



CENTRAL WEST
REGIONAL LAW SOCIETY OF NSW

24 January 2024

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to 2024. I hope you have returned from the break feeling well rested and ready to tackle another year.

As you would know, one of my roles as Regional President is to raise our profile at the Regional President meetings. If you have anything you would like me to raise, please get in touch.

Membership

Our annual financial membership for the Central West Law Society remains at \$20 per annum. It provides you with discounts to our CPD seminars and social events. We hope you will continue to be a financial member by completing and returning the **attached** membership form. When completing the membership form, please ensure you circle if you are a Young Lawyer.

We welcome new practitioners to the region and encourage you to pass our details on to any new colleagues. A reminder that law students are also welcome members (of the CWLS and as a Young Lawyer).

Membership to our regional law society provides you with a subsidised price to events held in our region and our annual CPD event. Our membership is separate to Law Society of New South Wales membership.

Social Events

As you would have seen, the Law Society of New South Wales is conducting a regional visit in Orange on **22 February 2024**. There will be an afternoon CPD event followed by networking drinks at the Remington and dinner to follow at the Union Bank. You can view the program and register [here](#). We will be utilising this event as our welcome event to the year. We intend to subsidise drink purchases for members on the evening. We hope to see you there.

We remain willing to support any social event in Bathurst, Parkes or Forbes. Please get in touch if you would like to organise something.

We will send a save the date for the annual lunch later in the year.

Continuing Professional Development

This year's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) day will be in Orange on **15 November 2024**. We will send a save the date once confirmed.

We will be on the look-out for other CPD opportunities for our members through the year. If there is something in particular you are looking for, please get in touch.

CWLS Bursary & Student Prize

Applications for the 2024 Bursary and Student Prize are now open and the information and the application form is **attached** (or can be found on our [website](#)). I urge you to make this known to any of your staff members who are undertaking legal study and encourage them to apply.

Please note applications close on 19 April 2024.

CWLS Committee

The 2024 committee members are as follows:

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The CWLS Committee email is cwls.committee@gmail.com for all general committee matters, alternatively committee members are happy to be contacted directly to field any enquiries. Information can also be found on our website www.centralwestlawsociety.org.au. Please do not hesitate to contact committee members if we may be of assistance or if you would like to be involved in assisting or organising events.

We look forward to another successful year.



Dannielle Ford
President
Central West Law Society