

Meeting Minutes



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2020 LIV Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 25 November 2019 (5:30pm-7:00pm).

Via Zoom

Attendees: Alice Cooney (Chair), Nick Dodds, Tom Ellison, Jade Hopper, Annmarie Geros, Jacob McCahon, Peter Whiting, Duncan Pittard, Josh Andrews, Jason Koutes, Amanda Di Placido, John Stack, Tessa Micucci, Ingrid Nagorck, Edmund Yuan, Sharlene Morling, Lauren Crome, Allen Bagasting, Shaniya Vilash, Olivia Lilly, Shruti Malaviya, Alexandra Gonos, Ashley Brown, Craig Evans, Laura Brennan, Dave Sima

Apologies: Radu Catrina, Jay Ong, Victor Aeberli

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1	<p>2020 LIV Young Lawyers President's Welcome</p> <p><i>Ms Alice Cooney opened the 2020 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>The Chair commenced the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the Land, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, paying respect to Elders, past, present and emerging and extending that respect to anyone on the Zoom call or watching the recording.</p> <p>The Chair asked for confirmation of the 2019 Young Lawyers Annual General Meeting Minutes. Mr Stack endorsed and Mr Daly seconded the confirmation. The Chair confirmed a quorum had been met with at least 50% of the Executive in attendance.</p> <p>The Chair commended section chairs/co-chairs, together with the YL membership on their shared achievements in 2021.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the YL Executive Committee team and work of Vice-President, Alice Cooney, along with LIV CEO Adam Awty, LIV President Sam Pandya and General Manager Duncan Pittard, and for their unwavering support of the LIV YL. The Chair thanked LIV Council Liaison, Lauren Crome and the support of the LIV Council. Finally, The Chair thanked LIV Young Lawyers Managers, Rose Inglis and Brad Woolstencroft for their work and dedication supporting the delivery of the section's vision and ambitions for this year.</p>
2	<p>Presentation of the 2020 LIV Young Lawyers Committee Reports</p>

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

- **Executive Committee** – Ms Cooney represented the Executive Committee and began by acknowledging all the hard work the committee has illustrated in 2020. In particular she went through each committee commending them for their contribution Law Reform on their submissions to our Legal Policy Team, Professional Development Committee for delivering the Virtual Careers Fair and Mentoring Week, Later Lawyers Network and Regional and Suburban for creating a collegial environment locally and around the state and the Editorial Committee for producing on going publications such as the Blog, Newsletter and the special edition of the Law Institute of Victoria Journal (LIJ). Ms Cooney appreciated the support not only from the Executive but from all LIV members, extending her appreciation in particular to the working group for the Admission Project which delivered the 2020 Vision for Admission Virtual Celebration for those admitted in 2020.

The achievement of the YL in being jointly awarded the Law Council of Australia Young Lawyer Organisation of the Year Award for 2020 in recognition of the 'Physically distant, Professionally Close' webinar series was noted.

Ms Cooney formally tabled the report and invited Co-Chairs of each Committee to say a few words for each of their sections.

- **Editorial Committee** – Ms Geros thanked her Co-Chair, Mr Catrina for his support and for the committee for providing content for the November edition of the Law Institute of Victoria Journal (LIJ), the Young Lawyers blog and encourages it to continue in 2021.
- **Professional Development Committee** – Mr Ellison and Mr Dodds thanked each other for their support and extended their appreciation to the committee who were involved in delivering the Careers Fair and Mentoring Week.
- **Law Reform Committee** – Mr McCahon and Mr Andrews provided an overview of their committee focusing on three points:
 - Submissions:* Inclusion of Graduate Lawyers, CPD Requirements and the Enquiry into Sexual Harassment
 - Publications:* LIJ November edition articles
 - Events:* Law Reform in Action – Parts 1 and 2.
- **Community Issues Committee** – Ms Micucci and Ms Di Placido thanked each other for support and extended their appreciation to the committee who despite challenges of the virtual environment, were able to successful focus on key initiatives including Mental Health and Wellbeing, Publications and delivering the first all Transgender Legal Panel in Australia.
- **Social Committee** – Ms. Boughen thanked her Co-Chair, Ms Hopper and the committee for their support in 2020.
- **Later Lawyers Network Representative** – Mr Whiting thanked his Co-Chair, Mr Stack for leading the Later Lawyers for the last 3 years with Mr Stack returning the thanks for Peter who has been part of the committee the previous 2 years. Mr Stack thanked the previous YL Presidents, Brendan Lacota and Matt Daly and current President, Alice Cooney for their support. He also thanked Mr Lacota for his focus on Mental Health and previous LIV employee, Anna Alexander for her support.

