh, Master Luppino and Chief Magistrate Lowndes, as well as the Society for their help in organising the event.

Christmas Drinks: 11 December 2015

NTYL wrapped up a terrific 2015 with a few cheeky eggnogs at the annual Christmas Drinks event, held (as tradition dictates) at Shenanigans.

Welcome Drinks: 11 March 2016

NTYL hosted its welcome drinks for the coming year, at Il Lido at the Waterfront. There was a fantastic turnout and it was great for several new arrivals in Darwin to get to know the profession.

The Great Debate: 17 May 2016

NTYL hosted the annual Great Debate, between a team of junior lawyers and a team of senior lawyers, battling over a comedic topic, being: ‘Back in my day...’ – lawyers today have it so easy.

The junior team was comprised of Isabel Roper; Lachlan Peattie; and Rachel Gleeson; whilst the formidable senior team was made up of Jonathon Hunyor appearing as 'Bruce Tunstall'; Bronwyn Haack and Wade Roper. The debate was astutely adjudicated by her Honour Justice Kelly, who ultimately awarded the debate to the senior team.
Committee terms of reference and membership

**Commercial Law Committee** considers all areas of law and legislative reform relevant to the practice of a commercial lawyer at a local and national level.
*Chairperson:* Lyn Bennett  
*Members:* Brett Midena, Gordon Berner, Guy Riley, Richard Henschke, Emma Farnell, Pipina Papazoglou, Daniel Kelly, Andrew Giles  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger

**Governance Committee** is undertaking a review of the entirety of the Society’s Constitution and making recommendations to Council about any proposed changes to the Constitution.
*Chairperson:* Emma Farnell  
*Members:* Leonique Swart, Andrew Giles  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger

**CPD/CDU Committee** supervises and directs the delivery of the CPD Program, considers CPD rules and regulation and comments on legal education issues.
*Chairperson:* Tass Liveris, Mark O’Reilly  
*Members:* Mark O’Reilly, Kerry Sibley, Emma Farnell, Candice Maclean*, Georgia McMaster*, Ryan Sanders*, Mellissa Dunn*, Lauren Macaulay*, Sall Forrest, Stephanie Campbell*, Andrew George, Julia Parkin, Leonique Swart, Daniel Kelly, David Woodroffe  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger, Bella Basilides, Pam Jaenke

**Legal Practice Committee** considers all areas of legal practice excluding commercial law and family law matters including alternate dispute resolution.
*Chairperson:* Josine Wynberg, Tass Liveris  
*Members:* Candice Maclean, Peggy Cheong, David Alderman, Jeff Collins, Zara Spencer, Suzi Kapetas, Peter Mariotto, Matthew Littlejohn, Mellissa Dunn*, Ben O’Loughlin*, Tass Liveris, Georgia McMaster*  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger, Marian Wilson

**Ethics Committee** considers the reports of investigators and makes recommendations to Council and the CEO.
*Chairperson:* Jeff Collins, Peggy Cheong  
*Members:* Peggy Cheong, Tass Liveris, Josine Wynberg, David Alderman, Caitlin Perry (community representative), Eileen Terrill, Kerry Sibley, Peter Mariotto, Duncan McConnel, Eliza Collier, Mary Hawkins*, Mark O’Reilly  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger

**PII Committee** considers all issues relating to the PII Scheme in the NT.
*Chairperson:* Candice Maclean  
*Members:* Tass Liveris, Peggy Cheong, Duncan McConnel, Maria Savvas, Josine Wynberg  
*Secretariat:* Julie Davis, Kellie Grainger

**Family Law Committee** considers all matters relevant to family law practices.
*Chairperson:* Sally Bolton, Megan Lawton  
*Members:* Diana Elliott, Eileen Terrill, Clara Mills, Tracey Marrs, Jaquie Palavra, John Stirk, Mark O’Reilly, Rowena Petrenas, Matthew South*, Tessa Czislowki, Penny Johnston, Stuart Barr, Julie Franz, Alexandra Wright  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger, Marian Wilson

**Social Justice Committee** incorporates the work of the Indigenous Legal Issues Committee and the Criminal Justice Committee and considers all issues relating to social justice issues at a local and national level.
*Chairperson:* Tass Liveris, Peggy Cheong  
*Members:* Peggy Cheong, Jared Sharp, Tony Whitelum, Russell Goldflam, Seranie Gamble, Sally Sievers, Brenda Monaghan, Jeff Collins, Adam Harwood, Clare McKenzie, Lucia Pante, David Woodroffe, Mary Hawkins*  
*Secretariat:* Kellie Grainger, Marian Wilson

---

^ Committee chair during earlier part of the year  
* Committee members that have resigned during the year  
Committee appointments are for one year but members may be re-appointed.  
Appointment/removal of members is by resolution of Council.  
Committees Charter approved and available on the Society’s website.
The Society arranges a PII Scheme pursuant to the LPA. The PII Committee is responsible for Society policy in relation to the PII Scheme and obtaining a policy of insurance each year. A separate Claims Management Committee considers information about the source and progress of claims to assist the Society’s risk management measures; importantly, effective information barriers are in place to maintain confidentiality and separation from the Society’s regulatory and oversight functions.
“The Committee secured a competitive premium for the 2016/17 renewal, retaining insurance with QBE Insurance Australia which pleasingly resulted in savings of 10% per practitioner.”

