

#### **NZLLA Newsletter May 2024**

## Nau Mai Haere Mai!

Welcome to our new NZLLA email newsletter!

We are exploring new ways to communicate with our members and are excited to relaunch our newsletter. We will send this out regularly with updates on what the NZLLA is up to, including National Executive activities, social events, conference updates, and scholarship opportunities.

We hold monthly meetings on Zoom that all members are welcome to attend. The agenda is posted on the <u>law-libs listserv</u> and the minutes are uploaded to our website. You will need to log in and click on My Pages, then Document Storage to access.

Are you on LinkedIn? We have a new, official, public page. <u>Click here</u> to follow New Zealand Law Librarians Association NZLLA on LinkedIn.

Noho ora mai

**NZLLA National Executive** 

NZLLA Strategic Plan 2024-2026

The NZLLA National Executive met in person in March to plan our priorities for 2024-2026. It has been a long time since we held the Saturday planning session in person.

Our aim is to continue to focus the efforts of NZLLA on priority areas that align with our goals and aspirations

Thank you to Julie Matthews and the Wellington NZLS Library for hosting us. Thank you to our <u>National Executive</u> who came together on a Saturday for this planning session. We are finalising the strategic plan and will share this with you all shortly.



# **ALLA Scholarship Recipient**

Congratulations to Louise Bailey, who is the recipient of the \$3,000 scholarship to attend the <u>Australian Law Librarians Association Conference</u> in Adelaide, in August.

Louise is our current NZLLA Vice President and has served as Secretary and also Auckland Co-Convenor. Louise was also the NZLLA Conference Convenor in 2021.

Thank you to those who took the time to apply for the scholarships on offer. They were all strong contenders.

Attending an international conference is a fantastic personal and professional development opportunity. Look out for further opportunities next year!





Adelaide, South Australia

# Conference 2025 Update

The National Executive has decided to hold our biennial conference in Auckland in 2025. The Conference Committee is currently finding its feet and exploring venue options. Our conference website and members will be updated as we have details to share.



# Career Biographies and Vacancies on our Website

We are updating some areas of our website as we look to promote NZLLA and to demonstrate the value of our work. We are also keen to encourage new and diverse entrants into our profession.

We are continuing to add new career biographies to the careers section. If you would like to tell potential members, or existing members, about your journey to law librarianship and your current role please email <a href="Nadine Fathers">Nadine Fathers</a>. This is a fantastic way to showcase the varied roles in law librarianship and the different career paths that people have taken.

We also advertise current vacancies in law libraries and working with legal information. To list a vacancy, please email <u>Nadine Fathers</u>.

# Advocating for NZLII

Judi at NZLII has received an invitation to apply for a grant from the Borrin Foundation. It is intended that the grant will be used to upgrade the platform and search, add new databases and more legal guides.

Borrin is requiring a steering group to be formed and Judi has asked NZLLA to be one of the participants. During discussions within the National Executive, the primary concern raised was the necessity for a governance structure that ensures the sustainability and effective management of NZLII in the long term. NZLLA has committed to providing a representative to the steering board for 24 months, with a review planned at the end of this period. More discussions with Judi are scheduled on how NZLLA can advocate for sustainable future for NZLII. We will provide a letter of support for NZLII.

The critical need for senior stakeholder engagement for the survival of NZLII has also been raised with Pete Elderkin, LIANZA CEO, Rachel Esson, National Librarian and the <u>Library and Information Advisory Commission</u>. NZLII was featured in LIANZA's April issue of Library Life. <u>Read here</u>. LIANZA has provided NZLLA with a letter of support for finding secure and sustainable support for NZLII. Please reach out to the National Executive if you have any ideas or connections that may help with this.



## Constitution Review

The National Executive is reviewing our <u>NZLLA Constitution</u> in light of the <u>Incorporated Societies Act 2022</u>. The 2022 Act modernises the laws and the way societies need to operate.

The main change we need to make to is including mechanisms for handling disputes. Changes to our constitution require a Special General Meeting. The deadline for re-registering under the Act is 5 April 2026.

Thank you to Julie Matthews and Claire Dowling for all their work on this.

# **Upcoming CPD**

He Poutama, the NZLC Tikanga study paper Wednesday 5 June 2024, 1pm, Zoom

Judge Whata is speaking on to speak on <u>He Poutama</u>, the NZLC Tikanga study paper. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

RSVP to Nadine Fathers to receive the Zoom registration details.



# Upcoming member events

Wellington Social Event Thursday 13 June 2024, 5.15pm

The NZLS Library is hosting mid-years drinks and nibbles. RSVP to <u>Nadine</u> <u>Fathers</u>.

## ICLR in Auckland Tuesday 13 August 2024, 5pm

MinterEllisonRuddWatts is hosting NZLLA and ICLR for drinks and nibbles.

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (ICLR) for England and Wales was established in 1865. The ICLR publish official Law Reports, The Weekly Law Reports, The Industrial Cases Reports, The Business Law Reports, The Public and Third Sector Law Reports and the Consolidated Index to leading law reports.

More details to come.

## ICLR in Wellington

### Wednesday 14 August 2024, 5pm

The NZLS Library is hosting NZLLA and ICLR for drinks and nibbles. Justice Kós and ICLR will be speaking on the importance of law reports and the value of headnotes.

More details to come.

Our Events page is online here.

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