

Networking with a twist

The 2018 KWM Equitable Briefing Event



On 17 May 2018, King & Wood Mallesons held the 2018 KWM Equitable Briefing Event. It consisted of a 'speed-dating' segment followed by open networking structured around practice areas and had the primary objective of creating connections between in-house counsel, women barristers and KWM lawyers. It was underpinned by the theme for International Women's Day, Press for Progress.

Speaking to the gathering KWM partner, Peta Stevenson, said:

The event was borne from the shared commitment to equitable briefing

between KWM and Woolworths and a desire to take practical action to advance this imperative. We recognise the power of increasing the visibility of female barristers and cultivating connections with corporate counsel and our desire was to do this in a way that was both engaging and productive.

Woolworths chief legal officer, Richard Dammery, Kate Eastman SC and Peta Stevenson each spoke to welcome participants.

A broad range of clients was represented, demonstrating the common commitment to

gender equitable briefing.

KWM has adopted the Gender Equitable Briefing Policy as part of a broader gender equality strategy, consisting of a range of initiatives across the firm. For equitable briefing, these include information sessions, resources for staff and a commitment to internal and external reporting to monitor progress.

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CORRECTIONS

[2018] (Autumn) *Bar News* featured an article 'Practising at the London Bar', which was divided into two sections: 'Reflections from a Sydney barrister' and 'Reflections from a London barrister'. The first was authored by Christopher Parkin of 5 Wentworth Chambers. Unfortunately, attribution for the second section was omitted. It was in fact written by Duncan McCombe, of Maitland Chambers in London. *Bar News* apologises to Duncan and regrets any confusion that might have been arisen.

[2018] (Autumn) *Bar News* featured a number of articles on First Nations people and the law, including a lengthy piece that records what was said by each speaker at the Bar Association seminar on 24 October 2017 regarding the Uluru Statement. That article refers to one of the speakers as Associate Professor Rosalind Dixon. This is incorrect. Her correct title is Professor Rosalind Dixon. *Bar News* apologises for any confusion or inconvenience it might have caused.