



# Law Society Northern Territory 2014 Annual General Meeting

Once again the 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Society was a lively affair. The total attendance of 29 members and 7 non-members with a total of 210 votes cast (26 in person and 184 by proxy). Retiring President, Ms Peggy Cheong and Ms Megan Lawton (CEO) were pleased to present the Annual Report 2014 in a different format and style from previous years. Additional copies are available from the Society or download from the website. Ms Lawton noted the members ought be proud of the organisation which is reflected in the quality of the report. Speaking to the report...

Ms Lawton (CEO) noted one of the many achievements during Ms Cheong's Presidency has been the successful negotiation of the Society's relocation to the new premises. The new premises will create cost savings for the Society as venue hire fees will no longer apply for events and CPD. The premises also present an important opportunity to bring members into the Society premises. Other Achievements of Ms Cheong's presidency were noted including the

commencement of the Society's Reconciliation Action Plan.

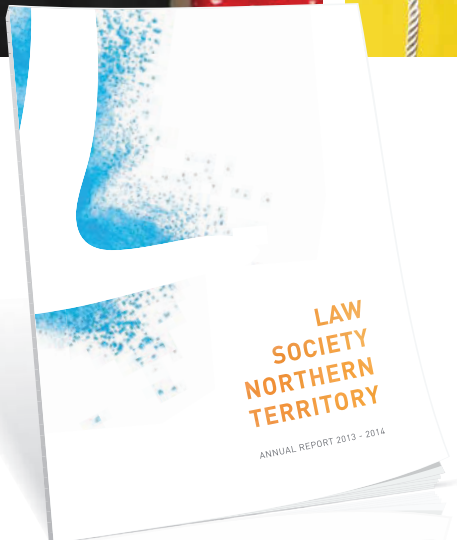
Mrs Lawton invited members to enjoy using the Society's new facilities and to attend a formal opening.

Mr Liveris (Treasurer) spoke to the Annual Report 2014. Key aspects of the Society's financial statements were noted:

- The Society recorded a \$27,000 surplus for the 13/14 financial year.

- The Northern Territory Attorney General had approved the grant of funds from the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund to the Society for the 2013/2014 financial year.

- The Northern Territory Attorney General and the Funds Management Committee had approved the use of the surplus funds from the 2013/2014 grant for the relocation of the Society to new premises at Level 3, 9 Cavenagh Street.



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Looking forward Ms Lawton foreshadowed the Australian Solicitor's Conduct Rules and the Northern Territory Bar Association Rules will be distributed for comment and consideration for adoption in this jurisdiction. The Society is also looking at how the work of the National Attrition and Re-engagement Study released by the Law Council of Australia can be captured by the Society.

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