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## WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST - Pre-Conference Activities

### *Workshops & Tours*

Join your fellow conference delegates for a day of (optional) practical professional development workshops and organised tours exploring Melbourne's premier legal libraries. This is an opportunity to combine professional growth and cultural enrichment on one day.

#### 9.00 - 2.00      **FLO Legal Research Workshop**

**Venue:**                      **Law Institute of Victoria (Level 13, 140 William Street, Melbourne)**

Finding the Law Online (FLO) is an online professional development course designed to develop law librarians' foundational research and legal information skills. In this session facilitated by Sue Ann Yap, FLO's modules are used as a guide to teach three modules:

- **Legal Research with Open Access Resources** (1 hour)  
Presenter:      Gemma Walsh, Liaison Librarian, Learning and Teaching, Law Library, Melbourne Law School  
Foundational legal research skills using open-access platforms.
- **Business Research Fundamentals** (1 hour)  
Presenter:      Lauren Grabar, Business Research Librarian, Allens  
New to the FLO program, this session will deliver business research insights and introduce tools available from specialist legal publishers.
- **Legal research databases** (2 hours)  
Presenters:      Legal publishers  
Database specific guidance on delivered by the platform experts. Presenting publishers include BarNet Jade, CCH Wolters Kluwer, LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters.

The FLO workshops are designed for early career law librarians and those keen for an opportunity to refresh their skills in a world of ever-changing legal information resources and tools.

- \$50 for members
- \$110 for non-members. This secures access to FLO and the recorded session for a whole year in addition to a one-year ALLA membership
- Light lunch included

**10.00 - 11.00**      **Parliamentary Library of Victoria Tour #1**

**2.00 - 3.00**      **Parliamentary Library of Victoria Tour #2**

**Venue:**                      **Parliament House (Spring Street, East Melbourne)**

Join a behind-the-scenes tour of the Parliamentary Library of Victoria, one of Australia's oldest continuously operating parliamentary libraries. Construction of the Library commenced in 1858 and was first used by members of Parliament in 1861. Today, the Library still operates as a fully functional library used by members and staff.

This guided visit offers an opportunity to explore historic reading rooms, galleries and collections while learning about the evolution of parliamentary research and information services within a working Parliament. Highlights include the ornate reading rooms, winding staircases, brass fireplaces and striking glass dome crowned by a magnificent Belgian crystal chandelier.

**2.30 - 4.00**      **Victorian Supreme Court Law Library Tour**

**Venue:**                      **Supreme Court of Victoria (210 William Street, Melbourne)**

Step into history with a tour of Victoria's beautiful Supreme Court Library. We'll be guided by a Court Librarian through the first two floors of this 170+ year-old institution and meet the architect involved in its refurbishment. They'll discuss the architectural significance of the building and the challenges involved in updating its spaces to meet today's needs.

The tour will end with a visit to one of the original court rooms dating back to 1884. The building is a working court, library and heritage space, with beautiful architecture, artwork, and historical collections.

**3.00 - 4.30**      **Moys Legal Classification Workshop**

**Venue:**                      **Law Institute of Victoria (Level 13, 140 William Street, Melbourne)**

Join us for a practical, hands-on introduction to the Moys Classification Scheme. This session will launch the new online Moys training platform, highlighting key features and tips to navigate its modules effectively. Participants will also share real life classification challenges and work through solutions with peers.

The workshop will provide librarians with the opportunity to troubleshoot tricky cataloguing changes and connect with others working with Moys every day.

- \$50 for members
- \$110 for non-members. This secures a years' access to the Moys online module – alongside a 1-year ALLA membership

## *Social Events*

**5.00 - 7.00**      **Opening Drinks**

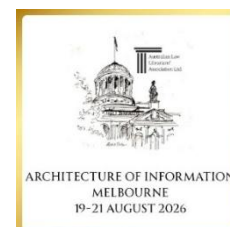
**Venue:**                      **Evoqué Events (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)**

Kick off your 2026 ALLA Conference experience at the Welcome Reception. Enjoy drinks and nibbles whilst catching up with old friends and making new ones.

