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Welcome to the November 2022 edition of VWLlist.

VWL is excited to announce our upcoming **2022 AGM** this month, as well as celebrate the success of our earlier events.

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

VWL members are invited to attend our 2022 AGM on **Tuesday 29 November 2022** from 5:00pm at College of Law, Level 1/555 Bourke Street, Melbourne. Attending the AGM is a fantastic opportunity to meet other VWL members, and learn about how you can be involved in planning our 2023 events and projects.

Members can register to attend and download the [Notice of AGM](#), Executive Committee Nomination form and [Proxy form](#) on our website [here](#).

Following the AGM, we will celebrate the 2022 achievements of our community. Refreshments will be served and there will be a live music performance from First Nations musicians, Soul & Storm.

If you have any queries regarding the AGM, please contact VWL Secretary, Linda Hart, vwl@vwl.asn.au. VWL thanks our sponsor College of Law for hosting our AGM and end of year celebration.

PAST EVENTS



TOUGH TALKS WORKSHOP

On 10 November 2022, VWL's Work Practices Committee held the Tough Talks workshop. The evening featured moderator Danielle Pastoors and panellists Elsie Loh, Menoz Bowler, Rutendo Muchinguri and Gemma Carroll. It was an interactive event where attendees connected to discuss how best to approach difficult workplace conversations.

We thank sponsor KHQ Lawyers for sponsoring this event. Photos from the event can be found on our [LinkedIn](#).



Witness Examination Competition

On 18 October 2022, VWL launched its inaugural Expert Witness Examination Competition. Real-life orthopaedic surgeons took the stand as witnesses, and the teams examined them on a mock expert report. The competition was adjudicated by the Honourable Judge Carlin and the Honourable Judge Riddell of the County Court.

VWL congratulates competition winners, **Zoe Lineham & Alana Ticchi**, Lawyers at Clayton Utz. Thanks to competition sponsor Lex Medicus for connecting us with expert witnesses and to the College of Law hosting the competition at their Melbourne office.

Photos from the event can be found on our [LinkedIn](#).

PAST EVENTS



VWL and Women's Barristers Association (WBA) Barrister Networking Lunch

VWL and WBA held the third and final barrister networking lunch for the year on 12 October 2022. This session connected senior solicitors with junior barristers practising in property law, building and construction.

The session was opened by her Honour Judge Burchell and VWL's Vice President, Sophie Lefebvre, facilitated discussion. Thank you to Svenson Barristers List for sponsoring this important lunch series.

Photos from the event can be found on our [LinkedIn](#).

FEAR(LESS) YOU MASTERCLASS

On 25 October 2022, VWL was thrilled to welcome back Penny Locaso, author of Hacking Happiness, to lead us through the 'Fear(less) You Masterclass' on how to use fear to create the change we wish to see in work and life.

This interactive workshop saw participants develop action plans that will enable them to remove the barriers associated with fears and tool kit to build resilience and confidence.



LAW FIRM OWNERS & LEADERS - SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

On 13 October 2022, VWL and Justitia Lawyers & Consultants Lawyers, held the inaugural meeting for our Special Interest Group for Law firm owners and leaders. We had a positive response from our Principal level lawyer members, some who run their own law firms or businesses.

The Special Interest Group is a unique offering for our members and we are delighted to work with Justitia Lawyers to provide a forum for Principal level lawyers and business owners in the law to discuss the challenges and successes faced by members in the group.

The group is directed by its members, who will determine how frequently to meet and what themes or topics are of interest to the group and when to meet.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT



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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 November, we spotlight **Erin Molony**, senior associate at Allens. You can read Erin's spotlight [here](#).

LAW INSTITUTE JOURNAL

This month **Oriana Torcasio** and **Amiinah Dulull** contributed to VWL's regular column in the LJ with the piece *Diversity: Towards inclusive digital law*.

You can read the full column [here](#), as well as past contributions to the LJ by VWL members [here](#).

LAW REFORM

SUBMISSION REGARDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT STAFF ACT 1984 (Cth) (MOP(S) Act)

VWL's Law Reform Committee prepared a submission to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) with feedback on the review of the MOP(S) Act.

The Submission considered new and innovative ways for the DPMC to facilitate gender equality through the reform of the MOP(S) Act. Sections of VWL's submission were included in the final Report from the Review of the MOP(S) Act, released on 7 October 2022.

VWL thanks our Law Reform Committee Co-Chairs **Stephanie Koumbarakos** and **Andrea de Silva** and committee for their work on this important submission.

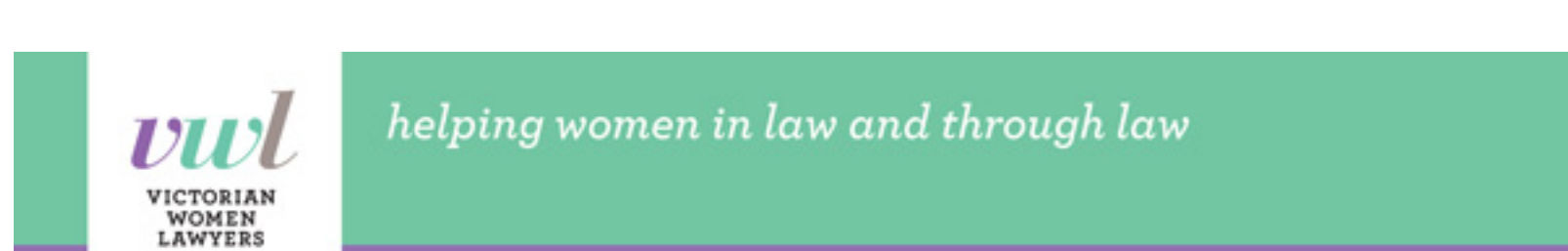
Further information can be found on our [LinkedIn](#). A copy of the submission can be found on our [website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES

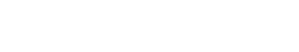
GET INVOLVED IN A VWL COMMITTEE

We are looking for passionate volunteers to join VWL's **Committees** to help us plan our 2023 calendar of events and projects. To find out more about VWL's different committees, view our website [here](#).

Email vwl@vwl.asn.au with "Committee EO!" in the subject line and a short description about yourself.



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