The 2015/16 year brought several challenges for the PII Committee’s consideration.

The Committee considered a number of applications for exemptions to hold PII under the Scheme. These considerations applied the Exemptions Policy approved by Council on 30 April 2015. This policy is used in the determination of exemption applications and was first applied to applications for exemption for the 2015/16 year. Exemptions must be sought each year and exemption in one year does not guarantee exemption in the following year. The policy:

- Ensures that applications for exemption are determined with consistency and fairness;
- Ensures that exemptions are granted in accordance with the LPA and the LPR; and
- Details the principles to be applied and the basis upon which the Society may exempt legal practitioners from the requirement to be insured under the LPA.

The Committee also considered the application of the policy to NT practitioners who practise interstate, given the evolving nature and travel required for legal work. The Committee is seeking expert advice on this issue.

The Committee secured a competitive premium for the 2016/17 renewal, retaining insurance with QBE Insurance Australia which pleasingly resulted in savings of 10% per practitioner. In recommending continued insurance with QBE, the Committee considered alternative providers, global insurance trends, fluctuations in the number of practitioners and the claims history. This is a great outcome in all of the circumstances and was made possible by the tireless efforts and expertise of the Society’s broker, Marsh Pty Ltd.

In the future the PII Committee will continue to assist the Society in responding to:

- The sustainability of the Scheme;
- The national appetite for deregulation of PII schemes;
- The adequacy of protection of the public;
- Emerging trends and alternative models; and
- The impact of the uniform law on PII.

The Committee will continue to monitor and contribute to these national conversations. I thank all of the members of the Committee for their detailed consideration of these issues in the past year and look forward to this work continuing into 2017.

Candice Maclean
Chairperson
The PPT calls for applications for grants twice per year in January and July by advertising in the NT News and Centralian Advocate. All applications are considered in the context of the following objects of the PPT:

1. To advance the education of the community, and any section of it, with respect to the law;
2. To advance the collection, assessment and dissemination to the community, and any section of it, of information relating to the law;
3. To improve the access of the community, and any section of it, to legal services;
4. To improve the quality, standard and effectiveness of legal services available to the community or any section of it; and
5. To protect any member of the community using or seeking to use legal services.

“The Society thanks Allocation Committee members Alastair Shields, Tass Liveris and Josine Wynberg who appraised 16 grant applications received during the year...”

Dagmar Brautigam
Secretary
PPT Approved Grants 2015/16

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>APPLICANT</th>
<th>PROJECT</th>
<th>GRANT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NT Council of Social Services</td>
<td>Employment of a coordinator for MJW</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Society Northern Territory</td>
<td>Publication of Graham Nicholson’s Lectures on Northern Territory Public Law</td>
<td>$24,909</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School of Law at CDU Felicity Gerry QC</td>
<td>Funding of the Indigenous Justice Project for one year</td>
<td>$25,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Planning Action Network Inc.</td>
<td>To hold two public educational seminars promoting a better understanding of the Planning Act and the NT Planning Scheme</td>
<td>$7,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rotary Club of Darwin South on behalf of the Human Rights Award Steering Committee</td>
<td>To bring a keynote speaker to the NT for the NT Human Rights Awards</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barkly Youth Services</td>
<td>Remote court support services for 11-25 year olds</td>
<td>$45,455</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department of the Legislative Assembly</td>
<td>Careers in law forum for school students</td>
<td>$1,134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service</td>
<td>Producing a series of dialogues about legal problems for broadcast on radio</td>
<td>$5,455</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Society Northern Territory</td>
<td>Law Week 2016 community events</td>
<td>$2,727</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Law Society Northern Territory</td>
<td>Funding for Law Week 2016-18</td>
<td>$36,764</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total 2015/16</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>$181,944</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
On behalf of the Society I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretariat and the members of the Committee for their efforts throughout the year. This year again found the Committee less busy than has been the case in recent years.

**Contract of Sale**
The Committee continues its re-drafting of the current Society-approved Contract of Sale used in most residential conveyancing transactions in the NT to accommodate changes in legislation which has occurred since it was last adopted. The Committee has recently met with the Institute of Conveyancers and taken comments on the current draft of the document. It is expected the final version will be sent back to the conveyancers and subject to reaching agreement on any outstanding issues, we are hopeful the amended version will be approved by the Registrar in late 2016.

