



Top row (L-R): Belinda Wilson (Co-chair, RSYLC), Nabila Baraka (Co-chair, PDC), Misty Royce (Co-chair, RSYLC), Donna Adams (Co-chair, PDC and Vice-President), Gareth Clark (President)

Bottom row (L-R): Fiona Batten (Co-editor), Helen Tiplady (Co-chair, CIC), Suzi Stanicic (Co-chair, Social Committee), Jerrie Kaduthodil (Co-chair, Social Committee), Amy Barry-Macaulay (Chair, LRC), Sanjula Weerasinghe (Co-chair, CIC)

Absent: Amity Jarvis – Co-editor, Tatiana Roudametova – Chair, Later Lawyers Network

# Young Lawyers' committees

## What they do and how to get involved

### Regional and Suburban Young Lawyers Committee (RSYLC)

[www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/youngLawyers-Regional.html](http://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/youngLawyers-Regional.html)

The RSYLC organises social, networking and educational events for young lawyers in all areas of Victoria throughout the year. We aim to provide a support network for young lawyers who are in areas where they cannot physically access the city.

Events include social and networking events with young lawyers and other young professionals, and drinks and dinner with judges and other prominent people from the legal profession.

To find out about upcoming events in your area, periodically check out the LIV events calendar at [www.liv.asn.au/events/calendar](http://www.liv.asn.au/events/calendar)

Also keep an eye on the LIV *Friday Facts* and *Law Bytes* email newsletters.

Suburban & regional Victoria is broken down into 14 different sections, and there is at least one Young Lawyers Representative for each of the following regions:

- Ballarat & District
- Eastern Suburbs
- Gippsland
- Mornington Peninsula
- North West Victoria
- Bendigo
- Geelong
- Goulburn Valley
- North East Victoria
- North Western Suburbs

- Northern Suburbs
- Western Victoria

- Southern Suburbs
- Wimmera

**Check we're got your details correct so you are kept in the loop!**

To check which area you are in and who your Young Lawyer Representative is go to [www.liv.asn.au/director/lawasns/](http://www.liv.asn.au/director/lawasns/).

You should also check that your contact details registered with the LIV, particularly your email address, are correct. To do this, either phone the Members Services Department on (03) 9607 9470 or email them at: [records@liv.asn.au](mailto:records@liv.asn.au). Any changes must be notified in writing.

If you have any queries or have any ideas for events that you would like in your area please do not hesitate to contact your local Young Lawyer Representative.

We look forward to meeting you in 2006.

### Co-chair RSYLC – Belinda Wilson

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I needed to go to the Supreme Court to instruct counsel. Unfortunately, I went into the right courtroom number but I was in the wrong section of the Court (the new section and the old section are numbered identically). I tried to interrupt counsel and instruct him. I was met with strange looks from everyone in the courtroom, including the judge. I mumbled that I needed to seek further instructions and crept out, and only realised my error back in the office!

**Gold piece of advice:** If you have a silly question – ask your secretary first. They have been there a lot longer than you and can be your saviour!



### Co-chair RSYLC – Misty Royce

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I tried to hold up the wheelie bin lid with one hand and put my rubbish in at the same time. Unfortunately the lid crashed on my head just as my boss was walking past!

**Gold piece of advice:** Don't be afraid to ask questions!

## Social Committee

<https://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/younglawyers-Social.html>

The Social Committee organises social and networking events for young lawyers. Our aim is to foster people getting to know other young lawyers and also other young professionals, and most importantly to have fun.

### Co-chair Social Committee – Suzi Stanicic

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** Walking through the foyer at work with my skirt tucked into my pantyhose, exposing my butt.

**Gold piece of advice:** You can get the penalty interest rates on the LIV website.

### Co-chair Social Committee – Jerrie Kaduthodil

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I was venting what I really thought about the client I'd just spoken to on the phone, but I hadn't put the phone back in its cradle properly.

**Gold piece of advice:** For students – choose firms that you're really interested in that do reflect your goals, as this will shape your career.

## Law Reform Committee (LRC)

<https://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/younglawyers-Law.html>

The LRC works with members to lobby government through the submission process. We also conduct lobbying and submission workshops and discussion forums on current legal issues.

### Chair LRC – Amy Barry-Macaulay

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I helped organise my firm's mid-year party. After the party, I was the one who was asked why there was an extra \$500 charge on the bill! I had to "remind" my boss that the extra charge was when we kept the party going past midnight and kept serving alcohol.

**Gold piece of advice:** Stick up for yourself, find out what it is that you really want and make it happen.

## Professional Development Committee (PDC)

<https://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/younglawyers-Professi.html>

We run programs, competitions, seminars, lectures and events to promote the development of young lawyers.

### Co-chair PDC – Donna Adams

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I set my hair on fire at birthday drinks.

**Gold piece of advice:** Never take what you're being told at face value – always check the legislation or other primary sources.

### Co-chair PDC – Nabila Baraka

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** Walking into a partner's office with chocolate all over my face.

**Gold piece of advice:** For students – be yourself when going through the articles process and keep in mind there is a huge range of opportunities out there for law graduates.

## Community Issues Committee (CIC)

<https://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/younglawyers-Communit.html>

We raise awareness of legal and social community issues, both domestic and international, and encourage people to become interested in participating in activities relating to those issues. We also aim to make people aware of opportunities besides commercial legal work.

### Co-chair CIC – Helen Tiplady

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** Dressing up as a Teletubby for the Articled Clerk review.

**Gold piece of advice:** Keep work in perspective.

### Co-chair CIC – Sanjula Weerasinghe

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** When a partner walked into my office when it was a little smelly and said, "why don't we discuss this piece of work outside".

**Gold piece of advice:** Google it.

## Editorial Committee

<https://www.liv.asn.au/members/sections/younglawyers/about/younglawyers-Editoria.html>

We want articles, ideas, photos, criticisms, love mail, hate mail and seditious responses from all of you. *The Young Lawyers' Journal* is published three times a year and the content is flexible – it only has to be relevant and of interest to young lawyers. So tell us what you want!

Articles due 1 May (for edition #34 – Social Responsibility) and 7 August (for edition #35 – theme TBA).

Article writing training from *LIV* sub-editor Michele Frankeni on 31 March was really popular – if you're interested in article writing training email us and we'll organise another lunchtime session at the LIV.

### Co-editor – Fiona Batten

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** Replying to an auto send.

**Gold piece of advice:** Be painfully careful with emails.

### Co-editor – Amity Jarvis

**Most embarrassing moment at work:** I broke a \$10,000 photocopier.

**Gold piece of advice:** Be nice to machines.