**7.00 - late**      **After Party hosted by ALLA Victoria**

**Venue:**                      **Valhalla Bar (477 Collins Street, Melbourne)**

Continue your ALLA Conference celebrations - ALLA Victoria style. All conference delegates are welcome.





## THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026 – Conference Day 1

**Venue:** Collins Room, Evoqué Events (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)

### 7.30 - 8.30 Pre-conference Wellbeing: Chair Yoga with Jaymala

Join Jaymala for an optional chair yoga session to help you prepare and focus for the day. Suitable for all skill levels and abilities, from beginners to advanced.

### 8.45 - 9.00 Welcome to Country

**Speaker:** Annette Xiberras, Wurundjeri Elder

Wurundjeri Elder, Annette Xiberras, will conduct a Welcome to Country.

### 9.00 - 9.15 Opening Remarks

**Speakers:** BIALL President, Sinéad Curtin  
Legal Knowledge Manager, Ireland's Chief State Solicitor's Office

### 9.15 - 10.15 Information Governance in Legal Institutions [Keynote, Elizabeth Tydd]

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Tydd, Australian Information Commissioner

As legal institutions navigate accelerating digital transformation, the need for robust and adaptive information governance has never been more critical. In this session, the Australian Information Commissioner Tydd will explore how governance frameworks across courts, legal practices, and academic institutions can be strengthened to ensure accountability, transparency, and trust in an increasingly data-driven environment. Attendees will gain insights into how regulatory frameworks are converging to support responsible data use while safeguarding individual rights, and what this means in practice for legal professionals and institutions.

## 10.15 -10.45 Morning Tea

**Venue:** Queens Room Exhibition Space

Take time to visit our generous sponsors and their trade exhibitions while fuelling up for more conference sessions.

## 10.45 - 11.45 AI and LLMs: This Could be Heaven, or This Could be Hell [Keynote, Caroline Counsel]

**Speaker:** Caroline Counsel, Principal, Caroline Counsel Family Lawyers

AI use in courts and legal practice is growing, and with it the need for guidance, verification and risk assessment. As a result, law librarians are increasingly contributing to AI procurement and evaluation, database assessment, user training, policy development, compliance monitoring, verification workflows and research governance frameworks.

In this session Caroline explores these themes and reflects on the role law librarians play as AI assurance and governance specialists. Caroline will also reflect on the development of agentic AI in automating drafting and research activities, and with it the increasing need for expert supervision by information professionals.

## 11.45 - 12.10 Platinum Sponsor Address – LexisNexis

Hear from the team at LexisNexis, the Conference’s Platinum Sponsor.

## 12.10 - 1.00 Speed Networking at the ALLA Saloon

**Hosts:** Marshall Maverick Mick and Wild Whip Suzy

Tighten that bandana y’all, this ain’t your normal hoe-down. Come together for rapid-fire seven-minute conversations in the ALLA Saloon. Together, we will throw one heck of a southern frontier of a meet-and-greet. The Saloon is gathering law librarians, library and information studies students, and legal publishers for an hour of whirlwind howdy-doody.

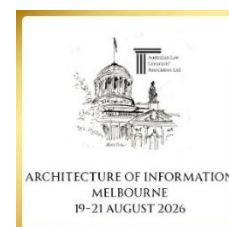
- Jaw with folks you’ve never had the gumption to say ‘howdy’ to before
- Learn what duties they wrangle back at their ranches, their challenges and triumphs
- Hear their personal stories, myths and legends behind the cattle, the lasso, the boots and the emails
- Turn these connections into collabs, wisdom-swaps, and ride into the sunset

## 1.00 - 2.00 Lunch & ALLA Limited AGM

**Lunch venue:** Queens Room Exhibition Space

**AGM venue:** Collins Room

The 2026 ALLA Limited AGM will be held during the lunch break. This is a member’s only event and members are invited to bring their lunch into the Collins room for the duration of the AGM.



## 2.00 - 3.30 Case Study Parts 1 & 2: Reimagining the Profession in the Age of AI

**Facilitators:** Michael Coats, Fiona McDowall, Naish Peterson, Melissa Spain

This interactive, scenario-based workshop focuses on key challenges facing the legal information profession. Facilitated discussion and debate will identify the relevant risks, opportunities and future considerations within five case study themes:

- Fluency, not fear: Mastering emerging legal technologies
- How can we use influence to reinforce our value?
- Rigour meets LLMs: designing hybrid legal research strategies
- The 'Library' as a collaborative space
- Wellbeing and sustainability in a tech driven profession

Before the session, participants are asked to consider two case study themes from the above, to share and discuss within groups during the session.

