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Ian Brown is a Partner at Carter Capner in Brisbane and has been President of APLA Queensland for almost 18 months, a role he accepted after being on the committee and executive for some years. With a ready smile and booming laugh, Ian's enthusiasm for family, life, law and APLA is keen.

Ian grew up on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast and attended high school there, where he met his wife Kylie. He went on to complete his Bachelor of Laws at QUT and was admitted in 1990.

Kylie and Ian now reside on Mt Tamborine in the Gold Coast hinterland, their house surrounded by a magnificent garden, which Ian tends to with particular care. Away from the garden, Ian enjoys his other hobbies of listening to classical music, maintaining his collection of hundreds of CD's, and indulging his dog, Max.

However, by far the greatest of joys to befall Kylie and Ian has been the arrival of their son Peter, who they recently adopted from Korea. Born on 12 June, Peter has settled into the household over the last few weeks and his parents worship him. Since Peter's arrival, there has been a particular spring in Ian's step and a gleam in his eye.

Away from home, Ian is fervently committed to APLA and in the past year has overseen some tremendous successes for APLA Queensland. APLA Queensland played a major role in the processes leading up to the recent amendments to the *Motor Accident Insurance Act*. Ian and other committee members had many meetings with State Parliamentarians and Government officials, as well as the Commissioner.

“Many of APLA's suggestions were incorporated into the final legislation”, Ian says. “It was really the first time that APLA was able to have a real input into the decision-making process. We have developed a very good working relationship with the Commissioner which continues today”.

Other successes have included the State Conference at Noosa attended by 180 delegates, several well-attended legal intensives, the implementation of the APLA Queensland Newsletter and the successful election of three APLA Queensland members to the Council of the Queensland Law Society.

Away from these successes, Ian gets most enjoyment from meeting with APLA Queensland Members and talking with them about their concerns and

hopes. This occurs most frequently at APLA Intensives and conferences but also on Ian's recent APLA North Queensland trip.

Ian recalls, “It was reminiscent of the Steve Martin film, “Planes Trains and Automobiles”. We travelled hundreds of kilometres over a 3-day period and presented Litigations at Sunrise in Cairns, Townsville and Rockhampton. We met many APLA Queensland members in these cities and discussed matters of concern, including the GST and WorkCover. Everyone was so friendly and enthusiastic. It was just a great experience”.

As well as devoting many hours to APLA, Ian conducts a busy practice in all areas of personal injuries. “I have been very fortunate. I enjoy practising law and my involvement with APLA has been very satisfying”.

Back on Mt Tamborine with Kylie and Peter, Ian can get away from it all and relax. “I love it up here. It is so clean and quiet. I can really unwind. Peter is keeping us busy and he is already into mischief”.

Ian glances away, that gleam in his eye. He looks back and gives a small nod. It is the nod of a happy man, a very happy man. **PL**