



Welcome to the November 2021 edition of VWList. Keep up to date with our activities via our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) page. Don't forget to tag your posts with #victorianwomenlawyers!

EVENTS



PROFESSIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM LAUNCH

Please join us to celebrate the launch of VWL's Professional Mentoring Program on **Monday, 22 November at 6pm**, featuring our valued program patron, the Hon. Associate Justice Mary-Jane Ierodiaconou. This event is free and open to all VWL members.

The event will include a panel discussion moderated by Fiona McLeod AO SC, who will lead our panellists Iresha Herath, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Justice and Community

NOTICES

VWL 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY KEYNOTE

Please join us on **Wednesday, 24 November 2021 at 5:15pm** for the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Victorian Women Lawyers Association Inc. View the AGM pack [here](#).

If you are unable to attend, you can **nominate a proxy** using the form [here](#). **We encourage you to do so to ensure your vote is counted at our AGM.**

Following the AGM, VWL is delighted to present a short keynote video in celebration of VWL's 25th Anniversary presented. The video message contains messages

SPONSOR NEWS



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



VWL thanks our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Each month we celebrate the achievements and people of our sponsor firms by spotlighting their leading female lawyers.

For the month of November we spotlight Sharon Lacy, Barrister with Foley's List.

Safety, Rosannah Healy, Partner, Allens, and Julia Wang, Barrister, Victorian Bar, on a discussion of the benefits of mentorship for both junior and senior lawyers throughout their career.

Do you have a question for our panellists? You can submit a question upon registering. Register [here](#) for this free event.

This event is proudly sponsored by the College of Law.



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WARREN MOOT GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to this year's VWL Warren Moot winners, team *Subpoena Coladas*, comprising of Monash University Law students: Jenna Dimitrakas, Clare Stambe and Monique Scalzo.

On Monday, 15 November, VWL's final Moot teams competed in a virtual Warren Moot Grand Final adjudicated by VWL's Program Patron, the Honourable former Chief Justice Professor Marilyn Warren AC QC. For the first time, this year's Grand Final was available to view live on Facebook.

VWL also congratulates this year's runners-up, team

from:

- The Honourable Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Anne Ferguson;
- VWL Patron, the Honourable Professor Marilyn Warren AC QC and former Chief Justice;
- VWL Law Student Mentoring Patron, the Honourable Justice Rita Incerti;
- VWL Professional Mentoring Patron, the Honourable Associate Justice Mary-Jane Ierodiaconou;
- VWL Founders Deanne Weir, Georgina Frost and Kriss Will; and
- VWL President, Vanessa Shambrook and Vice President, Stephanie Pasharis

Please register your attendance [here](#) by 23 November 2021.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN LAWYERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join Australian Women Lawyers' (AWL) on **Tuesday, 23 November 2021** at 6:30pm AEDT for their online AGM. The AGM is free to attend.

Members can to participate virtually or via the submission of a proxy. Register via the AWL website [here](#).

NEWS

Her full interview can be read [here](#).



REGIONAL AND SUBURBAN TIP OF THE MONTH

VWL and the College of Law have partnered to bring you tips and advice each month from leading female regional and suburban lawyers. This month's tip comes from Sounita Viravout, Co-Chair of VWL's Diversity and Inclusion Committee:

Be kind to yourself and prioritise your health and well-being, because without it, you cannot help anyone, not yourself, your family, your friends, your client's nor your work colleagues. There is no doubt that we are all to some extent 'time poor', so for me, I use a meditation app to remind me to take a break and meditate for 5 -10 mins during the day, these small daily habits do wonders for me

SPRING MATERIAL

Spring Reads

- *The Judge's List* by John Grisham;
- *The Luminous Solution* by Charlotte Wood;
- *Atomic Habits* by James Clear;
- *Piranesi* by Susanna

Allens comprising of lawyers, Priyanka Banerjee, Amber Withers and Lisa Mearns. Both teams displayed exceptional advocacy skills. Congratulations also to Priyanka Banerjee on being awarded best speaker.

This year's teams participated in a one-on-one coaching session run by practising barristers, who provided teams with constructive tips before the first competitive, knock-out round. Each competitive round was adjudicated by women Judges of the County Court and Federal Court and Justices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

VWL extends our thanks to all participants of the Moot and a special thank you to Maddocks for sponsoring the competition.



VWL RUN CLUB

VWL Run Club has resumed and will be held in line with current health guidelines.

To promote health and wellbeing, the VWL Networking Committee invites you to join our Run Club. Grab your running gear and join us every Monday at



WOMEN IN LAW PANEL EVENT

On Tuesday, 23 November 2021, Victorian University (VU) hosted a Women in Law Panel with The College of Law and VWL to discuss the various pathways in law for VU Law Students.

The panelists included Fiona Turner, Executive Director of VWL sponsor, the College of Law, VWL Erin Meeking, Oriana Torcasio and Sounita Viravout. Erin is a VWL Voting Executive Member and is the current Community Engagement and Wellbeing Officer, Oriana is also a Voting Executive Committee Member and the VWL Mentoring and Digital Law and Innovation Officer, and Sounita is the VWL Diversity & Inclusion Co Chair.

The dictum committee members acting as hosts for the session: Aayushi Patel, Laura Buckby and Marcela Zamora, had a great time speaking to these powerful and inspiring women in law. Thank you Falak Salak for logistics support during the panel.

VU Law and Justice students expressed that they felt motivated and really enjoyed

Clarke;

- *The Inland Sea* by Madeleine Watts;
- *Phosphorescence* by Julia Baird;
- *In Praise of Veg* by Alice Zaslavsky

Mental Health Support

- *Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service* [1800 512 348](tel:1800512348)
- *Smiling Mind* meditation app
- *Mind-spot* online free mental health clinic - 1800 614 434
- *Beyond Blue Coronavirus Mental Health Support Service* - 1800 512 348

6:00pm at Federation Square,
just outside the Transport
Hotel

All levels of running are
welcome! Sign up on our
website [here](#).

hearing from the panel.

Dictum aims to provide VU
students with such
networking and learning
opportunities and we are
grateful to have supportive
sponsors and connections
with people in law.

VWL thanks Victoria
University and the College of
Law for inviting us to be apart
of this important panel
discussion.

Follow and like the Dictum
[Facebook page](#) to get regular
updates on upcoming events.



GENDER EQUALITY AT THE HEART OF NEW FREE TAFE COURSES

VWL welcomes the
announcement of the
Victorian Government's
addition of two new courses
to the free TAFE program for
2022 to provide Victorians
with the skills to identify and
respond to gender inequality
and family violence.

The *Course in Gender
Equity* is the first accredited
training program of its type in

Australia, and gives workers the tools to promote gender equity in the workplace and understand Victorian legislation. *Identifying and Responding to Family Violence Risk* will help upskill community services workers with key risk assessment, risk management and referral skills to provide an initial response to family violence.

The introduction of these courses meets key recommendations from the Royal Commission into Family Violence and supports the *Gender Equality Act 2020*.



Victorian Women Lawyers acknowledges the traditional Aboriginal owners of country, recognises their continuing connection to land, water and community and pays respect to Elders past and present.

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