The event will culminate later in the afternoon during Case Study Part 3, where groups will share their ideas, so that all participants gain an understanding of the ways librarians are approaching different issues, in turn shaping the future of our profession.

## 3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon Tea

**Venue:** Queens Room Exhibition Space

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## 4.00 - 4.45 Case Study - Part 3: Bringing Solutions to the Room

**Facilitators:** Michael Coats, Fiona McDowall, Naish Peterson, Melissa Spain

Following on from Case Study Parts 1 & 2, participant groups will briefly outline the key problems they identified and the solutions they suggest for their selected case study themes.

## 4.45 - 5.00 Conference Day 1 Wrap Up & Announcements

**Speaker:** Kate Freedman, ALLA Limited President  
Digital Learning and Capability Librarian, Australian Catholic University

## *Social Event*

### 6.30 - 10.00 Gala Dinner sponsored by Thomson Reuters

**Venue:** The Hotel Windsor (111 Spring Street, Melbourne)  
**Dress code:** Semi-formal

Step out of the glistening Melbourne winter evening, and be welcomed into the warm, red-carpet embrace of the Hotel Windsor for the ALLA Conference 2026 Gala Dinner generously sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

Make your way to the ballroom, to reunite with fellow conference delegates and celebrate excellence in Australian law libraries with the presentation of the annual ALLA Awards. A live band will fill the room with music, transforming the evening into a true gala festivity.



## FRIDAY 21 AUGUST – Conference Day 2

**Venue:** Collins Room, Evoqé Events (123 Queen Street)

### 7.30 - 8.30 Pre-conference Wellbeing: Breathing with Jaymala

Join Jaymala for an optional pre-conference Breathing session to help you prepare for the final day of the Conference with clarity and calm.

### 9:00 - 9.15 Opening Remarks

**Speaker:** Jenny Silbiger, AALL President  
State Law Librarian, Hawai'i State Judiciary

### 9.15 - 10.00 Chief Justice Niall, Supreme Court of Victoria [Keynote]

**Speaker:** Chief Justice Niall, Supreme Court of Victoria

This session offers judicial observations on the continuously evolving role and contribution of law librarians in the justice system.

### 10.00 - 11.00 A Treaty Signed, but Where to From Here? [Expert Panel]

**Panellists:** Indi Clarke, Clare Asquith Finegan and Tui Raven

On 12 December 2025 a Victoria's Statewide Treaty was signed with First Peoples, commencing at a ceremonial exchange between the government and First Peoples' Assembly in Victoria. As stated in the Treaty's preamble, "one of Victoria's greatest strengths is its courage to face the truth – to listen with open hearts, and to move forward with honesty. Yet the relationship between First Peoples and the State of Victoria has been profoundly shaped by colonisation and its enduring harm."

So, where to from here? How will the Treaty affect the lives of Victorians and those outside this state? Will it lead to a more just and equitable future? How can those of us outside the treaty process, working in libraries around Australia, support the aims of the treaty 'to be part of a shared future grounded in justice, understanding and unity.'

To unpack these questions, we are joined by Indi Clarke, general member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria (Metro region); Tui Raven, a representative from ALIA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Group; and, Clare Asquith Finegan, a Canadian law librarian who will share insights from British Columbia and Canada on efforts toward legal pluralism and her own library's outreach to Indigenous legal organisations.

## 11.00 - 11.15 Morning Tea

**Venue:** Queens Room Exhibition Space

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## 11.15 - 12.15 Law Reform in the AI Age: A Discourse, Dialectic or Paradox? [Expert Panel]

**Panellists:** Laura Racky, Miriam N Mochales, and Associate Professor Olivia Barr

Artificial intelligence is reshaping both the process of law reform and the substance of what must be reformed in law. This dynamic and thought-provoking panel explores AI as a double-edged force—simultaneously a powerful tool for improving legal information access and analysis, and a disruptive technology demanding urgent regulatory response.