**National e-Conveyancing Scheme**
The Commercial Law Committee has again continued its contribution to LCA’s working group in the development of the documents and processes necessary to operate the National e-Conveyancing Scheme. The Scheme is now expected to be implemented in the NT next year, which is earlier than we had anticipated. However, time will tell as to whether this comes to fruition.

**Business tenancies**
The NT Government has now submitted to the industry its draft Code of Conduct which is intended to replace the current legislation when it is repealed. Comments and input from stakeholders is in the process of being sought by the Government.

**Unit title legislative reforms**
Again, the drafts of the proposed unit title reforms are still on the drawing board within Government.

My thanks, as always, to my Committee members for their zeal and support throughout the year, even though, once again, it has been on the quiet side in terms of property/commercial matters.

Lyn Bennett
Chairperson
Family Law Committee

The Family Law Committee’s primary focus for the year has been on the Start at the Top Family Law Conference which has been held each January for the last few years. The 2016 conference was held at Parliament House in Darwin. It was coupled with a tour of the building that many of us only ever admire, as we hurry to and from the Supreme Court building, where the Darwin Family Law Courts are now co-located.

The conference is held in what is not known as the most attractive time of year for Darwin but the 2016 conference proceeded smoothly and colourfully, thanks to the dedicated and tireless efforts of Judge Peter Cole of the Federal Circuit Court, not only to organise the conference in collaboration with the Committee, but also to ensure that participants wore colourful and tropical attire.

The Family Law Courts have generously supported several judges attending and presenting at the conference and 2016 was no exception. Presentations that were particularly well-received were by Judge Terry, (a former Darwin family lawyer and judge, who now presides in the Newcastle Registry in NSW) who spoke about mental health issues in family law matters, and a presentation by NT Police about the impact of methamphetamine (ice), which is becoming an increasingly prevalent factor in family law parenting matters.

Police brought bags of ice to the conference, which certainly caught the attention of participants and helped practitioners to get a handle on the lingo and how much ice both light and heavy users may consume. This was juxtaposed with a presentation by Amity Community Services, who had a very different, therapeutic perspective on the ‘ice epidemic’.

The Committee has also advocated for safer and more appropriate Family Law Court facilities in Central Australia. Improving those facilities (and therefore access to justice) continues to be a significant issue for the coming year.

Membership of the Committee has shifted during the year. The Committee has farewelled longstanding members including Diana Elliott, Clara Mills and our former Chairperson, Megan Lawton, who did an excellent job as Chairperson for several years, notwithstanding she is not a family lawyer.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the current and past members of the Family Law Committee for their contribution and good humour throughout the year.”

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the current and past members of the Family Law Committee for their contribution and good humour throughout the year, especially regional practitioners who have the unenviable challenge of participating via telephone, and to invite any family law practitioners who wish to become involved with the Committee to get in contact with us.

Sally Bolton
Chairperson
In 2016, the Legal Practice Committee has continued to meet monthly. I thank all of the members of the Legal Practice Committee, who as volunteers have made substantial contributions to the work of this committee throughout the year.

At both NT and federal levels, there has been substantial law reform in the past 12 months and much of this has been within the scope of the Committee’s functions. In 2016, members of the Committee have considered and made submissions on a wide range of both substantive and procedural matters in the area of legal practice. These include:

- E-filing in the federal courts.
- The second tranche of the amendments in the Return to Work Act, in particular the structured settlements provisions.
- Consideration of ongoing discussions and correspondence amongst the Legal Services Council, LCA and the Australian Bar Association concerning the adoption of the uniform law and the draft general rules as well as the rules of legal practice, legal professional conduct and CPD.
- The delegation of the review and reporting on the progress of the ASCR to the Senior Policy Lawyer at the Society.
- Consideration of caseflow management in the Local Court, including in relation to registry practices, settlement conferences and mediations.
- Consideration of the reforms of the lower courts and tribunals more broadly, including the commencement of the NTCAT and the ongoing expansion of NTCAT’s jurisdiction.
- NTCAT filing and hearing fees and issues concerning in which jurisdiction small claims will be filed and heard.
- Participation in various court users groups.
- Consideration of the ongoing implementation of the NARS strategy and a broadening of the issues to diversity in the workplace, the introduction and adoption of the Equitable Briefing Strategy, certainty in sitting hours in the Supreme Court.
- Ongoing discussions with the Supreme Court about arranging a space not open to the public that practitioners could withdraw to when Court has adjourned.
- Consideration of and attendance at the Local Court forum as to proposed amendments to the Local Court Act and Rules.
- Consideration and attendance at NTCAT forum on changes to the jurisdiction to include matters formerly in the Small Claims Jurisdiction in the Local Court.
- Consideration and attendance at Youth Justice Forum.

