

# CENTRAL WEST LAW SOCIETY



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Dear Central West Law Society Members,

## **CENTRAL WEST LAW SOCIETY (CWLS) REPORT**

Thank you for the honour of representing our region in the Regional Presidents forum of the NSW Law Society. This year these meetings have unfortunately been very limited and held via Microsoft teams, rather than in person.

Members are continuously invited to engage with the Central West Law Society President however unfortunately the uptake on this invitation is limited. The good news about the limited contact is that it suggests you are all well and without issues.

We traditionally have a membership base which represents about seventy per cent (70%) of the practitioners in our region. We think that is a pretty good endorsement that people are happy with the social and educational events the Central West Law Society is coordinating, providing and our initiatives like the bursaries generally. Proportionately, it's one of the highest rates of membership of the regional law societies.

This year our events have, unfortunately, been limited, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our website – **[centralwestlawsociety.org.au](http://centralwestlawsociety.org.au)** remains engaging and interactive and I encourage you to refer to it from time to time in relation to events being hosted in our region and regarding membership generally. If you haven't already checked out the website, it's definitely worth a look.

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Bursary scheme and in that time we've given out in excess of \$28,000 in bursaries and student prizes (more than half of which has been funded by the Regional Grants program). We are pleased to confirm that many of the previous winners are now practising throughout the Central West Law Society Region.

The vast majority of our Committee have been volunteering for many years and so the Committee is a well-oiled machine. There is indeed a level of commitment which is required in enrolling in any committee that means committee members volunteer an extraordinary amount of time for the benefit of a greater whole. That is exactly what our committee have done, they have made a huge commitment and investment in the betterment of our region and I thank the committee members for their continued time, energy and commitment.

Our annual CLE day in Orange is well enrolled and we look forward to learning with many of you on Friday 5 November 2020.

On behalf of the Central West Law Society I thank all our members for their ongoing support and participation in events. The participation of our members, is, after all, the reason that we all take time out of our businesses and lives to volunteer in our Central West Law Society roles.

On behalf of the committee we wish all our members a safe, happy and prosperous festive season and new year.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Hughes', followed by a large, stylized circular flourish.

Stephanie Hughes  
President