Panellists will discuss the paradox of AI in law reform, looking at how AI can potentially enhance legislation analysis, case law research, public consultation and access to justice, while also considering the complex questions around privacy, bias, accountability, liability, ethics and the protection of fundamental rights. The discussion will draw upon Australian and international legal developments, considering where current legal frameworks may fall short and what effective, future ready law reform may require.

Integral to these issues is the role of law librarians in safeguarding public trust in legal institutions, and the interpretation, tracking, and communication of evolving legal issue. The panel will also consider how the paradox of AI tools can impact considerations relevant to fundamental legal research methods, including the potential risks and benefits of the generative AI iteration cycle.

## 12.15 - 1.15 Wellbeing, Sustainability and Collective Care in Law Librarianship [Keynote, Emily Knowles]

**Speaker:** Emily Knowles, Law Institute Victoria Wellbeing Manager

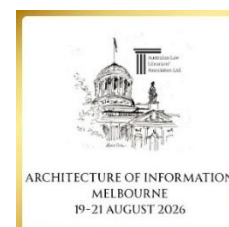
Law librarians are expert navigators, educators, and wellbeing allies within the legal system - strategically guiding lawyers through complex information, supporting professional and organisational wellbeing, and ensuring knowledge flows efficiently to enhance outcomes for clients, teams, and the profession as a whole.

This session provides practical strategies for law librarians to support relevant clients effectively while maintaining their own wellbeing. Participants will learn about current evidence-based resources, how to direct lawyers and staff to relevant supports, and explore sustainable self-care practices, boundary-setting, and ways to foster a culture of wellbeing within professional communities.

## 1:15 - 2:15 Lunch sponsored by De Gruyter Brill

**Venue:** Queens Room Exhibition Space

Enjoy lunch sponsored by De Gruyter Brill. This will be one of your last chances to visit our generous sponsors and their trade exhibitions.



2:15 - 3.00

### AI Literacy & Tools [Expert Panel]

**Panellists:**

**Jack Stoneman, Dr Amanda Head, Pauline Courtney, Benjamin Ponte, Yule Guttenbeil, Kathleen Foley, and Judge Wise**

The perspectives of lawyers, students, graduates and judges are brought together in this session to examine how artificial intelligence is reshaping legal research, practice, education and procedure. Panellists will explore AI's real-world impact across the legal profession to provide insight into how law librarians can be leaders in AI literacy and responsible adoption.

Panellist will also consider the changing nature of legal research tools, and what impacts this has on legal research methodologies, including challenges of evaluation, verification and ethics. Practical insights into current and emerging AI tools will be shared, and the impacts these are having on the work of law libraries.

3.00 - 4.00

### Librarian Blueprints from Cuneiform Tablets to Code [Expert Panel]

**Panellists:**

**Erin Cairney, Alison Jones, Fabian Horton, and Holger Aman**

From cuneiform tablets in the Royal Library of Ebla, to digital artefacts and artificial intelligence, librarianship has been essential to the discoverability of information. Under varied job titles, we have moved through shifts in technologies with the dexterity many professions lack.

In this panel, hear from leaders in law libraries and legal information technologies as they discuss ways to pivot historical experience into emerging legal information technology leadership, demonstrating undeniable value, and positioning librarians as strategically indispensable – not just a cost.

Law librarians remain integral to legal information, even more so in this era of ever-expanding AI influence. This panel discussion will help reframe conversations from cost to value, identifying evidence, allies, and how to employ critical judgment in embracing new technologies so that librarians can become champions of the information and knowledge frameworks of their organisations.

4.00 - 4.15

### Conference Wrap Up, Closing remarks and Thanks

**Speaker:**

**Incoming ALLA President**

Hear from the incoming ALLA President about plans for the coming year, announcements about the next ALLA Conference and, the insider's guide to what to do and where to go while visiting Melbourne.

## *Social Event*

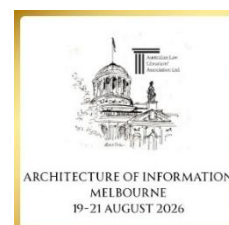
4:15 - 5.00

### Closing Drinks

**Venue:**

**Evoqué Events (123 Queen Street, Melbourne)**

Wrap up the conference on a high note by joining us for Closing Drinks. An informal and celebratory gathering to share experiences and raise a glass to the connections made during the 2026 ALLA Conference.