These have all been very important issues which in many instances will effect significant change in legal practice. Many of these issues will continue to be relevantly considered by the Committee as the reforms continue to take shape and are implemented, particularly in relation to the amendments to jurisdiction and the changes to procedure.

The Committee will continue to monitor developments in these areas and make submissions as appropriate. Practitioners will be required to become familiar with the impact of these changes in their practices and the commencement dates for legislation, as well as any consequential or other practice directions that may result.

Josine Wynberg
Chairperson
Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee has an important function in the Society’s business. The Committee considers social justice and access to justice issues in the NT and advises and makes recommendations to the Society about these issues. The Society’s PBCH also reports to and is an important part of the Committee.

I thank Lily North for her great and important work as the Society’s Pro Bono Coordinator and Marian Wilson for her equally important work as the Senior Policy Lawyer. During the year, Mrs North left the Society and Ms Wilson has taken on the responsibility of pro bono coordination. I thank Mrs North for her dedicated contribution to the Committee over a number of years.

Membership of the Committee is wide and very stable and only continues to grow in diversity. The members of the Committee are from a wide range of practice areas and demographics from across the NT. The Committee’s output is important in shaping the Society’s responses to issues across many practice areas and standing agenda items include imprisonment, Indigenous and asylum seeker issues, as well as overarching pro bono and access to justice issues.

This year, the Committee enhanced engagement with the policy division of the Attorney-General’s Department, as well as members of government, opposition and independents. Members of the Committee received briefings on new Bills from the policy division, which is acknowledged with thanks and also engaged with stakeholders about various issues. This year, the work of the Committee has included:

- Many law reforms in areas such as Daniel’s Law, drug and police search laws, bail and parole, including Bills to declare drug routes, impose presumptions against bail for people in certain circumstances and the so-called ‘no body, no parole’ reforms.
- The Society’s membership in the MJW coalition.
- Continuing to consider and inform submissions on the implications of alcohol policy in the NT. The Committee has continued to support the Society’s calls for alcohol policy to apply broadly across the community and for a comprehensive plan to deal with alcohol, including a review of the current laws to identify areas of success and shortcomings.
- Ongoing issues with the expansion of the prison numbers in the NT, both in the juvenile and adult population. The NT continues to jail more people than anywhere else in the country and those numbers are only growing, particularly in the Indigenous community. These statistics and the social and financial costs are of great concern to the Committee. The Committee supports early intervention policies that will reduce prisoner numbers, reduce recidivism and take a holistic, therapeutic approach, rather than one of punishment and imprisonment.
- Ongoing issues with legal practitioners at the Darwin Correctional Centre, such as access, maintaining legal professional privilege and interactions between practitioners and Corrections staff. The Society has been regularly meeting with the Department of Corrections and the Corrections Commissioner in relation to these issues and this engagement is appreciated by the Society and has been important to achieving outcomes.
- Youth detention issues, including the ongoing call for a purpose-built juvenile detention facility, equipped with suitable numbers of appropriately trained staff.
- Funding for the legal assistance sector, including the contraction of funding for the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission and the restriction in legal aid funding services to the private profession and supporting the LCA’s Legal Aid Matters campaign during Law Week.
- The Society is also represented on the LCA’s access to justice, Indigenous issues, criminal law and human rights committees. I thank each of the representatives on these committees for the important work they have done and continue to do in advancing the NT’s interests in these national groups.

I thank all members of the Committee for their work and commitment during the year.

Tass Liveris
Chairperson
Reconciliation Action Plan Implementation Committee

The RAP Committee brings together many of the NT Indigenous lawyers, as well as non-Indigenous lawyers, to implement strategies to advance the targets and objectives in the Society’s RAP.

The Society’s key objectives in the RAP include:
• To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to advocate for law and policy reform;
• To be informed by the experience and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in law reform and policy; and
• To support our members and partner organisations to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with equitable access to culturally safe legal services.

The RAP is intended to build upon the work of the past in a structured way and to contribute to reconciliation through relationships, respect, education and other opportunities.

The RAP was launched in August 2014. One of the key challenges faced by the Committee during the year was whether to renew the RAP, which lapsed on 31 December 2015. The Committee spent a lot of time discussing whether to renew the RAP with Reconciliation Australia in the same form, or whether the objectives in the RAP could be advanced in a more focussed, strategic and targeted way. The Committee was also concerned that the reporting criteria set by Reconciliation Australia meant that much of the progress and work of the Committee was not reportable and so the Committee considered whether different models could enable an ability to meaningfully report outcomes against objectives.

For a wide range of reasons, the Committee determined that the initiatives in the RAP could be more productively advanced through the formation of an Indigenous Lawyers Association (Association). The Association was established in lieu of a RAP and the purpose and objectives of it mirror those in the RAP and the Association continues to receive the support of the Society.

