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The following items turn the spotlight on developing, maintaining and enhancing lawyer competence in the face of rapid change and some implications for continuing legal education and professional development professionals.

The Justice Project - progress report released

The Law Council's national review into the state of access to justice for people in Australia, who face significant economic and social disadvantage, has released a Progress Report in March.

Chaired by former High Court Chief Justice, the Hon. Robert French AC, the "Justice Project" conducted 133 consultations, including with government agencies, non-government organisations, advocacy and peak bodies, legal assistance services, court and tribunal personnel, sole practitioners, academics, subject matter experts and community elders.

The final report is expected later in 2018.

https://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/files/web-pdf/Justice%20Project/JP%20Progress%20Report_web.pdf

Former CLEAA President presented with Agnes McWhinney Award

Legal educator and lawyer, Anne-Maree David has been recognised by the Queensland Law Society for outstanding professional contributions over 30 years in practice. Ann-Maree is also a past President of CLEAA.

The annual award was presented to Ms David by Queensland Law Society president Ken Taylor in Brisbane in March this year.

<https://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/folklaw/22907-law-society-gong-for-queensland-lawyer>

USNW and Allens launch innovation hub

Allens and UNSW will work closely together to explore challenges presented by digital transformation to the legal system, providing a new platform tackling multiple research streams.

The Allens Hub for Technology, Law & Innovation was launched in late March and will research topical legal issues including data, AI and privacy.

<https://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/biglaw/22917-allens-unsw-launch-tech-and-innovation-hub>

REMINDER - CLEAA Annual Conference 2018, Brisbane Thursday 18 and Friday 19 October



A reminder that this year's annual conference will be held in Brisbane. The Queensland Law Society will be the venue.

The program is currently under development and will be available mid-year.

<https://cleaa.asn.au/events/>

<p><i>...continued...</i></p> <p>Law graduate oversupply in Australia’s legal market</p> <p>Recent concerns about the growing intake of law students and a seemingly oversupply of law graduates has been challenged by The College of Law.</p> <p>Universities have been called irresponsible for turning out so many graduates when our legal profession is comprised of just 66,000 solicitors. Mr Carter AM, College CEO, rebuts some of the claims.</p> <p>https://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/careers/22909-exclusive-college-of-law-boss-busts-grad-number-myth</p>	<p>Legal Practice Management - new skills requirement in Victoria</p> <p>To be granted a principal practising certificate that commences on or after 1 January 2019, lawyers who apply for a principal practising certificate will need to exhibit additional skills and expertise necessary to manage a law practice.</p> <p>In order to satisfy this requirement of the Victorian Legal Services Board + Commissioner, a lawyer may complete a practice management course which has been assessed by the VLSB+C as meeting these guidelines.</p> <p>Announcement: http://www.lsbcc.vic.gov.au/documents/RPA_News_4_0_February_2018.pdf</p> <p>Guidelines http://www.lsbcc.vic.gov.au/documents/Guidelines-Practice_Management_Course_for_Victoria-2018.pdf</p>
<p>eLearning Trends for 2018</p> <p>A report outlining the global state of L&D – and eLearning in particular, can now be downloaded from Docebo’s website. Docebo and Fosway Group have partnered to create the report.</p> <p>Although it is quite high level, it covers the eLearning space with sections on gamification, social learning and authoring tools.</p> <p>https://www.docebo.com/resource/delivering-next-gen-learning-engagement-report/?utm_campaign=2017%2008%20Fosway%20Next%20Gen%20Learning%20WP&utm_source=ELI&utm_medium=Mar15%20Blast%20Foswa</p>	<p>Upcoming Professional Development opportunities</p> <p>justiceINjustice 24 March - 20 May 2018</p> <p>Symposium, exhibition & project – a collaboration between artists and lawyers.</p> <p>http://www.thelockup.org.au/whats-on/justiceinjustice</p> <p>Australian Women Lawyers Conference</p> <p>This will be hosted in Sydney 24-26 August 2018. https://womenlawyersnsw.org.au/events/australian-women-lawyers-2018-conference/</p>