## Speaker Biographies

### Keynote Speakers



#### Elizabeth Tydd

**Australian Information Commissioner,  
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner**

Elizabeth Tydd took up the position of Australian Information Commissioner in August 2024 for a 5-year term.

Elizabeth is an experienced agency head and has occupied several statutory decision-making roles, including the Information Commissioner and CEO of the NSW Information and Privacy Commission, the Australian

Freedom of Information Commissioner, the Deputy President of the Workers Compensation Commission and the Deputy Chairperson of the former Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal.

Elizabeth has extensive regulatory and governance experience at an executive and board level in a range of jurisdictions and industries, including commercial, not-for-profit and public sector oversight. She holds a Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws from the University of Technology Sydney, as well as postgraduate certificates in executive management and governance together with post graduate qualifications in leadership and policy from Harvard University. Elizabeth possesses expertise in digital government and has written extensively on this subject.



#### Caroline Counsel

**Principal, Caroline Counsel Family Lawyers**

Caroline is an Accredited Family Law Specialist with more than 40 years' experience and is principal of Caroline Counsel Family Lawyers. She is the author of 'Divorce the Court: A Better Life Together...Apart' - a guide for couples and families to assist them remain as intact as possible post separation.

Caroline is a past president of the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) and is the current Chair of the Specialisation Board of the LIV. She is also the Family Violence Portfolio holder for the Institute and co-chair of the Family Violence Working Group. Caroline also served on the board of the Law Council of Australia for several years and the Legal Admissions Board in Victoria for 20 years. She has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Law Institute of Victoria.



## **The Honourable Chief Justice Richard Niall** **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria**

The Honourable Chief Justice Richard Niall was appointed as the 13th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria from 3 February 2025 following a long and distinguished career.

His Honour commenced practice in 1990. He was Associate to the Hon Justice Ryan of the Federal Court before signing the Bar Roll in 1995. His Honour was appointed silk in 2010. He was then appointed as Solicitor-General for Victoria in

2015. In 2017 his Honour was appointed as a judge of appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria. The Chief Justice also serves as the Chair of the Courts Council, which is the governing body of Court Services Victoria.

Courts Services Victoria is the independent statutory body providing services and facilities to Victoria's courts, VCAT and other Victorian statutory entities. The Chief Justice is also the chair of the Judicial College of Victoria and the Judicial Commission of Victoria. The Chief Justice is a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne, teaching public law and separation of powers in the graduate program. His Honour is a Fellow of Monash University and the Australian Academy of Law, and a member of the Australian Judicial Officers Association; the Australian Association of Constitutional Law; and the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration.



## **Emily Knowles**

### **LIV Wellbeing Manager, Law Institute of Victoria**

Emily Knowles was appointed Wellbeing Manager at the LIV in 2024. She is an endorsed Organisational Psychologist with a master's degree in psychology, and a law degree. While Emily started her professional career working as a Judge's Associate in the Supreme Court, she then re-trained as a psychologist, and has since specialised in workplace wellbeing across settings.

Emily has further fine-tuned her dedication to, and expertise in, worker wellbeing to sub-specialise in lawyer wellbeing. She is deeply passionate about improving lawyers' work-related quality of life, providing resources and supports, and creating sustainable practices and systems that support legal professionals. Emily offers wellbeing support and education to LIV members, and the legal profession at large. She has designed and is currently implementing a sector-wide Wellbeing Strategy for lawyers and legal workplaces. Emily is committed to embedding wellbeing into services that wrap around the practice of law.



## Expert Panellists



### Holger Aman

**Associate Director, Library Services for Research and Learning, Australian Catholic University**

Holger Aman is Associate Director, Library Services for Research and Learning at Australian Catholic University, where he leads initiatives across research support, learning, and academic engagement. He began his career in law libraries within the justice sector before moving across public, special, and academic libraries in Australia and the UK. Most recently, he worked in higher education art libraries in London, an experience that continues to shape his thinking around creativity, engagement, and the role of libraries in supporting diverse disciplines.