I am the inaugural president of the Association which is called Winkiku Rrumbangi NT Indigenous Lawyers Aboriginal Corporation. Membership is open to all Indigenous lawyers and law students, as well as non-Indigenous lawyers and law students.

The Society is looking forward to working closely with the Association to continue the hard work that has been done over many years in the areas of reconciliation and in the respectful and culturally aware advancement of Indigenous causes in the legal system.

The Society thanks all of the members of the RAP Implementation Committee for their work during the year.

David Woodroffe
Chairperson
Secretariat

CEO Unit

Kellie Grainger
Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
The LPA creates the position of CEO of the Society. Pursuant to section 641 of the LPA the CEO is subject to the directions of the Council and responsible for the day-to-day management of the Society’s affairs. Pursuant to the LPA, the CEO has roles as public or principal officer under the Associations Act and Ombudsman Act. The CEO is a member of the Funds Management Committee. In general terms, the CEO is responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation and reporting against the Strategic Plan of the Society and particularly developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders. The CEO is responsible for the Society’s advocacy including oversight of submissions and representing the profession on various committees and working groups.

Marian Wilson
Senior Policy Lawyer (SPL)
The SPL supports the Society’s advocacy work by undertaking research and preparing submissions and reports on behalf of the Society. The SPL participates in various committees, providing executive support and research. The SPL participates in many LCA national networks and represents the Society in other forums. The SPL is responsible for the publication of the Society’s e-newsletter, Practitioner. The SPL is also the Pro Bono Coordinator which involves overseeing the processing and reporting of applications to the PBCH and managing the pro bono register.

Rebecca Hamersley
Executive Assistant (EA)
This role provides administrative support to the CEO and to the CSM. The role is responsible for executive support to the Council, Executive and other committees including meetings, calendar and travel. The role has primary responsibility for preparation of meeting materials including agenda, minutes and action items.

Yvette Buffon
Administration Support Officer and Publications Officer (ASO)
The ASO provides administrative support to the Secretariat. The ASO is charged with collating content and overseeing the publication of the Society’s Balance magazine and oversight of templates, invitations and brochures. The position also assists with setting up meetings and events and general administrative services e.g. collection and distribution of incoming and outgoing mail.
Regulatory Services Unit

Kellie Grainger  
Manager Regulatory Services (MRS)  
The MRS investigates complaints against legal practitioners and has the role of in-house Counsel. The MRS also prepares advices to the Council on the LPA. The MRS provides regulatory oversight of the management of trust accounts under the LPA, and LPR, including external examination of trust accounts. The MRS has management oversight of regulation, licensing and professional development. The MRS develops policy documents and guidelines relating to professional standards of legal practitioners.

Bella Basilides  
Professional Development Officer (PDO)  
The PDO is the coordinator of the CPD Program for the Society, in accordance with the CPD Scheme as contained in the LPR. The role liaises with the CPD Committee to organise speakers, venues, videoconferencing and promotion. The role deals with member enquiries, management and record keeping of attendance and performs random audits of practitioner CPD declarations.

Ella King  
Licensing Officer (LO)  
The LO has primary responsibility for the processing and administration of practising certificates and provides information to practitioners and members of the public in relation to legal practice in the NT as well as membership and general queries. The position also provides Secretariat support to the Legal Practitioners Admission Board. The LO provides assistance to the MRS and maintains operational databases. The LO also provides Secretariat support to the Society’s CPD and Ethics Committees. The LO is a part-time role.

Pam Jaenke  
Administration Officer Regulation and Events Coordinator (AOR)  
The AOR provides administration support to the Regulatory Services Unit. This role includes maintaining databases and reporting systems while also providing administrative assistance to the PDO. The Events Coordinator has oversight over the Society’s events and functions including CPDs.

Corporate Services Unit

Julie Davis  
Corporate Services Manager (CSM)  
The CSM is responsible for the finances and financial records of the Society, the PPT, Northern Territory Council of Law Reporting Inc., and the Legal Practitioners’ Fidelity Fund. The role includes management of human and administrative resources, delivery of services to Council and members, oversight of IT, records management and other office systems. Additionally, the role undertakes the functions of Secretary of the Legal Practitioners’ Fidelity Fund and Minute Secretary to the Executive.

Dagmar Brautigam  
Finance Officer (FO)  
The FO provides bookkeeping and payroll services to the Corporate Services Unit in relation to the accounts of the Society, Legal Practitioners’ Fidelity Fund, PPT and Northern Territory Council of Law Reporting Inc. The FO is also Secretary of the PPT.

