



Welcome to the June 2022 edition of VWList.

Victorian Women Lawyers had a busy May, with the return of our annual Members & Guests evening at Garden State Hotel. We also held a number of in person events as well as webinars; summaries of these events can be found below. Photographs of our in-person events have been uploaded to our Facebook page.

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!

NEWS

2023 VICTORIAN WOMEN LAWYERS MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your VWL membership for the 2023 financial year. Our membership year runs from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

VWL membership offers many benefits including the opportunity to join a committee, participate in our mentoring programs, Warren Moot competition and have access to our members only resources. Renew your membership on our website [here](#).

PAST EVENTS



MEMBERS AND GUESTS EVENING

On Thursday, 5 May 2022,

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EMPOWERING WOMEN BOOK LAUNCH

On Monday, 23 May 2022, VWL partnered with Maurice Blackburn to launch *Empowering Women: From Murder and Misogyny to High Court Victory*.

The book is an inspiring story of activism in action and how the death of one man, security guard Steve Rogers, helped change the future of women's rights in Australia, ultimately leading to the decriminalisation of abortion and introduction to safe access zones throughout Australia.

Jen Kanis of Maurice Blackburn hosted a panel

SPONSOR NEWS



WELCOME TO NEW SPONSOR: BRAVE LEGAL

VWL is thrilled to announce that Brave Legal has recently joined us as a sponsor organisation.

Brave Legal is a woman led, boutique personal injury law practice, driven by an unwavering commitment to help restore the lives of clients after an injury.

A warm welcome to the Brave Legal team. We look forward to working with you on initiatives this year.



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

VWL held its annual members and guests evening. Thank you to Gatehouse Legal Recruitment for sponsoring this event.

Guest speaker **Penny Locaso** shared tips on how to flourish in uncertainty, and useful hacks for happiness in our daily lives.

Photographs from the event can be found [here](#).



EMERGENING TECHNOLOGIES, INNOVATION AND THE LAW

On Tuesday, 10 May 2022, VWL and the Digital Law Association hosted a panel event on emerging technologies, innovation and the law. VWL thanks Allens for sponsoring this event.

VWL thanks guest speakers **Joni Pirovich**, principal at Blockchain & Digital Assets Pty Ltd, **Samira Tollo**, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of Elbaite, and **Elyse Adams**, Partner-elect at Allens and Co-Head of Allens Accelerate for sharing their insights into the legal and ethical issues that surround emerging technologies.

Photographs can be found on our Facebook [here](#).



A MULTIDISCIPLINARY

discussion with authors **Dr Susie Allanson** and **Lizzie O'Shea** along with **Fiona Patten MP** who championed the introduction of safe access zones.



WOMEN IN LAW WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES

On Wednesday, 25 May 2022, VWL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee partnered with the Disabled Australian Lawyers Association (DALA) to host the second online panel in the series 'Women in law with diverse abilities'. This panel focused on visible disabilities.

VWL thanks guest speakers **Abbey Dalton**, solicitor in Human Rights at the VGSO, **Rebecca Wong**, lawyer and Chief Legal Office at ASIC, and **Natalie Wade**, prominent disability rights lawyer and advocate, for their attendance.

For those who would like to follow some of the great work DALA are doing, please head over to their LinkedIn page [here](#). DALA also have a private member group for disabled lawyers and law students which can be found [here](#).

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



VWL thanks our sponsors for their ongoing support.

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

For the month of June, we spotlight Sara Dennis, Assistant Victorian Government Solicitor at the VGSO.

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



PUBLICATONS

ACCORDING TO MERIT: FINANCIAL ABUSE RISK INCREASED

This month VWL Executive Member **Roxanne Taylor** contributed an article (LIJ) describing the adverse consequences of the early release of superannuation.

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

AUTUMN MATERIAL

WINTER READS

- *Dirt Town* by Hayley

**A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY
APPROACH TO
RESOLVING FAMILY
VIOLENCE**

On Tuesday, 17 May 2022, as part of law week, VWL and Nicholes Family Lawyers hosted a webinar on how psychological and legal services providers can work together to respond to family violence.

VWL thanks moderator and managing partner of Nicholes Family Lawyers, **Sally Nicholes** for leading the discussion, as well as guest speakers **Helen Matthews**, Acting CEO of Women's Legal Service Victoria, **Jane O'Hanlon**, support worker at Women's Information and Referral Exchange, **Julie Borninkhof**, CEO of PANDA (Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Australia), and **Emma Morgan**, manager of strategic projects and engagement at Safe and Equal, for attending.



VWL RUN CLUB

To promote health and wellbeing, VWL's Networking Committee invites you to join our Run Club. Grab your running gear and join us every Monday at 6:00pm at Federation Square, just outside the Transport Hotel

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

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- *The Jane Austen Remedy* by Ruth Wilson
- *The Yield* by Tara June Winch
- *Frontline Midwife* by Anna Kent
- *Around the Kitchen Table* by Annie Herron and Sophie Hansen



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