Across his career, Holger has moved between sectors and across borders, drawing inspiration from different institutional contexts and user communities, and applying those insights to new environments. This journey has informed his strong focus on innovation in library services, with a particular emphasis on connecting innovation with a human-centred approach to research, learning, and engagement. Holger has held a range of leadership roles, including serving as President of the Australian Law Librarians' Association (NSW), and was awarded the ALIA Metcalfe Award for outstanding early career achievement.

He is particularly interested in how people move from study into niche careers and continue to reshape their professional identities over time. His perspective on the “librarian blueprint” reflects a balance between honouring the profession’s foundations and recognising librarians as creative, adaptable practitioners and trusted stewards of knowledge.

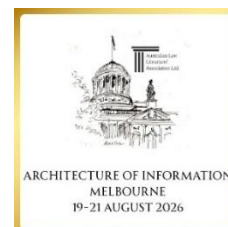


### Clare Asquith Finegan

**Librarian, Information Services, Courthouse Libraries BC, Canada**

Clare Asquith Finegan is an experienced Outreach and Reference Librarian with Courthouse Libraries BC, Canada, where she has spent eight years supporting public, self-represented litigants, and the legal community in accessing and navigating legal information. This publicly accessible law library is a rare resource in Canada and internationally.

Clare’s background is diverse, spanning the arts, archives, community startups and more, but a constant in her career has been her dedication to reducing barriers to information access. She has provided comprehensive training on legal and legislative research to lawyers, students, public librarians, and Indigenous legal clinics, helping to build research skills across these various user groups.





## Dr Olivia Barr

**Associate Professor, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne**

Dr. Olivia Barr is an Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School where she is the Director of the research programme 'Geography, place and the possibilities of law' at the Institute for International Law and the Humanities.

She has previously worked as a public lawyer in the role of government solicitor, in law reform and for the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and studied at UWA, UBC (Canada) and Melbourne.

Olivia's research focuses on the interdisciplinary field of law and humanities, with expertise on the many relationships between law, place and sovereignties. With a long-standing interest in law reform, her research applies theoretical insights to more practical public law settings, including investigating future possibilities for state recognition of First Nations' sovereignty, sovereignties, and self-government. In 2026, she designed and taught a new JD elective at Melbourne Law School called 'Law Reform'.



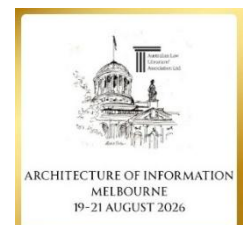
## Erin Cairney

**Customer Success Manager, Thomson Reuters**

Erin Cairney is a legal knowledge and AI professional based in Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand. She brings over 25 years' experience in law firm libraries and knowledge roles with current work in AI governance, trust and adoption. Erin is Customer Success Manager, AI Solutions at Thomson Reuters, where she works with legal professionals to embed AI into real workflows and support confident, practical adoption.

Before moving into legal technology, she spent a decade as Knowledge & Information Manager at MinterEllisonRuddWatts, one of New Zealand's leading law firms. She also led AI trust and integrity work for a US-based legal technology company, supporting responsible AI adoption and contributing to system documentation and benchmarking research comparing large language models with human reviewers.

Erin is a former President of the New Zealand Law Librarians Association (NZLLA) and now chairs the Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA) Standing AI Committee, supporting and empowering the library and information sector to engage with AI in thoughtful, ethical and practical ways. She is an IAPP-certified AI Governance Professional.





## Indi Clarke

**General member for the Metro Region, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria**

I am a proud Wemba Wemba, Mutti Mutti, Boonwurrung, Trawlwoolway and Lardil man. With passion, heart and respect, I commit to doing the tough work, having deep and meaningful conversations, and ensuring we move towards educating and spreading awareness, making sure our mobs voices and experiences truly shape the work of the Assembly and Gellung Warl. Our mobs have always known the solutions to the issues we face, and now we

must ensure that the decisions rest with those best able to make them; Our People. We must continue the powerful work of generations past and present, building on this Treaty, as we create pathways for meaningful outcomes now and in the future. I was actively involved in the work delivered in the second term of the Assembly and served as an additional negotiator on behalf of our mob and members, to negotiate the First Statewide Treaty. This was a true honour and responsibility not taken lightly. Collectively, our people have worked tirelessly towards this Treaty. As we now move into the implementation phase, I offer my energy, experience, skills, and deep commitment to the ongoing fight for our people. bababi yadabilang. *Speaker profile photo: Leroy Miller.*