Angie Perry-Mansell  
Reception and Administration Assistant (RAA)  
The RAA deals with general enquiries from members and the public and provides general information. The RAA assists the Secretariat with administrative duties including but not limited to processing daily incoming mail, filing, archiving, data entry, assistance with meetings and undertaking special projects as required. The RAA is a part-time role.
Index

Statement of financial position  2
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income  3
Statement of changes in equity  4
Statement of cash flows  5
Notes to the financial statements  6
Statement by Council  13
Independent audit report to the members  14
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>NOTE</th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1,007,630</td>
<td>950,108</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receivables</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>50,274</td>
<td>90,489</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,057,904</td>
<td>1,041,596</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>83,146</td>
<td>95,042</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intangible assets</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8,848</td>
<td>6,531</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total non-current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>91,994</td>
<td>101,573</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,149,898</td>
<td>1,143,169</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Payables</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>133,322</td>
<td>98,078</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unexpended funds</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>43,173</td>
<td>44,030</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee benefits</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>79,440</td>
<td>84,358</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total current liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>255,935</td>
<td>226,466</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee benefits</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>46,230</td>
<td>57,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>302,165</td>
<td>283,988</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>847,733</td>
<td>859,181</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MEMBERS EQUITY</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accumulated funds</td>
<td></td>
<td>847,733</td>
<td>859,181</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The notes on pages 6 to 13 are an integral part of these financial statements.
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NOTE</th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INCOME</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation and amortisation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL EXPENSES</td>
<td>2,135,501</td>
<td>2,068,967</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer (to) unexpended funds</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>(43,173)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</td>
<td></td>
<td>(11,448)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other comprehensive income for the period</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total comprehensive income for the period</td>
<td></td>
<td>(11,448)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The notes on pages 6 to 13 are an integral part of these financial statements.
# Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Accumulated Funds $</th>
<th>Total Equity $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance at 1 July 2014</strong></td>
<td>846,318</td>
<td>846,318</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total comprehensive income</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surplus for the year</td>
<td>12,863</td>
<td>12,863</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total comprehensive income for the year</strong></td>
<td>12,863</td>
<td>12,863</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance at 30 June 2015</strong></td>
<td>859,181</td>
<td>859,181</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance at 1 July 2015</strong></td>
<td>859,181</td>
<td>859,181</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total comprehensive income</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Deficit) for the year</td>
<td>(11,448)</td>
<td>(11,488)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total comprehensive income for the year</strong></td>
<td>847,733</td>
<td>847,733</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance at 30 June 2016</strong></td>
<td>847,733</td>
<td>847,733</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The notes on pages 6 to 13 are an integral part of these financial statements
Statement of cash flows
As at 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>NOTE</th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash receipts from LPFF, PPT members and customers</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,126,028</td>
<td>1,984,535</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash paid to suppliers and employees</td>
<td></td>
<td>(2,070,429)</td>
<td>(2,007,486)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash generated used from/(used in) operations</td>
<td></td>
<td>55,599</td>
<td>(22,951)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net cash used from/(used in) operating activities</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>55,599</td>
<td>(22,951)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest received</td>
<td></td>
<td>21,916</td>
<td>19,626</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Acquisition of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td></td>
<td>(19,993)</td>
<td>(67,584)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net cash from / (used in) investing activities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,923</td>
<td>(47,958)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Net cash from/ (used in) financing activities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td></td>
<td>57,522</td>
<td>(70,909)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July</td>
<td></td>
<td>950,108</td>
<td>1,021,017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1,007,630</td>
<td>950,108</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The notes on pages 6 to 13 are an integral part of these financial statements.
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

1 REPORTING ENTITY

Law Society Northern Territory (the “Society”) is an entity domiciled in Australia. The address of the Society’s registered office is Level 3, 9 Cavenagh St, Darwin, NT 0800. The Society is a not-for-profit entity.

The Society has a dual role to act as both a regulatory body for the profession and a representative body for members. The Society is responsible for maintaining professional standards and hearing complaints against practitioners and also to represent the interests of the legal profession to the government, media, business and general community, and to professional organisations.

In the opinion of the Council, the Society is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs. The financial statements of the Society have been prepared as a special purpose financial report for distribution to the members and the funding body to meet the requirements of the Legal Profession Act and the Society’s Constitution and Rules.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

(a) Statement of compliance

The special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Legal Profession Act and the Society’s Constitution and Rules and the recognition, measurement and classification aspects of all applicable Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB).

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Society’s Constitution and Rules and are, in the opinion of the Council, appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The specific accounting policies described in Note 3, which are consistent with the previous period have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

(c) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other source. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The Society has consistently applied these accounting policies.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future period affected. The accounting polices set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in the financial report.
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these accounts are:

(a) Income tax
No provision has been made in the accounts for a tax liability. On 1 July 2001, the Society was endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as an income tax exempt body.

(b) Revenue
Income from the sale of goods and rendering of services is recognised in the income statement when the significant risks and ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and term deposits.

(d) Receivables
The collectability of debts is assessed at reporting date and specific allowance is made for any doubtful accounts.

(e) Property, plant and equipment
Items of property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost and are depreciated as outlined below.

