

10 February 2025

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to 2025. 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. We expect there to be significant developments in the AML/CTF space this year and we are committed to providing our members with timely updates when they are available.

### **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. Please also include your preferred email address for our Will searches. Will searches will continue to be sent monthly and a new "member services" tab has been added to our website [here](#) where you can complete your Will search request.

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**

We will endeavour to plan a welcome to 2025 function. Our committee will meet at the end of this month. 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 Bathurst on a date to be advised. 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 2025 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 18 April 2025.

## CWLS Committee

The 2024 committee members are as follows:

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The CWLS Committee email is [cwls.committee@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

Kind regards  
Dannielle Ford

President

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