



80th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

LOCATION 2025 Conference, University of Queensland
DATE AND TIME: 1.00 pm to 1.45 pm (UTC/GMT+10), Friday 4 July 2025
Contact: ALAA Administrator admin@alaa.asn.au

1. Welcome

- a. Acknowledgement of Country
- b. Attendance and apologies

Michael Adams, David Barker, Matt Berkahn, Rick Bigwood, Kelley Burton, Louise Cauchi, Ulysses Chioatto, Toni Collins, Ann Maree David, Louisa Di Bartolomeo, Stephanie Falconer, Helen Gibbon, Nicole Graham, John Hopkins, Terry Hutchinson, Tammy Johnson, Nicky Jones, Judith Marychurch, Noeleen McNamara, Unaisi Narawa, Upeka Perera, Siobhan Ryan, Robin Woellner

- c. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting – *confirmed*.

PART 1 – ITEMS FOR COMMUNICATION

1. Chair's Report – Associate Professor Judith Marychurch

- Thanks to Rick Bigwood, Francesca Bartlett and Justine Bell-Jones and their amazing team for their leadership and hard work for the 2025 conference!
- ALAA financial support for Marcelle Burns' report to the CALD Indigenous-led Working Party on Legal Professional Standards and ICC working party – report just received, more to come!
- Recent and continuing discussions with Austlii re new open access opportunities
- Change in ALAA executive assistance, from 1 July 2025, Karen Seychell

2. 2025 Conference Committee – Chairs Report – University of Queensland Law Faculty - Professor Justine Bell-James and Associate Professor Frances Bartlett

- 180 registrations
- Over 100 abstracts submitted
- 85 dinner registrations
- Financially viable

3. Treasurer's Report – Professor Natalie Skead

See Appendix.

4. New Zealand Chair's Report – Professor John Hopkins

- Planned one day conference for 2025 postponed due to the uncertainty within the sector and issues with colleagues having the funding to attend. We are hoping to offer a Aotearoa New Zealand event in 2026.
- Our administrator Simone Schwoerer stepped down as she has completed her PhD. Simone has up a post as a lecturer at the University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga of Waitaha, School of Business | Te Kura Umanga. The ALAA-ANZ executive would like to thank Simone for her excellent service in the role and wish her every success for the future.
- We have recently re-appointed Dr. Ibnu Sitompul to the administrator role.
- Plans to engage with the New Zealand Law Deans and develop some better synergies across the faculties. Ideas include Aotearoa New Zealand awards for research and teaching excellence, New Zealand events and a reinvigoration of our website and news services.
- Financial ALAA-ANZ remains in good health due to long period of inactivity. These funds will be particularly important given the current strain on University finances in Aotearoa New Zealand/ This is particularly true in the field of legal studies.

5. Early Career Academic Network Report – Stephanie Falconer

- Vibrant ECA Network
- Upcoming and planned events
- Feedback from ECA members welcome on what they would benefit most from

6. Editors Reports

a. Legal Education Review (LER) – Associate Professor Anne Hewitt

Anne Hewitt (Editor in Chief), Kelley Burton (Associate Editor)

Members of the Editorial Board: Kate Galloway, Helen Gibbon, Judith Marychurch, Mark McConnell, Judith McNamara, Sascha Mueller Natalie Skead, Alex Steel; outgoing – James Duffy, with thanks.

The LER Editorial Committee will be seeking to recruit more members in coming months.

The LER Editorial Committee developed a policy on the use of AI in papers submitted to/published by the journal which was agreed to in principle by the LER Editorial Committee

via circulating resolution, and approved by ALAA at its April meeting. That policy has now been published on the journal website, <https://ler.scholasticahq.com/>.

In 2025 we intend to publish one issue: General issue Vol 35(1)

- Statistics for papers submitted for this edition to date appear below.
- Submitted (EiC initial review) = 2
- Under review = 4
- Revise and resubmit = 5
- Accepted (final edits) = 2
- Published = 5
- TOTAL = 18

Proposed 2026 special issue

In 2026 we propose publishing a General Issue plus a Special Issue on The Crowded Curriculum prepared in collaboration with the 2025 UNSW Legal Education Research Conference.