## Pauline Courtney

**Barrister and Commercial Mediator (FAMINZ Med), Legal AI Associate – Corporate, Quillio AI**

Pauline is an experienced civil litigator and commercial mediator who has appeared as counsel at all levels of the New Zealand courts. She has developed particular expertise in how to use artificial intelligence systems in legal and Alternative Dispute Resolution practice. Pauline has provided significant advice, and presentations, on issues related to the use of AI systems including to senior members of the judiciary; and to law firms, barristers and

professional organisations. Pauline is a member of the New Zealand Bar Association Technology Committee. In that capacity, and for clients, she has tested and evaluated the Quillio AI system, applying it across the skills, tasks and workflows undertaken by lawyers and ADR practitioners. She has benchmarked its output against five other legal-related AI systems available in New Zealand. Pauline practises through Kate Sheppard Chambers (a virtual chambers), having previously spent more than 20 years with Crown Law, including as a Senior Crown Counsel. Her broader areas of expertise include revenue and customs law, public law, company/commercial law, creditors' remedies, and trusts. She is currently undertaking a contract with Quillio.





## Kathleen Foley SC

**Barrister, VicBar / Koiki Mabo Chambers**

Kathleen Foley SC is a Victorian barrister with a broad practice spanning trial and appellate work in commercial, public law and common law matters. Kathleen also has an active public interest litigation practice. Prior to coming to the Victorian Bar, Kathleen was employed as an Associate in the litigation group of the New York office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. She passed the New York Bar exam in 2006, having completed her Master of Laws at Harvard Law School. From 2004 to 2005, Kathleen was

Associate to Justice Hayne of the High Court of Australia. From November 2020 to February 2026, Kathleen was a part-time commissioner with the Victorian Law Reform Commission. As part of that role, Kathleen worked on a reference concerning the use of AI in Victoria's courts and tribunals. Kathleen presents regularly at panel discussions concerning the use of AI in legal practice.



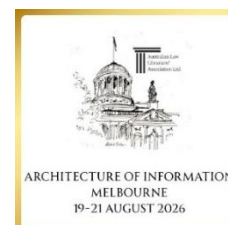
## Dr Amanda Head

**Senior Lecturer (Teaching and Leadership), Lifespan Health and Wellbeing Research Centre, Macquarie Law School**

Dr Amanda Head is a Senior Lecturer at Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, where she serves as Course Director of the LLB program. She convenes several of the law school's largest units, including Foundations of Law, Legal Ethics, Torts, and Remedies, with enrolments in any one unit exceeding 1,000 students and she is the recipient of multiple

Vice-Chancellor's and Faculty teaching awards for excellence and innovation in education.

Amanda is admitted as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of NSW and is also a Certified Practising Accountant. Her teaching and scholarly interests centre on legal education pedagogy, assessment design, and the integration of AI and large language models into legal education and professional formation. She is developing a suite of learning and assessment tools that embed genuine engagement with the learning process, while remaining flexible in how students engage. Amanda has presented on AI and Legal Education to members of the Legal Profession Admission Board and other professional audiences. She sits on Macquarie University's Academic Senate Education Committee and the Law School Advisory Board.





## Dr Fabian Horton

**Lawyer, ConnectLaw Australia**

A senior-level lawyer, risk manager, technologist, and educator with over 20 years' experience across multiple practice areas. Dr Horton has a unique combination of experience in legal practice, technology implementation, and education design. Through his involvement in the legal profession, he has built a solid reputation as a thought leader in technology and innovation in the law. Dr Horton currently sits as Chair of the

Futures Committee at the Law Council of Australia and is an Executive Member of the Technology and Innovation Section of the Law Institute of Victoria.



