

# Meeting Minutes



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## The 2018 LIV Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, 28 November 2018 (5:30pm-6:30pm).

**Location:** Law Institute of Victoria, Lecture Theatre, 470 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

**Attendees:** Brendan Lacota, Sam Dipnall, Tayler Bourke, Michael Safari, Nikolas Kalcic, Matthew Daly, Jason Koutes, Adam Wakeling, Rebecca Pugh, Rachel Corbett, Lucinda Bordignon, Alannah Hogan, Rebecca McCarthy, Emily Gibney, Amanda Di Placido, Georgia Smith, Henry Hunt, Carla Giaquinta, John Stack, Jacob McCahon, Alice Cooney, Deanne Koonwhyte.

**Apologies:** Phoebe Blank, Julianna Marshall, Stefani Janson, Chelsea Campagna, Laura Wilson, Chavala Kobluk.

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#### 1 2018 LIV Young Lawyers President's Welcome

Mr Brendan Lacota opened the 2018 LIV Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting, and welcomed all attendees coming together to celebrate this year's work of the LIV Young Lawyers (YL).

Mr Lacota commended section chairs/co-chairs, together with the YL membership on their shared achievements in 2018. Mr Lacota summarised the three thematic focuses of the YL Executive Committee leadership for this year included, wellbeing in the legal profession, closing the gender pay gap, and preparing for the future of legal practice, with a range of initiatives implemented that substantively advanced these objectives, including:

- the adoption by the LIV Council of a formal LIV position on the issue of unpaid internships in the legal profession, and the publication of fact sheet guidance to the profession for both unpaid interns and legal practices taking on unpaid vocational placements.
- a submission from the YL Professional Development Committee advocating for our members against proposed changes to PLT admission requirements that would disadvantage members unable to complete consecutive placement days.
- the wide range of free social events and activities organised for members by the YL Social Committee.
- the substantive work of the Law Reform Committee, together with the successful partnerships supporting the Federation of Community Legal Centers, Orange Sky, and Whitelion.
- the work of the Later Lawyers Network on recognition within the legal industry of their post-qualification experience and the benefits of their prior career skills, together with advancing wellbeing and care for later lawyers with mental health supports and skills.

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- the unprecedented high level of engagement with our YL events and activities this year, including over 650 attendees at the LIV Legal Careers Fair, together with a sold-out LIV Trivia Night and Victorian Golden Gavel Competition.
- the alignment of the *Young Lawyers Blog* and *Young Lawyers Journal* content capturing and developing the three key themes of the YL Executive in a range of articles for members.
- the forthcoming anticipated launch of the YL Online Resource Centre offering an enhanced benefit for members seeking career advice and guidance no matter what stage of their career they are at.

Mr Lacota thanked the YL Executive Committee team and work of Vice-President, Julianna Marshall, in particular leveraging and building our relationship with the Victorian Women Lawyers. Mr Lacota thanked LIV Council Liaison, Sam Pandya and the support of the LIV Council. Mr Lacota thanked LIV President, Belinda Wilson for her support of the section throughout the year. Finally, Mr Lacota thanked LIV Young Lawyers Acting Manager, Sam Dipnall for his work and dedication supporting the delivery of the section’s vision and ambitions for this year.

**3 Presentation of the 2018 LIV Young Lawyers Committee Reports**

The following Committee chairs, co-chairs and representatives presented their annual contributions and reports to the membership:

- Executive Committee
- Editorial Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Law Reform Committee
- Community Issues Committee
- Social Committee
- Later Lawyers Network Representative
- Regional and Suburban Representatives

The following LIV Young Lawyers committee members received awards to acknowledge their outstanding contribution to the work of the section this year:

- Carla Giaquinta, Executive Committee
- Laura Wilson, Editorial Committee
- Adam Wakeling, Professional Development Committee
- Rebecca McCarthy, Law Reform Committee
- Stefani Janson, Community Issues Committee
- Lucinda Bordignon, Social Committee
- Chavala Kobluk, Later Lawyers Network
- Rebecca Pugh, Regional and Suburban Representative

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	Mr Lacota presented each Committee Chair with a gift from the LIV on behalf of the membership to thank them for the valuable contribution they made this year.
4	<p><b>Presentation of the 2018 LIV Young Lawyers Annual Report</b></p> <p>Mr Lacota presented the 2018 LIV Young Lawyers Annual Report to the membership. Copies were distributed to members, together with an electronic copy available on the LIV Young Lawyers website to be made available following the meeting.</p>
5	<p><b>Announcement of the 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Mr Lacota announced the successful candidates for positions on the 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers President is Matthew Daly.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Vice-President is Alice Cooney.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Professional Development Committee Chair is Lucinda Bordignon.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Community Issues Committee co-chairs are Georgia Smith and Amanda Di Placido.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Law Reform Committee co-chairs are Brendan Lacota and Jacob McCahon.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Suburban Representative is Jason Koutes.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Regional Representative is Chelsea Campagna.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Social Committee co-chairs are Carla Giaquinta and Tayler Bourke.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 Later Lawyers Network Representative is John Stack.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Editorial Committee chair is Alice Cooney and Kate Wild.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Welcome to the 2019 LIV Young Lawyers President</b></p> <p>Mr Lacota welcomed Mr Matthew Daly as the incoming 2019 President of the LIV Young Lawyers. Mr Daly then addressed the membership, setting out his vision to further extend and grow the work of the section in 2019.</p>

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7	<p><b>Thank you</b></p> <p>Mr Lacota thanked all attendees and members for supporting the work of the section this year, and invited everyone to a post-event function at Campari House.</p>
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