

***Notice of Annual General Meeting***  
**Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand Inc.**  
**(Qld Incorporation Number: IA35089)**

The Annual General Meeting of the Law and Society Association of Australia and  
New Zealand will be held at

**1:30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
UTS Building 11, Ground Level Lecture Theatre (CB11.00.401)  
*AGM to run strictly to 30 minutes*

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**Agenda**

The Annual General Meeting will conduct the following business:

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM (for approval)
3. President's Report
4. 2022-2023 Financial Statements
5. Retirement of 2023 Management Committee
6. Election of 2024 Management Committee & Office Bearers
7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand Inc.**  
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**Wednesday 7 December 2022**  
**12midday (AEDT) / 11am (QLD) / 11.30pm (ACDT) / 2pm (NZDT)**

Held virtually via zoom

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The Annual General Meeting conducted the following business:

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

The President welcomed attendees to the Annual General Meeting.

Attending: Bridgette Toy-Cronin (Chair), Paulette Benton-Greig, Allen George, Juliet Davis, Robyn Holder, Ian Smith, Mihiata Pirini, Trish Luker, Emma Henderson, Nicole Shackleton, Kayla Stewart, Dean Knight, Esther Erlings, Alysia Blackham, Anna High, Bill Swannie, Kate Falconer, Kcasey McLoughlin

Proxies were received from: Jennifer Braithwaite, Louisa Gibbs, Jane Wangmann, Marc Trabsky, Marie Hadley, Kathy Bowrey, Anna Dzedzic, Heather Douglas, Linda Steele, Amy Barrow, Sharyn Roach Anleu, Beth Goldblatt, W. John Hopkins, John Page, Jennifer Nielsen, Jess Mant, Ben Schonthal

**2. Minutes of 2021 AGM**

The minutes of the 2021 AGM held virtually on 10 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

Moved: Bridgette Toy-Cronin

Seconded: Emma Henderson

**Approved**

**3. President's Report**

The President, Bridgette Toy-Cronin, provided the President's Report in writing ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that this report should be taken as read.

LSAANZ President's Report to the AGM  
21 November 2022

The LSAANZ committees have had a busy year navigating the challenges of running the Association in what continues to be a difficult environment. The following is an update on the key activities of the Association during 2022.

## **Membership**

The membership period began on 1 July 2022. We currently have 89 members registered (9 are post grads). This is a comparable number to past years which is pleasing given the fact we have not hosted an in-person event for the last three years. We continued to receive a steady number of sign-ups throughout the year.

We have now instituted a process to send personalized reminders to people who were members in the previous financial year, prompting them to consider signing up again. We hope this will create greater continuity in membership, essential for community building.

## **LSAANZ Listserv**

We have established a Google Group for all current members. The purpose of this group is to give LSAANZ a more immediate and ongoing presence in members' inboxes. When people join the organization we add them to the group (but people can easily unsubscribe if they don't want this feature). This allows members to share news with each other and for LSAANZ to contact the current membership easily. We hope this will continue to strengthen the sense of community even when there is no face-to-face contact but we welcome member feedback on this feature.

## **LSAANZ events**

We held some online book talks to offer an opportunity for community building and sharing research. Due to financial constraints within universities and continuing uncertainty over travel, we decided not to host a conference this year. The Association is in a strong financial position due to limited spending and a steady membership base. The challenge now is to back to in-person events so that we can maintain the essential connections as a scholarly group through face-to-face interaction.

UTS have indicated a willingness to host the 2023 LSAANZ conference. Our thanks to Trish Luker for her work in getting us to this point. The details of this are still being worked out but the hope is that we can host an in-person conference in Sydney, 6-8 December 2023.

As an organization we need to decide whether to try and maintain the pre-pandemic pattern of hosting an annual conference or whether to move to a model of offering online events one year, followed by a conference in the second year. Since its inception, LSAANZ's major activity has been delivering an annual conference, so deviating from this (as we have in the last few years) is a significant departure from what was originally conceived as LSAANZ's core purpose. What we have encountered in the pandemic environment (and to a certain extent even before the pandemic) is difficulty in securing a host institution, the unwillingness of host institutions to carry risk (meaning that any losses must be carried by LSAANZ), and the restraints on academics' travel budgets. We therefore need to consider what to do in this new environment and welcome member feedback on this point.

## **HDR/Post grad**

Ian Smith has done a fantastic job as post grad representative this year and has established a Facebook group for the post graduate members. That is providing a space for them to build community and hopefully nurture the next generation of leaders for the organization.

## **LSA Lisbon**

LSA Lisbon an international meeting held in Portugal in July 2022 with LSAANZ as cosponsor. We had a poster and online presence at the conference and a special thanks to Robyn Holder and Trish Luker who attended and represented LSAANZ at various in person events. It was a very hot but very dynamic and exciting event. LSAANZ hosted two

panels, one on the Black Lives Matters issue of *Legalities* and one on litigants in person. Participating in this event was important to ensuring our global connections and profile and I thank everyone who took part.

### **LSAANZ publication prizes**

The call for nominations closed on 15 July 2022. We received a bumper crop of submissions and the prizes subcommittee organized two reviews of each piece submitted, considered the reviews, and made the decisions. This is a huge job and we thank them for their efforts. Our thanks also to the reviewers for contributing their time.