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Mr Stack said he would not be continuing on in 2021.

The Chair thanked Mr Stack for his contribution to the Young Lawyers.

- **Regional and Suburban Representatives** – Mr Koutes thanked his Co-Chair, Ms Nar-gorcka and celebrated the achievement of the Regional and Suburban lawyers experi-enced including social events and educational panels such as ‘Rocking the Suburbs’ - working in suburban Melbourne and regional Victoria within the law.
- **Legal Innovation and Technology Committee** – Proxy Chair – Mr. Woolstencroft pro-vided an overview of the committee and thanked the working group for their contribu-tions.
- The Chair acknowledged the work of Young Lawyers Manager, Ms Rose Inglis who is cur-rently on maternity leave and the support of Immediate Past President, Mr Matthew Daly. She extended this appreciation to Board Liaison, Ms Lauren Crome and invited her to say a few words.
- Ms Crome thanked Mr Daly, Ms Inglis, Ms Cooney and Mr Woolstencroft and all Young Lawyers members for 2019/2020.

Ms Crome provided an overview of the LIV, in particular 150-180 submission made on behalf of the profession, reduced membership due to hardship caused by the pan-demic. She thanked current LIV President Mr Sam Pandya and welcomed incoming President Ms Tania Wolff.

3 Announcement of the 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee

Ms. Cooney announced the successful candidates for positions on the 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Committee:

- Successful candidate for the position of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers President is Jacob McCahon.
- Successful candidate for the position of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Vice-President is Tessa Micucci.
- Successful candidates for the positions of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Professional Develop-ment Committee co-chairs are Shruti Malaviya and Tom Ellison.
- Successful candidates for the positions of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Community Issues Committee co-chairs are Victor Aeberli and Edmund Yuan.
- Successful candidate for the position of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Suburban Representa-tive is Rosy Roberts.
- Successful candidate for the position of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Regional Representative is Ingrid Nagorcka.
- Successful candidates for the position of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Social Committee co-chairs are Sharlene Morling and Dave Sima.
- Successful candidate for the position of 2021 Later Lawyers Network Representatives are Peter Whiting and Allen Bagasting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful candidate for the positions of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Editorial Committee co-chairs are Shaniya Vilash and Olivia Lilly. • Successful candidate for the positions of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Legal Innovation and Technology Committee co-chairs are Ashley Brown and Jay Ong. • Successful candidate for the positions of 2021 LIV Young Lawyers Executive Advisors are Laura Brennan and Craig Evans. • Alice Cooney commences in the position of immediate Past President for 2021.
4	<p>Welcome to the 2021 LIV Young Lawyers President</p> <p>Ms Cooney welcomed Mr Jacob McCahon as the incoming 2021 President of the LIV Young Lawyers, along with Tessa Micucci as the incoming 2021 Vice President of the LIV Young Lawyers.</p> <p>Mr McCahon addressed the membership, setting out his vision to further extend and grow the work of the section in 2021.</p>
5	<p>Thank you</p> <p>The Chair thanked all attendees and members for supporting the work of the section this year, and invited everyone to remain online for an informal discussion.</p> <p>No Business without notice.</p> <p>Meeting formally closed at 6.46pm AEDT.</p>
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