

CENTRAL WEST LAW SOCIETY



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Dear Practitioner,

Welcome to the 2012 Law Term.

Thank you for your support in voting me in as the new President of the Central West Law Society. For those of you I have not met I currently practise at McIntosh McPhillamy and Co in property and commercial law. I am also an Accredited Specialist Criminal Lawyer having worked in private practice at a number of different firms and as a prosecutor at the ODPP.

I look forward to acting as President over the next twelve (12) months and please feel free to contact me in relation to any issues you may have.

I was recently asked by a local solicitor "What are you going to do for me?"

My answer is twofold.

1. I intend to act as a channel of information and communication between you and the Law Society of NSW and to keep you informed of various matters of importance and issues dealt with by the Law Society of NSW.
2. In my view it is most important to organise and assist the members of the Central West Law Society to get together and actually enjoy each other's company rather than being competitors, which we all are in different ways.

How can I accomplish this feeling of comradeship, even if only for one night?

With the successful work of the previous committee, we now have over \$20,000 in funds in the Central West Law Society accounts. With continuing strong membership, we can now afford to loosen the purse strings a little!

I enclose a very short survey seeking your views as to the style of events you would like CWLS to hold. You can either complete the paper survey and return it, or complete the survey on-line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CJWFTJT>.

Members completing the survey either on-line or by mail by **29 February** will go in the draw to win one of four (4) \$50.00 vouchers of your choice (either petrol or Woolworths, Coles, Myer Gift card).

It is most important each of you share your view so that we are able to organise events which will be attended and enjoyed by many.

Membership

Please also find attached for your completion and return the CWLS 2012 Membership Form. I thank you for your continued support of the CWLS. Financial membership provides you with our updates on news and events and also discounts to our MCLE seminars and social events.

The Central West Law Society welcomes any new practitioners to the region and encourages them to join.

CWLS Bursary and Student Prize

Following further amendments endorsed at the 2011 AGM, the CWLS Bursary fund has been expanded to include an additional Student Prize open to students from the region studying law full time and undertaking casual work in the region during their holidays. Please find enclosed the information and application form for the 2012 Bursary and Student Prize for your eligible staff members. We look forward to receiving another strong field of applications this year. Please note that applications close on **16 March 2012**

2012 Committee

I take this opportunity to introduce to you the Central West Law Society Committee for 2012:

President	Evan Dowd – McIntosh McPhillamy & Co, Bathurst.
Vice President	Chris Harris – Kenny Spring Solicitors, Bathurst.
Treasurer	Beth Pratley – McIntosh McPhillamy & Co, Bathurst.
Secretary 	Currently vacant – if anyone is interested in this position please let me know.
CLE Chair	Tricia Arden – Cheney & Wilson, Blayney.
Social Chair	Julie Webb – Baldock Stacey & Niven, Orange.
Young Lawyers Representative	Christie Elemam, Binaal Billa Family Violence Legal Service, Forbes.

Call for Sub-Committees

We are now calling for practitioners to join the CLE or Social sub-committees. Meetings are held by phone and via email and your ideas and support will greatly assist us in delivering the best events for lawyers in the region. If you feel you would like to contribute to your local law society, please contact me at edowd@mcmc.com.au

Young Lawyers

Law students, solicitors or barristers who are either in their first five (5) years in practice, or practitioners under 36 years of age are automatically members of NSW Young Lawyers but we encourage you to also join the Central West Law Society. Please indicate if you are a young lawyer on the membership form.

I sincerely thank you for taking the time to complete either our on-line survey or the annexed paper survey to ensure that we have memorable events during 2012.

Yours faithfully,



Evan Dowd
President
Central West Law Society