### **Legalities**

The Association's journal *Legalities* is now in its second year of publishing. Our congratulations to the journal's managing editors Carwyn Jones, Trish Luker, and John Page, for the two fantastic volumes published this year. We encourage members to consider publishing in this journal, to encourage your institution's library to purchase a subscription, and to raise your colleagues' awareness of the journal.

I would like to thank everyone who has participated over the year. You have been generous with your time and energy, which has been essential to LSAANZ's continued strength. I look forward to continuing to lead LSAANZ in 2023 and hopefully to seeing many of you in person next December.

I wish you and your families a safe and restful holiday season.

Kind regards,  
Bridgette Toy-Cronin

In addition to her written report, the President was pleased to announce that LSAANZ will be holding its next conference at UTS between 6-8 December 2023. She thanked Trish Luker for her work in bringing this to fruition.

Trish Luker asked whether any progress had been made regarding the LSAANZ oral history project. Robyn Holder stated that she and Emma Henderson have commenced preparatory work on the project. The project will be returned to the agenda in 2023.

#### **4. 2020-2021 Financial Statements**

The Treasurer, Allen George, presented the financial statements for FY21-22.

LSAANZ held \$19616 at the end of the financial year. He noted that this year LSAANZ made a surplus and that we have received the highest ever amount of membership fees. He also noted that there were some increased expenses due to improving and maintaining the LSAANZ website and some payments for events.

Moved to accept the financial statement: Bridgette Toy-Cronin

Seconded: Robyn Holder

The Treasurer's report was **approved**.

## **5. Retirement of 2022 Management Committee**

Bridgette Toy-Cronin announced the retirement of the 2022 management committee and office bearers.

She thanked Juliet Davis (Secretary) and Robyn Holder (Ordinary Member) who were retiring from their positions on the executive committee.

## **6. Election of 2023 Management Committee**

The election of the 2023 management committee and office bearers was conducted by an advance online ballot. Kayla Stewart and Beth Goldblatt acted as election officers for the advance online ballot.

Kayla Stewart announced the results.

President:

Bridgette Toy-Cronin

Vice president:

Paulette Benton-Greig

Treasurer:

Allen George

Secretary:

Kate Falconer

Postgraduate representative:

Ian Smith

Ordinary member – executive:

Jennifer Nielsen

Ordinary member – management:

Bill Swannie

Cristy Clark

Dean Knight

Esther Erlings

Jane Wangmann

Jennifer Nielsen

John Page

Juliet Davis

Linda Steele

Nicole Shackleton

Robyn Holder

NB: Trish Luker. In accordance with the association's constitution, Trish is appointed ex officio to the Management Committee for the duration of her time as Managing Editor.

Publications prizes committee:

Esther Erlings  
Jennifer Nielsen  
Marc Trabsky

Conference planning committee;

Jane Wangmann  
Jennifer Nielsen  
Linda Steele  
Robyn Holder  
Trish Luker

Communications officer:

Kayla Stewart

All the above were ratified as the new Management Committee for 2023.

**Approved.**

#### **7. Motion to amend signatories to LSAANZ bank account**

Resolution: "It is resolved that departing office bearers are removed as signatories to the Association's bank account and new officer bearers are added."

Moved: Allen George

Seconded: Paulette Benton-Greig

The motion was **approved**.

Approved bank signatories are Kate Falconer and Jennifer Nielsen. Removed are Juliet Davis and Robyn Holder.

#### **8. Consideration Regarding Public Liability Insurance**

The members present were advised that the Association does not currently have any public liability insurance. The Treasurer advised that on the basis of advice received from insurance industry contacts, the Association does not require public liability as it does not have a physical space.

The resolution was put that, given the Association's size and annual income and the institutional hosting of Association events, Association will not secure public liability insurance for the upcoming year.

Moved: Robyn Holder

Seconded: Allen George

The motion was **approved**.

## **9. Next meeting**

The members were advised that the date for the next AGM would be set closer to the date, but would be expected to be held during the LSAANZ conference between 6-8 December 2023.

AGM closed.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30-Jun-23**

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Presented at the 2023 Annual General Meeting  
UTS on 7 December 2023



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## Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2021

	2023	2022
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Westpac Bank	19902.43	19616.09
Cash at Hand		
Cheques to be Deposited		
Trade Receivables		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>19902.43</b>	<b>19616.09</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>19902.43</b>	<b>19616.09</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade Creditors	0	0
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>19902.43</b>	<b>19616.09</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Retained Earnings	19902.43	19616.09
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>19902.43</b>	<b>19616.09</b>

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**Profit and Loss Appropriation**

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2023	2022
<b>RETAINED PROFITS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>19616.09</b>	<b>18850.37</b>
<b>PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>		
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	286.34	765.72
<b>PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAX</b>	<b>286.34</b>	<b>765.72</b>
<b>RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>19902.43</u></b>	<b><u>19616.09</u></b>

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## Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2023	2022
<b>ORDINARY INCOME</b>		
Set up Donation (SLRC)		
Membership fees [Note 1]	4440	4160
Donations		200
Conference Income [Note 2]		
Interest Income		
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<u>4440</u>	<u>4360</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4440</b>	<b>4360</b>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>		
Administration Expenses	79.4	57.6
Contributions/Advertising	619.83	
Event/Conference Expenses/Prizes	800	1780.91
Graduate Scholarships		
Insurances		
Bank Expenses	271.93	295.21
Website Maintenance	2382.5	1460.56
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>	<u>4153.66</u>	<u>3594.28</u>
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS)</b>	<u><u>286.34</u></u>	<u><u>765.72</u></u>