



# CLEAA Newsletter

## February 2017

**Hello everyone,**

I am delighted to be writing this as the new President of CLEAA – this is an amazing organisation, incredible talent and I am deeply honoured to have taken on this role in 2017.

It would be remiss of me to not take this opportunity to thank all who served on the CLEAA Executive Committee in 2016, thank you so much and we most definitely stand on your shoulders. Also, a special “thank you” to Jan Christie who served above and beyond her term as President to ensure we had a smooth transition to our new CLEAA leadership team – thank you so much, Jan.

I will be communicating with you often throughout the year on many different issues but for now, I wanted to be sure to bring three important things to your attention and encourage you to jump in and get involved wherever and whenever you can:

### **CLEAA Executive 2017**

I have listed below your Executive Committee for 2017 - contact details can be found here and on the website. It is great to see national and international representation in this Committee, it serves to remind us all just how far and wide the CLEAA network extends:

**President: Terri Mottershead**  
(tm@mottersheadconsulting.com)  
Principal, Mottershead Consulting (Gold Coast)

**Vice President/Treasurer: Carl White**  
(carl.white@cxinlaw.com)  
Client and Brand Director, CXINLAW (Melbourne)

**Ex Officio/ Immediate Past President: Jan Christie**  
(jan\_christie@hdy.com.au), Senior Manager: Learning & Organisational Development, Henry Davis York (Sydney)

### **Committee Members:**

**Bella Basilides** (PDO@lawsocietynt.asn.au), Professional Development Officer, The Law Society Northern Territory (Darwin)

**Janet Barnes** (janet.barnes@justice.qld.gov.au), Training Manager, Dispute Resolution Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney-General (Brisbane)

**Simone Dixon** (sdixon@collaw.edu.au), Assistant Director, Professional Development, The College of Law (Sydney)

**Annie Fenwicke** (annie@fenwicke.com), Fenwicke Learning Solutions (Sydney)

**Hellen Papadopoulos** (hellen.papadopoulos@lawyerseducation.co.nz), Chief Executive, NZLS CLE Ltd (Wellington)

**Secretariat: Felicity Turner** (cleaa@leocussen.edu.au)  
Registrations Officer, Leo Cussen Centre for Law (Melbourne)

### **Features**

1. Introducing your new Executive Committee for 2017
2. Annual Conference announced for Sydney October 12
3. Revitalised Local Chapter Meetings



# CLEAA Conference 2017

## Sydney 12 October

You have likely already seen on the website, LinkedIn, Facebook or received a tweet encouraging you to save the date for 12 October in Sydney. We will gather at the College of Law city premises at Level 16, St James Centre, 111 Elizabeth Street for a one day conference.

You will recall we sought your views on this new format (one day conference) on the basis that the International Bar Association (IBA) is holding its Academic Forum at the same location on 13 October. The Executive Committee thought (and you agreed) that this was a unique opportunity to network and mingle with international legal educators. We are in close communication with the IBA Academic Forum organisers and will come back to you as these discussions progress.

Our Executive Committee member, Bella Basilides has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chairing the CLEAA 2017 Conference Committee so, if you would like to be involved, please contact Bella ASAP (PDO@lawsocietynt.asn.au). Working on a conference committee is a great way to learn more about CLEAA but also interact with fellow members and, for 2017, the international legal education community as well so, please do get involved - we want you and need you!

## Revitalised Local Chapter Meetings

We have discussed at many recent CLEAA meetings, including the 2016 Annual Conference, that there is a need to grow our membership and engage members at a local level. Local Chapter meetings are an invaluable opportunity to get to know CLEAA members in your city but also to invite colleagues (who may be non-members) to “sample” the unique and close collaborative network that is at the core of our organisation. So, this year we will partner with the College of Law (Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne) and Law Societies (Northern Territory and New Zealand) to create a space and the opportunities for us to come together and share our knowledge and experience more often.

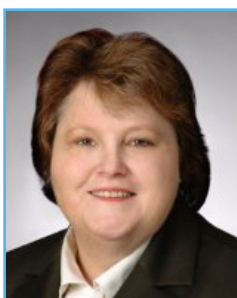
On the basis that nothing gets done unless someone is responsible for it, your Executive Committee members will also act as Local Chapter organizers to get these events off and running. Carl, in his role as Vice-President, has also agreed to take on a strategic oversight role of all the Local Chapter events – this will ensure that we are proactively looking at how these meetings progress and make any mid-course corrections that you feel we should. We expect that you can look forward to 2-3 events in 2017 in each city noted below, probably over lunch and offered via several different formats (the format will be chosen to best suit the facilitator/topic). Come along, get involved, suggest speakers/facilitators and bring your colleagues and friends – this is where the “rubber meets the road” for us as an organisation - we need you, your contribution and your enthusiasm to make it happen.

If you would like more information about the Local Chapter events, you will find it from around April on the website Events section, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CLEAA.asn.au/>), LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6797192/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CLEAATalk> ). If you have not joined any one of the many social media mediums available to you to receive these notifications, now would be a great time to sign up.

Here are your Local Chapter reps (email contact details above and on the website):

<b>Brisbane:</b>	Janet Barnes and Terri Mottershead
<b>Sydney:</b>	Annie Fenwicke and Simone Dixon
<b>Melbourne:</b>	Carl White
<b>Darwin:</b>	Bella Basilides
<b>Wellington/Auckland:</b>	Hellen Papadopoulos

We would also love to have someone take on the Local Chapter organiser role for Perth – we have the venue ready, we just need the organiser – any volunteers? Please send Carl an email ([carl.white@cxinlaw.com](mailto:carl.white@cxinlaw.com)) if you are interested.



And so, we are off and running in 2017 – thank you again for the enormous honour of serving as your President this year and please do not hesitate to contact me with any suggestions, thoughts, or ideas about how CLEAA can best support you in the important work you do every day.

With warm regards,

Terri

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