

# Her Say!

5 October 2010

Dear Members & Colleagues

With The Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) biennial Australian Census of Women in Leadership due for release on October 6, and the recent ASX initiatives and recommendations, we are proud to host a **corporate lunch on 20 October** to pursue **The Diversity Debate**. We do hope you can join us in welcoming our panel of speakers: **the Hon Justice Julie Ward, Gabrielle Upton, Claire Braund, and moderator Chris Merritt**.

Please visit our [2010 Event Schedule](#) to view details of other upcoming events such as **The Janet Coombs Lunch for New Female Barristers Friday 22 October**.

Shortly our solicitor members will receive their ballot papers for the annual Law Society Council elections. I encourage all solicitor members to vote and support our WLANSW member candidates who are profiled below

Kind regards,



Mary Snell  
President



**Support the organisation that has supported women in law since 1952. For further information on joining or to renew your membership: [Click here for the Membership Form](#) or contact our office.**

**20 October, Wednesday 12.15pm for 12.30-2pm**

## ***The Diversity Debate***

**Union, University & Schools Club of Sydney, 25 Bent Street, Sydney**

Come and hear our panel debate this hot topic, and engage in the discussion about the issues, the recent ASX initiatives and recommendations, and avenues for achieving genuine diversity in senior positions, from boards, to partnership, the bar and the bench.

### **Speaker's Panel:**

- ☐ **The Honorable Justice Julie Ward, Supreme Court of NSW**
- ☐ **Gabrielle Upton, Legal Counsel, Australia Institute of Company Directors & Liberal Candidate for the State Seat of Vacluse**
- ☐ **Claire Braund, Executive Director, Women On Boards**

**Moderator: Chris Merritt, Legal Affairs Editor, The Australian**

Please [download the flyer](#) for further information and registration form.

**22 October, Friday 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM**

## ***Meet the New Women at the Bar***

### ***The Janet Coombs Lunch for New Female Barristers***

**Hosted by the Women Barristers Forum & WLANSW**

**Buena Vista Cafe & Bar, Level 14, Supreme Law Courts Building, 184 Phillip St, Sydney**

Please join us and distinguished guests for our biannual lunch. No charge; non-reader attendees pay for own lunch.

Please register your attendance to ensure adequate seating and prompt service.

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### **LAW SOCIETY OF NSW 2010 COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

**Please support our WLANSW member candidates.**



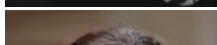
**Kim O'Donnell**

As a member of Coonabarabran rescue squad and a director of a community bank, I know how much Solicitors contribute to their communities other than by providing legal services and am concerned about the future of rural and regional areas in particular if the number of Solicitors practising in those areas decline in the coming years. I am also very passionate about addressing the high incidence of depression, suicide and isolation in the community as a whole but the legal community in particular, which seems to be losing its collegiality and sense of purpose.

I believe the Law Society has an obligation to improve the ways in which it supports its members in feeling valued as professionals as well as members of the wider community.

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Lawyers and Business Law Committees. Member - ACLA, AICD, Chartered Secretaries Australia, Cancer Patients Legal Service, PILCH, STEP and Women Lawyers. Admitted in NSW, Victoria, England & Wales. With extensive commercial experience gained from several large financial organisations, I recognise the important role played by the in-house profession. As the Society's corporate membership continues to grow, I will bring my experience and commercial approach to Council to advance the interests of corporate members and the profession as a whole.

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## **OTHER EVENTS & NEWS:**



### **Made In Dagenham - Free Preview Tickets**

Be the first to see Made In Dagenham. We would like to invite you and a friend to an advance preview before it opens in cinema's on the 28th October. To download your complimentary ticket simply go to [www.seefilmfirst.com](http://www.seefilmfirst.com) and enter the **code: 339134**. Hurry as tickets are strictly limited.

*From the director of Calendar Girls, Made In Dagenham tells the remarkable true story of a group of female factory workers in 1960's London. With humour, common sense and courage they take on their U.S. paymasters, an increasingly belligerent local community, and finally the government itself, to strike an everlasting blow for equal pay for women. The catalyst for the women's struggle is fast-talking, no nonsense Rita whose fiery temper and occasionally hilarious unpredictability proves to be a match for any of her male opponents. Check out the trailer: [www.madeindagenham.com.au](http://www.madeindagenham.com.au)*

### **Who are Australian Women Lawyers (AWL)**

Formed in 1997, AWL is the national body representing and funded by women lawyers associations in Australia. The current AWL Patron is the Honourable Chief Justice Diana Bryant of the Family Court of Australia.

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