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives in years. The reducing balance method of depreciation is used.

Any gain/loss on disposal of an item of property plant and equipment is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

(f) Intangible assets
Intangible assets that are acquired by the Society, which have finite useful lives, are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a reducing balance method over the estimated useful lives of the intangible assets from the date that they are available for use.

(g) Payables
Payables are stated at cost.

(h) Operating leases
Payments made under operating leases are expensed on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

(i) Employee entitlements
The provision for employee entitlements relates to amounts expected to be paid to employees for annual leave and long service leave and is based on legal and contractual entitlements and leave utilisation. The policy is to provide for long service leave after 3 years of service. Expected wage rates are used in the calculation of the provisions.

(j) Legal Practitioners Fidelity Funds
The Fidelity Fund grants comprises of funds received from the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund to meet the costs and expenses incurred by the Society in administering the Legal Profession Act.

Funds received from the Fidelity Fund are recognised as income in the year of receipt. Unexpended funds at year-end are reflected in the balance sheet as a liability, as these will usually be returned to the Fidelity Fund unless other arrangements have been agreed with the Funds Management Committee.
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONT.

(k) Comparatives
When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash at bank</td>
<td>147,300</td>
<td>77,532</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term deposits</td>
<td>860,330</td>
<td>872,576</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,007,630</td>
<td>950,108</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

Cash flows from operating activities

(Deficit)/Surplus for the year  
(11,448)  12,863

Adjustments for:

Depreciation  
21,260  18,085

Amortisation of intangible assets  
4,208  8,226

Loss on disposal of property plant and equipment  
4,104  49,541

Interest income  
(21,916)  (19,626)

Change in trade and other receivables  
40,215  (46,042)

Change in prepayments  
999  4,885

Change in trade and other payables  
34,387  (73,206)

Change in provisions and employee benefits  
(16,210)  22,323

Cash generated from/(used in) operating activities  
55,599  (22,951)

Net cash from/(used in) operating activities  
55,599  (22,951)
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td><strong>INCOME</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fidelity funds</td>
<td>1,753,173</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Other income</td>
<td>414,053</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Total income</td>
<td>2,167,226</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td><strong>RECEIVABLES</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Debtors</td>
<td>31,253</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Accrued income</td>
<td>3,300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Security deposit</td>
<td>300</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>GST receivable</td>
<td>15,421</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>50,274</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td><strong>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Plant and equipment – at cost</td>
<td>95,854</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(56,556)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>39,298</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Furniture and fittings – at cost</td>
<td>46,888</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(19,473)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>27,415</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Capital renovations</td>
<td>18,217</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Less: Accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(1,784)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>16,433</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Total non-current assets - at net book value</strong></td>
<td>83,146</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

### 7 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

#### Plant and equipment reconciliation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at beginning of year</td>
<td>50,572</td>
<td>46,043</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>5,412</td>
<td>23,853</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disposals</td>
<td>(22,408)</td>
<td>(4,561)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation on disposal</td>
<td>18,484</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(12,762)</td>
<td>(14,763)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at end of year</td>
<td>39,298</td>
<td>50,572</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Furniture and fittings reconciliation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at beginning of year</td>
<td>33,994</td>
<td>22,281</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>33,069</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disposals</td>
<td>(375)</td>
<td>(18,220)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation on disposal</td>
<td>195</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(6,899)</td>
<td>(3,136)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at end of year</td>
<td>27,415</td>
<td>33,994</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Capital renovations reconciliation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2016 $</th>
<th>2015 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at beginning of year</td>
<td>10,476</td>
<td>26,726</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>7,555</td>
<td>10,662</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disposals</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(26,726)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(1,598)</td>
<td>(186)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at end of year</td>
<td>16,433</td>
<td>10,476</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

### 8 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>2016 ($)</th>
<th>2015 ($)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Software, website and database development – at cost</td>
<td>72,466</td>
<td>65,941</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated amortisation</td>
<td>(63,618)</td>
<td>(59,410)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Intangible assets reconciliation</strong></td>
<td>8,848</td>
<td>6,531</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at beginning of year</td>
<td>6,531</td>
<td>14,791</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>6,525</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Disposals/ write-offs</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(34)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amortisation</td>
<td>(4,208)</td>
<td>(8,226)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carrying amount at end of year</td>
<td>8,848</td>
<td>6,531</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 9 TRADE CREDITORS AND OTHER PAYABLES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>2016 ($)</th>
<th>2015 ($)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trade creditors and other payables</td>
<td>49,973</td>
<td>51,920</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PAYG Tax clearing account</td>
<td>32,935</td>
<td>19,152</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accrued charges</td>
<td>27,033</td>
<td>12,303</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Social club</td>
<td>2,305</td>
<td>2,211</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Others</td>
<td>21,076</td>
<td>12,492</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>133,322</td>
<td>98,078</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 10 UNEXPENDED FUNDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>2016 ($)</th>
<th>2015 ($)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Balance as at beginning of year</td>
<td>44,030</td>
<td>119,687</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Funds received during the year</td>
<td>1,729,942</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Funds expended</td>
<td>(857)</td>
<td>(1,805,599)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at end of year</td>
<td>43,173</td>
<td>44,030</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Current</td>
<td>2016</td>
<td>2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Annual leave</td>
<td>$43,029</td>
<td>$52,344</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Long service leave</td>
<td>$36,411</td>
<td>$32,014</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$79,440</td>
<td>$84,358</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Non-current</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Long service leave</td>
<td>$46,230</td>
<td>$57,522</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>AUDITORS’ REMUNERATION</td>
<td>$5,500</td>
<td>$5,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A claim has been made against the Society after the end of the financial year. Further disclosure of this claim can be expected to prejudice the position of the Society.
Statement by the Council

