



WELCOME TO OUR

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the WAMG Newsletter!

As WAMG continues to grow, we are excited to launch a bi-monthly newsletter to keep our Chapters and members informed about the latest news, achievements, and opportunities across our national network.

Over the past two months, WAMG has celebrated the launch of new Chapters, hosted its first national event, and continued to support students through a range of professional development and advocacy initiatives. We are delighted to share some of these highlights below.



↓ In this newsletter you will find:

New chapters, National Events and Chapter Events.



Southern Cross University Law Students Society

The past two months marked an exciting milestone for WAMG, with the addition of two new Chapters to our national network.

We are delighted to welcome the Southern Cross University Law Students Society (SCULLS), which officially launched on 27 August. The Chapter is led by Lucy O'Brien and Sarah Blackman.

SCULLS joined WAMG to provide law students with greater access to professional development opportunities, networking, and engagement with the broader legal community. The team hopes that membership will support women pursuing legal careers, strengthen connections within the student community, and enrich the university experience for all members.

INSTAGRAM:
@SCUWAMG



University of Tasmania

On 1 September, we were also pleased to welcome the Tasmania University Law Society (TULS) to the WAMG network. Brigitte Fountain leads the Chapter at the University of Tasmania.

Inspired by WAMG's national model and the opportunity to foster interstate connections, the UTAS Chapter looks forward to collaborating with Chapters across Australia to support, teach, and celebrate women in law. The team is excited to share ideas and initiatives that strengthen opportunities for aspiring advocates and legal professionals.

INSTAGRAM:
@TULSXWAMG

NATIONAL EVENT

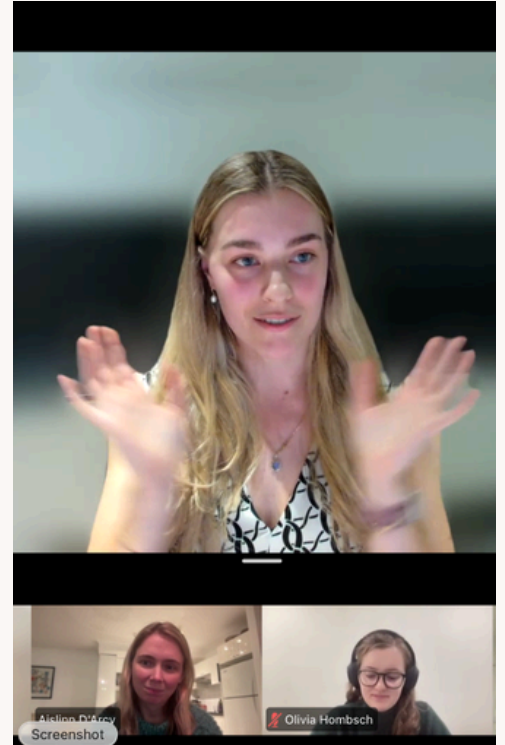
First National Event!

I'M A CORPORATE LAWYER - ASK ME ANYTHING!

August saw WAMG host its first event as a national organisation.

On 6 August, National Co-Lead Alison Cook hosted a Q&A session titled "I'm a Corporate Lawyer – Ask Me Anything!" featuring Amelia Frey of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer and Aislinn D'Arcy of Clayton Utz.

Students from all affiliated universities attended and engaged enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions about career pathways, life in corporate law, and the realities of legal practice. Our panellists shared valuable insights from their professional journeys and offered practical advice to students considering a career in the commercial legal sector.



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CHAPTER EVENTS

Australian National University

LIFE, LAW AND LEADERSHIP: IN CONVERSATION WITH JUSTICE TAYLOR

On 10 August, we were honoured to host Justice Taylor at an event titled "Life, Law and Leadership: In Conversation with Justice Taylor."

Chapter Leads Alison Cook and Alex Fladun-Dorling facilitated a moderated discussion with the Honourable Justice Lesley Taylor, exploring her distinguished career across commercial and criminal advocacy, international justice, and her current role on the Victorian Court of Appeal. Justice Taylor shared thoughtful reflections on navigating the legal profession as both an advocate and a judge. Attendees were especially inspired to learn of her connection to the ANU Law School community as one of its distinguished alumna.



MOOTING: TIPS AND TRICKS EVENT

The panel featured Alex Bako, Bitu Mahani, and Alison Cook (pictured above), all final-year law students with extensive national and international mooting experience. Panel members shared practical advice on developing persuasive arguments, organising case materials, refining advocacy skills, and pursuing external competition opportunities.

Attendees left with valuable insights into competitive mooting at both domestic and international levels. Stay tuned for the upcoming release of the **WAMG Mooting Tips and Tricks Guide**.



University of Wollongong

MEL STOREY

On 7 September, the University of Wollongong Law Students' Society (UOWLSS) hosted Mel Storey, a corporate lawyer, entrepreneur, and media personality, as part of her Big Sis Tour across New South Wales.

Mel reflected on her journey from regional Australia to legal practice, sharing the challenges of navigating law school and career planning without existing connections to the profession. She spoke candidly about setbacks, including unsuccessful clerkship applications, and emphasised the importance of resilience, building professional relationships, and staying open to the many pathways available in the legal profession. During the Q&A, Mel offered candid insights into burnout, imposter syndrome, and career transitions. Her emphasis on the value of mentorship and accessible guidance resonated strongly with attendees, sparking discussions within WAMG about strengthening support networks for law students and the potential development of a future WAMG mentoring program.



Editor's note

We are thrilled to see WAMG's continued growth across Australia and grateful to the many students, Chapter leaders, and legal professionals who have contributed to our success over the past two months.

THANK YOU!