

# Meeting Minutes



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## The 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Friday, 29 November 2019 (5:30pm-6:30pm).

**Location:** Law Institute of Victoria, Conference rooms 1 & 2, Level 13, 140 William Street, Melbourne.

**Attendees:** Nick Dodds, Tom Ellison, Jade Hopper, Annmarie Geros, Jacob McCahon, Abdul Torabi, Victoria Murachenkov, Peter Whiting, Duncan Pittard, Brendan Lacota, Josh Andrews, Alan Akyayli, Kamal Deakin, Jason Koutes, Kunal Singh, Carla Giaquinta, Tayler Bourke, Amanda Di Placido, John Stack, Georgia Smith, Radu Catrina, Tessa Micucci, Rose Inglis and Alice Cooney and Ingrid Nagerka via Zoom

**Apologies:** Ben McLean

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1	<p data-bbox="252 1115 842 1144"><b>2019 LIV Young Lawyers President's Welcome</b></p> <p data-bbox="252 1182 1385 1283"><i>Mr Matthew Daly opened the 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting, and welcomed all attendees coming together to celebrate this year's work of the LIV Young Lawyers (YL).</i></p> <p data-bbox="252 1323 1409 1491">Mr Daly commended section chairs/co-chairs, together with the YL membership on their shared achievements in 2019. Mr Daly summarised the three thematic focuses of the YL Executive Committee leadership for this year included, increasing equality, facilitating wellness and embracing technology, with a range of initiatives implemented that substantively advanced these objectives, including:</p> <ul data-bbox="284 1532 1425 2033" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="284 1532 1425 1666">• The implementation of the LIV YL Online Resource Centre at the start of 2019, an initiative spanning multiple years, which resulted in the collation and categorisation of dozens of articles for law students, new practitioners, and emerging leaders with 3-5 years' post-admission experience.</li><li data-bbox="284 1688 1425 1823">• A variety of a range of professional development seminars, held at our new LIV premises, attended by hundreds of LIV YL members, including the inaugural Seasonal Clerkship Workshop, which demonstrated a new level of collaboration between the LIV YL and Victorian universities, and a Technology in the Law discussion panel event.</li><li data-bbox="284 1845 1425 1946">• Hosting the Victorian Golden Gavel Competition, adroitly adjudicated by past LIV YL President Fiona McLeod SC, among others, and won by Adrian Dean, who later won the National Gavel.</li><li data-bbox="284 1968 1425 2033">• the wide range of free social events and activities organised for members by the YL Social Committee, as well as the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of LIV Young Lawyers in October</li></ul>

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- The *Young Lawyers Journal* and *Young Lawyers Blog* continue to showcase the work and passion of young lawyers around Victoria as the Editorial Committee continue to write, prepare and edit a fantastic array of content, including a special 40<sup>th</sup> edition journal.
- The Law Reform Committee advocated on issues ranging from the Victorian Human Rights Charter, through to modern slavery and food wastage to the need for a modern award for young lawyers.
- The Community Issues Committee supported various community organisations and causes of interest to our members. Together, we embraced diversity and promoted equality in the legal profession, including by attending an Iftar, and partnered with various charities including White Lion and Anika Legal.
- 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.

Mr Daly thanked the YL Executive Committee team and work of Vice-President, Alice Cooney, along with LIV CEO Adam Awty, LIV President Stuart Webb and General Manager Duncan Pittard, and for their unwavering support of the LIV YL. Mr Daly thanked LIV Council Liaison, Brendan Lacota and the support of the LIV Council. Finally, Mr Daly thanked LIV Young Lawyers Manager, Rose Inglis for her work and dedication supporting the delivery of the section's vision and ambitions for this year.

### 3 Presentation of the 2019 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:

- Jacob McCahon, Executive Committee
- Radu Catrina, Editorial Committee
- Tom Ellison, Professional Development Committee
- Joshua Andrews, Law Reform Committee
- Jacqueline Ivosevic, Social Committee
- Tamara Carlisle, Later Lawyers Network

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	Mr Daly 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 2019 LIV Young Lawyers Annual Report</b></p> <p>Mr Daly presented the 2019 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 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee</b></p> <p>Mr Daly announced the successful candidates for positions on the 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers President is Alice Cooney.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Vice-President is Jade Hopper.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the positions of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Professional Development Committee co-chairs are Nick Dodds and Tom Ellison.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the positions of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Community Issues Committee co-chairs are Amanda Di Placido and Tessa Micucci.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Law Reform Committee co-chairs are Jacob McCahon and Josh Andrews.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Suburban Representative is Jason Koutes.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Regional Representative is Ingrid Nagerka.</li> <li>• Successful candidates for the position of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Social Committee co-chairs are Jade Hopper and Emelia Boughen.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the position of 2020 Later Lawyers Network Representative is John Stack.</li> <li>• Successful candidate for the positions of 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Editorial Committee co-chairs are Annmarie Geros and Radu Catrina.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Welcome to the 2019 LIV Young Lawyers President</b></p> <p>Mr Daly welcomed Ms Alice Cooney as the incoming 2020 President of the LIV Young Lawyers, along with Jade Hopper as the incoming 2020 Vice President of the LIV Young Lawyers.</p>

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	Ms Hopper addressed the membership, setting out their vision to further extend and grow the work of the section in 2020.
7	<p><b>Thank you</b></p> <p>Mr Daly thanked all attendees and members for supporting the work of the section this year, and invited everyone to a post-event function at Bourke Street Green.</p>
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