In the opinion of the Council of Law Society Northern Territory:

(a) the Society is not a reporting entity; and

(b) the financial statements, as set out on pages 2 to 13, being a special purpose financial report, are drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of Law Society Northern Territory as at 30 June 2016 and the results of the Society for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1;

(c) the accounts of the Society have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of the account of the Society; and

(d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

We confirm as follows:

(a) The name of each Council member during the relevant financial year were:
   - Tass Liveris President
   - Candice Maclean Vice President
   - Josine Wynberg Secretary
   - Jeff Collins Treasurer/Councillor
   - Maria Savvas Councillor/Treasurer
   - David Woodroffe Councillor
   - Emma Farnell Councillor
   - Andrew Giles Councillor
   - Leonique Swart Councillor
   - Sally Bolton Councillor
   - Tony Whitelum Alice Spring Representative
   - Mark O’Reilly Alice Springs Alternate Representative
   - David Alderman NTBA Representative
   - Hugh Bond NTYL Representative
   - Dominic Gomez NTYL Alternate Representative

(b) The principal activities of the Society during the relevant financial year were:
   Carrying out the duties and functions as prescribed in the Legal Profession Act (2006).

(c) The net deficit of the Society for the relevant financial year was $11,448.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Council of the Society:

Tass Liveris  Maria Savvas
President    Treasurer

Date 12 - 09 - 16
Independent audit report
to the Council of Law Society
Northern Territory

We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial report of Law Society Northern Territory ("the Society"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the Statement by Council.

The Society's Council is responsible for the preparation of the special purpose financial report, and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the reporting requirements of the Legal Profession Act and the Society's Constitution and Rules and are appropriate to meet the needs of the Society. The Society's Council is also responsible for such controls as the Council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessments of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Society's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence
In conducting our audit we have met the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.
Auditor’s Opinion
In our opinion, the special purpose financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Law Society Northern Territory as of 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting
Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist Law Society Northern Territory to meet the reporting requirements of the Legal Profession Act and the Society’s Constitution and Rules. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Merit Partners
MunLi Chee
Director
DARWIN
13 September 2016
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Acronym</th>
<th>Full Form</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AOR</td>
<td>Administration Officer Regulation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASCR</td>
<td>Australian Solicitors’ Conduct Rules</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ASO</td>
<td>Administration Support Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CDU</td>
<td>Charles Darwin University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CEO</td>
<td>Chief Executive Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CPD</td>
<td>Continuing professional development</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CSM</td>
<td>Corporate Services Manager</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EA</td>
<td>Executive Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FO</td>
<td>Finance Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAC</td>
<td>Independent Commission Against Corruption</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LCA</td>
<td>Law Council of Australia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LO</td>
<td>Licensing Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LPA</td>
<td>Legal Profession Act 2006</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LPR</td>
<td>Legal Profession Regulations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MJW</td>
<td>Making Justice Work</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MRS</td>
<td>Manager Regulatory Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NARS</td>
<td>National Attrition and Re-Engagement Study</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NT</td>
<td>Northern Territory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NTCAT</td>
<td>Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OLY</td>
<td>Opening of the Legal Year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OMARA</td>
<td>Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PBCH</td>
<td>Pro Bono Clearing House</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PDO</td>
<td>Professional Development Officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PII</td>
<td>Professional indemnity insurance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PPT</td>
<td>Law Society Public Purposes Trust</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAA</td>
<td>Reception and Administration Assistant</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RAP</td>
<td>Reconciliation Action Plan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Society, the</td>
<td>Law Society Northern Territory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPL</td>
<td>Senior Policy Lawyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tribunal, the</td>
<td>Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Legal Disclaimer

While Law Society Northern Territory has endeavoured to ensure that all information in this production is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication, it takes no responsibility for any error or omission relating to this information. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Law Society Northern Territory will not be liable for any cost, loss or damage (whether caused by negligence or otherwise) suffered by you through your use of this information.