Proposed 2027 special issue

In 2027 we propose publishing a General Issue plus a Special Issue on Reflective Practice arising from an international symposium on the topic being run by Dr Michelle Leering and Professor Sharry Aiken, Queen's University, Canada.

b. Journal of ALAA (JALAA) – Associate Professor Jonathan Barrett

Website updates on the agenda with new ALAA Administrator
Call for papers for 2025 edition to be released shortly, so stay tuned!

PART 2 – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

Election of Office Bearers and Executive Members 2025-2027

7. General Executive

- a. Chair: Associate Professor Judith Marychurch (Melbourne)
- b. Deputy Chair: Associate Professor Kelley Burton (UniSC)
- c. Secretary: Emeritus Professor Michael Adams (UTS)
- d. Treasurer: Professor Natalie Skead (UWA)
- e. Early Career Member: Stephanie Falconer (LaTrobe)
- f. General Members (up to 5 positions): went to election – successful nominees were Louise Cauchi, Ann Maree David, Helen Gibbon, Tammy Johnson, Nicky Jones

8. Other General Executive members, *ex officio* (for noting):

Immediate Past Chair (Designate): Professor Kate Galloway
Editor in Chief of LER (Designate): Associate Professor Anne Hewitt
Editor in Chief of JALAA (Designate): Associate Professor Jonathan Barrett

9. New Zealand Executive

- a. Chair: Professor John Hopkins (Canterbury)

- b. Secretary: Matt Berkahn (Massey)
- c. Treasurer Toni Collins (Canterbury)
- d. General Executive Member (1 position): Unaisi Narawa (Waikato)

10. Honorary Life members

Nominations have been received for: **Associate Professor Jonathan Barrett**

Nomination passed.

11. Other Business

Letter of thanks to Emeritus Professor David Barker, from Professor Kate Galloway.

The meeting closed at 1:50pm.

Next Meeting: 3 July 2026

Treasurer's Report: Professor Natalie Skead

AUSTRALASIAN LAW ACADEMICS ASSOCIATION

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	28,543	39,713
Expenses	-15,334	-29,628
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	13,209	10,085
<i>Income tax expense</i>	0	0
Net Profit/(Loss) after income tax	13,209	10,085

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
Assets	\$	\$
Cash & cash equivalents	233,328	220,119
Liabilities		
Payables	0	0
Net Assets	233,328	220,119
Equity		
Retained Earnings	233,328	220,119
	233,328	220,119

Profit and loss report

Cash mode

01 Jul 2024 - 23 Jun 2025

	Actual
4-0000 Income	
4-1200 Fee income	29,000.00
4-1400 Copyright Income	295.53
4-1500 Royalty Income LER	272.96
4-2601 Subscription Income	0.00
Total Income	29,568.49
Gross Profit	29,568.49
6-0000 Expense	
6-1000 Accounting fees	7,978.00
6-1300 MYOB Charges	658.00
6-1400 Bank fees	0.00
6-1450 ALAA Secretariat	6,496.28
6-1500 Audit Fees	2,475.00
6-3800 Website	0.00
6-5000 Sub contractors	0.00
6-6603 Conference Expenses	0.00
Total Expense	17,607.28
Operating Profit	11,961.21
8-0000 Other Income	
8-1200 Interest income	2,179.59
8-1401 Online Fee income	0.00
Total Other Income	2,179.59
9-0000 Other Expense	
9-1000 Other expenses	5,500.00
Total Other Expense	5,500.00
Net Profit	8,640.80

Bank Account	Balance (as at 25 June 2025)
Business Transaction Account	39,901.89
Business Online Saver	33,159.11
Term Deposit	168,904.75

Membership	2024/5	2023/4	2022/3
Institutional Members (paid)	29	26	32