## Alison Jones

**Librarian (Systems), Attorney General's Department**

Alison Jones is Librarian (Systems) at the Attorney-General's Department Library, based in Canberra. Her role focuses on ensuring library systems support departmental work, while also contributing to reference services and the daily work of a law library as part of a library team.

Prior to her current role, Alison was Research Librarian with the software company Atlassian, where she designed and curated a digital library for the research team. She previously worked as Knowledge Manager at Geoscape, a locational data company, where she established the organisation's intranet. Earlier in her career, Alison was the inaugural Library Manager and Knowledge Manager at Canberra law firm Meyer Vandenberg, building and delivering a comprehensive legal library service. In 2015, she was the recipient of the Australian Law Librarians' Association Law Librarian of the Year.



## Miriam N Mochales

**Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Regnet.Ai**

Miriam N Mochales is Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Regnet.Ai, a global regulatory intelligence platform tracking legislation across more than 130 jurisdictions. She works at the intersection of law, artificial intelligence, and regulatory systems, leading the development of data infrastructure and AI-enabled tools that support how law is researched, interpreted, and applied in practice. With a background in law and cultural research, Miriam brings an interdisciplinary

perspective to how technology is reshaping legal systems in real time. Her work focuses on how emerging technologies are not only reshaping, but disrupts the production, interpretation, and accessibility of law, alongside the risks they introduce around bias, accountability, and trust. She has led the design of large-scale legislative data pipelines and AI-assisted regulatory insights, with a strong emphasis on accuracy, transparency, and human oversight. Miriam is particularly interested in the limits of AI in law, especially how legal meaning can (and cannot) be translated into computational systems, and what we risk losing when the law is forced to fit into machine logic.



## Renée Naylor

**Library Education & Communications Coordinator, Law Library Victoria**

Renée Naylor is a qualified librarian and trainer with over 15 years' experience in academic and law libraries. Her current role is Education and Communications Coordinator at Law Library Victoria, where she leads the design and delivery of the Library's education program for lawyers, legal professionals, and court staff.

Renée has expertise in legal research, instructional design, and professional training. She has led the development of the Law Library's resources on artificial intelligence and digital literacy to assist legal practitioners in adapting to emerging technologies. She also coordinates the Library's regional outreach program, which includes training, strategic communications, and statewide visits to support lawyers in person.



## Laura Racky

**Director, ll.gold**

Laura Racky is a Melbourne-based commercial lawyer, entrepreneur, and strategic advisor with nearly two decades of practice spanning commercial litigation, banking, finance, and insolvency. She is the founder and principal of commercial law firm ll.gold and serves as Chairman of the Board of Big Group Hug, a Melbourne not-for-profit supporting families in crisis. Laura holds degrees in Law and Arts and a Masters in Commercial Law from Monash University. She is a Graduate

Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia (FGIA).

Her engagement with AI and law reform is grounded in practice. Running a commercial law firm has put her at the coalface of how AI tools are actually being adopted by clients, by practitioners, and across the legal system, and what that means for regulation, accountability, and access to justice. Laura also reaches a substantial public audience as a content creator and commentator, with over 140,000 followers across Instagram and TikTok and more than 30 million views. She has been published in the Australian Financial Review and hosts the Let's Just Start Podcast.





## Tui Raven

**Senior Manager Indigenous Programs, Deakin University Library**

Tui Raven, Yamaji Nyungar, is the author of the Guidelines for First Nations Collection Description and Senior Manager, Indigenous Program, Deakin Library.

As a member of the ALIA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Expert Advisory Group and the IFLA Indigenous Matters section, she works with colleagues across the sector to make library spaces more equitable and culturally safe. In 2024, Tui was awarded a CAUL Indigenous Leadership Award. *Speaker profile photo: Copyright Mauro Palmieri.*



## Jack Stoneman

**Head of AI Legal Practice (M&A and Capital Markets), MinterEllison**

Jack Stoneman is a Head of AI Legal Practice (M&A and Capital Markets) at MinterEllison and a Senior Fellow at Melbourne Law School, where he works at the intersection of law, technology and artificial intelligence.

His work combines traditional legal practice with software engineering and product design. He holds a JD and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Computer Science (majoring in AI) from Monash University, and speaks regularly on how generative AI and software-engineering principles are reshaping the practice of law.





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