



CENTRAL WEST
REGIONAL LAW SOCIETY OF NSW

21 January 2022

Dear Colleagues

It may be too early to welcome you to the 2022 Law Term, though I would like to do so anyway. I hope you had a nice break over Christmas and New Year with your families and you feel well rested 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.

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).

Social Events

We are finalising dates to our 2022 welcome drinks in Orange. It is likely that we will hold this function in early March. Stay tuned for updates.

The uptake for our organised functions outside of Orange was underwhelming last year so we will not be formally making arrangements this year. However, we remain willing to support any social event in Bathurst, Parkes or Forbes (or somewhere in between!). Please get in touch if you would like to organise something.

Continuing Professional Development

This year's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) day will be in Orange. 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 2022 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.

I was fortunate enough to be a recipient of the bursary twice, together with a number of our members who remain practising in the region. Please note applications close on 1 April 2022.

CWLS Committee

The 2022 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.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dannielle Ford', followed by a period.

Dannielle Ford
President
Central West Law Society