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Welcome to the April 2022 edition of VWList.

The team at Victorian Women Lawyers has had a busy start to the year planning our events and projects. We look forward to seeing you at our *Return to Work Guide Launch* and our *Networking Makes its Comeback* events next week. The Justice Committee will also be holding its first online event of the year in the middle of April, focusing on the expansion of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre. We were also overwhelmed by the positive response to our Dame Roma Mitchell Lunch, which has now sold out!

We invite you to keep up to date with our activities via our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) page. Don't forget to tag your posts with #victorianwomenlawyers!

## EVENTS



### RETURN TO WORK GUIDE LAUNCH

Join VWL on **Wednesday, 6 April 2022** at 12:30pm in Melbourne's CBD for a free panel discussion that will explore the challenges and opportunities arising from parental leave.

Guests will receive a free copy of VWL's *Parental Leave in Practice: A 'How to' Guide for Lawyers'* which contains tips on what to do before taking parental leave, during parental leave, and returning to work.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for passionate volunteers to join our committees and help plan our 2022 events and projects. In particular, our Diversity & Inclusion Committee and Work Practices Committee are looking for enthusiastic members to join their teams.

You can find out more about our different committees on our website [here](#). Please email [vwl@vwl.asn.au](mailto:vwl@vwl.asn.au) with a short description of your experience and the committee you are interested in joining.

### PORTIA 2022

VWL's Publications Committee is currently

## SPONSOR NEWS



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW SPONSOR: VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

VWL warmly welcomes our new sponsor, the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office (**VGSO**).

Our Women in the Public Sector (**WIPS**) Committee looks forward to working with the VGSO in organising events which will provide a forum for women lawyers practising in the public sector learn about career progression and network with each other and the wider legal community.

We invite lawyers working in

Hear from our panellists: Her Honour **Judge Claire Quin** of the County Court; **Jayne Parker** - Acting Managing Principal Lawyer of the Specialist Children's Court Prosecution Unit at Victoria Police; **Catherine Brooks** - Senior employment lawyer and accredited specialist in workplace relations; and **Daniel Victory** - Principal Lawyer in the Employment and Industrial Law practice at Maurice Blackburn and the first dad at Maurice Blackburn to take paid parental leave.

You can find further information and register for the event [here](#). This event is proudly sponsored by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers.

### **STOP THE EXPANSION OF THE DAME PHYLIS FROST CENTRE**

Join us on **Wednesday, 20 April 2022** from 12pm to 1pm for a free webinar discussing how the current incarceration system impacts women and the reasons why we should stop the expansion of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre.

You can find further information and register for the event [here](#).

**GATEHOUSE**  
LEGAL RECRUITMENT

### **DAME ROMA MITCHELL MEMORIAL LUNCH: SOLD OUT**

We thank everyone who has purchased a ticket for our annual Dame Roma Mitchell Memorial Lunch on **Thursday, 28 April 2022**

seeking expressions of interest from members who are interested in writing an article for this year's edition of VWL's annual journal *Portia*.

Past editions of *Portia* are available on our website [here](#).

Please email [vwl@vwl.asn.au](mailto:vwl@vwl.asn.au) with an outline of your proposed article and our Publications Committee Co-chairs will be in touch with you with next steps.

## **PUBLICATONS**

### **ACCORDING TO MERIT: CULTURAL SHIFT NEEDED TO EMBED GAINS**

This month, VWL Justice Committee member Monique Angeleri contributed an article to the Law Institute Journal on how flexible working arrangements lead to greater gender diversity and inclusion in law firms.

You can read the article [here](#) as well as past articles contributed to the LIJ by VWL members [here](#).



## **PROJECTS**

### **VWL RUN CLUB**

To promote health and wellbeing, the VWL Networking Committee invites

the public sector to join our WiPS committee by emailing us at [vwl@vwl.asn.au](mailto:vwl@vwl.asn.au) with a short description of your experience.



### **APRIL SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: MAURICE BLACKBURN LAWYERS**

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 April, we spotlight Shauna Stanley, Lawyer in the Class Actions department at Maurice Blackburn, and a member of Maurice Blackburn Victorian Women's Network executive.

Read Shauna's spotlight [here](#).



## **CLAYTON UTZ**

### **CLAYTON UTZ PRE-PENULTIMATE PROGRAM**

Our sponsor, Clayton Utz,

from 12:30pm-2pm at Q  
Events by Metropolis.

The event has now sold out.  
We will be releasing a small  
number of additional tables.  
Please email [vwf@vwf.asn.au](mailto:vwf@vwf.asn.au)  
to be put on the waitlist.

If you have missed out on a  
ticket to attend the Lunch in  
person, we invite you to  
purchase a digital ticket to  
view the event live.

We hope that offering digital  
tickets to our Lunch will mean  
that lawyers practising in  
regional and suburban areas  
can also attend the event.

You can find further  
information and register to  
attend the event online [here](#).

This event is proudly  
sponsored by Gatehouse  
Legal Recruitment.



### **NETWORKING MAKES ITS COMEBACK - SOLD OUT**

We look forward to seeing  
you at our Networking Makes  
its Comeback event at 6pm  
on **Thursday, 7 April 2022** at  
the Imperial for an evening of  
networking. We are excited to  
be hearing from our guest  
speaker **Emily Barnes**,  
mediator, public speaker and  
expert on personal branding  
and networking.

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to be put on the waitlist.

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just outside the Transport  
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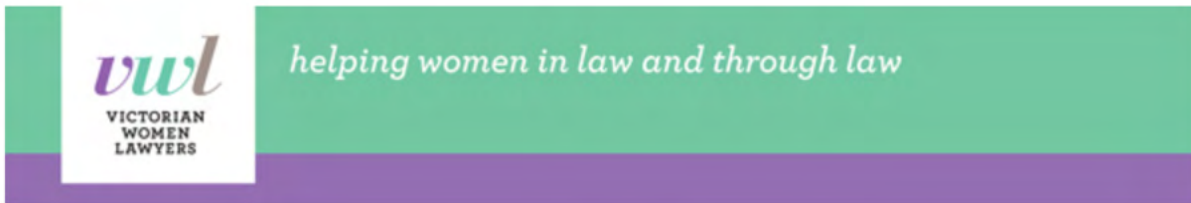
Applications close **Sunday 3  
April 2022**. Further  
information about this  
program, and other Clayton  
Utz programs, can be found  
[here](#).

## **AUTUMN MATERIAL**

### **AUTUMN READS**

- *Power* by Kemi Nekvapil;
- *The Comfort Bake* by  
Sally Wise;
- *Australia's Ultimate  
Bucket List* by Jennifer  
Adams and Clint Bizzell;
- *Violeta* by Isabel Allende;
- *The Uncaged Sky* by  
Kylie Moore-Gilbert;
- *The Tricky Art of  
Forgiveness* by Meredith  
Jaffe

Barristers.



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