



Judicial Conference of Australia

GOVERNING COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING: 2013/4

Held on **Saturday 12th October 2013** at the Sir Stamford at Circular Quay Hotel, Sydney

The meeting commenced at 12 noon.

Present

Justice Philip McMurdo (in the Chair)	Supreme Court of Queensland
Judge Michael Baumann	Federal Circuit Court of Australia
Magistrate Richard Bayly	Magistrates Court of Western Australia
Justice Robert Beech-Jones	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Chief Justice Alan Blow, OAM	Supreme Court of Tasmania
Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton	Magistrates Court of South Australia
Justice Tony Cavanough	Supreme Court of Victoria
Judge Wayne Chivell	District Court of South Australia
Judge Phillip Eaton	District Court of Western Australia
Magistrate Greg Grogin	Local Court of New South Wales
Magistrate Don Jones	Magistrates Court of Tasmania
Justice Judith Kelly	Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Justice Carmel McLure	Supreme Court of Western Australia
Justice Peter Murphy	Family Court of Australia
Judge Garry Neilson	District Court of New South Wales
Justice Hilary Penfold, PSM	Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory
Justice Steven Rares	Federal Court of Australia
Judge Michael Shanahan	County Court of Victoria
Justice Terry Sheahan, AO	Land and Environment Court of New South Wales
Judge Brian Withers	Treasurer, and Supreme Court of South Australia

In attendance

Christopher Roper, AM

Secretary

Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Justice David Beach
Judge Allan Fenbury

Supreme Court of Victoria
District Court of Western
Australia

Magistrate Karen Fryar, AM

Magistrates Court of the
Australian Capital Territory

Chief Magistrate Peter Lauritsen
Magistrate Leanne O'Shea
Chief Judge John Pascoe AO, CVO
Justice Michael Walton

Magistrates Court of Victoria
Magistrates Court of Queensland
Federal Circuit Court of Australia
Industrial Court of New South
Wales

Alternates

Alternate

Representating

Judge Michael Baumann
Justice Tony Cavanough
Judge Phillip Eaton

Chief Judge John Pascoe
Justice David Beach
Judge Allan Fenbury

Resolved (2013/20)

That the apologies be noted and received.

1 Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting of the Governing Council

The minutes of the meeting of the Governing Council held 20th July 2013 had been circulated.

Resolved (2013/21)

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2013 be confirmed.

2 Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held since the last meeting

The draft minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 19th September 2013 had been circulated.

Resolved (2013/22)

That the draft minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19th September 2013 be noted.

Reports

3 President's Report

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

4 Secretary's report

The Secretary had nothing to report.

5 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer had nothing to report.

6 Membership report

A membership report as at 17th September 2013 had been circulated, and was noted.

Elections

7 President

Justice Philip McMurdo was nominated for the position of President. There were no other nominations.

Resolved (2013/23)

That the Hon Justice Philip McMurdo be elected President of the JCA.

8 Vice President

The President explained why Chief Justice Blow considered that he could not continue in the office of Vice President.

Justice Steven Rares was nominated for the position of Vice President. There were no other nominations.

Resolved (2013/24)

That the Hon Justice Steven Rares be elected Vice President of the JCA.

8 Executive Committee

The following members of the Governing Council were nominated for the Executive Committee:

Justice David Beach
Justice Robert Beech-Jones
Chief Justice Alan Blow
Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton
Judge Allan Fenbury
Justice Judith Kelly
Magistrate Don Jones
Justice Hilary Penfold
Justice Michael Walton

Resolved (2013/25)

That Justice David Beach, Justice Robert Beech-Jones, Chief Justice Alan Blow, Chief Magistrate Elizabeth Bolton, Judge Allan Fenbury, Justice Judith Kelly, Magistrate Don Jones, Justice Hilary Penfold and Justice Michael Walton be elected to the Executive Committee.

Activities, projects and matters of concern

9 Superannuation changes in light of the Federal Budget

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

10 Judicial advice to vice regal office holders

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

11 Committee to develop a policy on the judicial appointment process

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

12 Research project on the independence of the judiciary

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

13 JCA guidelines on the use of social media by judges and courts

The President had reported at the Annual General Meeting.

14 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Brisbane in March 2014 on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

Signed as a true record:

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President