



USC LSA Events Portfolio Report

Grace Hicks VP Events

Introduction

It has been a privilege to serve as the VP Events for the past year, and in the LSA in Director positions for the previous two. I look forward to seeing what the LSA's incoming executive and committee achieve in the coming years.

Please see below for a brief outline of this year's activities in the Events Portfolio:

Summary of Events – 2018

O-Week

All credit must go to Maddy, Director of Events, for the success of O-Week as I was absent in Cairns. Maddy was the nominated person for both Market Day and Guild Day and completed the required safety training. Market Day was held on Monday 19 February 2018 and Guild Day was held on Thursday 22 February 2018. As our 'draw-in' feature this year, I arranged to loan Barristers robes from the Law School. Thanks to Arty and Macca who volunteered to be our resident Barristers on both days. Thanks also to all LSA volunteers who manned the stalls on both days.

Welcome Back Event – Welcome Back White Party

The 2018 Welcome Event was held on Thursday 22 March 2018 at Chance Mooloolaba. This event has been our most popularly attended event this year and was an overall success. We sold 116 tickets, comprising of 101 member tickets and 15 non-member tickets.

Reconciliation Event

Unfortunately this year we were not able to hold the reconciliation event due to various circumstances. We did have one great speaker engaged, being Ms. Katie Stride who is the National Native Title Registrar for the Federal Circuit Court. I have invited Katie to speak at Women in Law instead however she will be on-country for a native title claim that week. I think we should keep our connection with Ms. Stride in case we are able to successfully hold Breakonconciliation next year and invite her to speak then.

Lawn Bowls

Lawn Bowls was a successful evening with 35 tickets sold. All credit for this event goes to Maddy as I was unable to attend.

Nibbles and Networking

Our 2018 Nibbles & Networking event was a great evening. The theme was young excellence in the law, and our speakers talked about law school achievements, clerkships, grad roles, associateships, where they are now and where they plan on being.

We heard from Teagan Hickey, Chloe Kopolovich, Luke Bull, Bella Vecchio and Melanie Gibson. The event was catered by Gather by Bonnie and special thanks goes to Suncoast Community Legal Service and Julian Porter for allowing us to use their space.

We sold 36 tickets to this event, comprising of 33 member tickets and 3 non-member tickets.



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Women in Law

This year's Women in Law event will be held at Flaxton Gardens on Thursday 20th September from 10am – 12pm. The venue hire fee has been waived for us, and the cost to us is \$20.00 per head. Flaxton Gardens has also kindly provided us with a professional photographer for the event free of charge.

Jamie Shine is our only confirmed speaker at this stage. Leneen Ford has unfortunately declined. Ticket sales have not closed at time of writing.

Law Ball

The location for the Law Ball this year has been secured. We will be holding the Law Ball at Pier 33 on 27 October 2018. Pier 33 is charging us \$95.00 per head for the evening. We have the bottom floor of the venue exclusively for the evening. \$95.00 per head includes a 3 hours drinks package inclusive of beer, wine and champagne, with cocktails/spirits available to purchase, and a food package of:

1. Canapes served outside during pre-dinner drinks: fish wings, school prawns, and fried chicken.
2. 2 x course plated meal: beef or fish main and desert.

Pier 33 has kindly waived the exclusive use fee (usually \$5000) provided that we encourage our guests to stay on and continue to use the bar at Pier 33. With this in mind, we will not be securing a location for an afterparty as in previous year, and will advertising that the law ball goes until 'late' rather than with a prescribed ending time. Pier 33 is putting in an application to extend their trading hours until 1am to facilitate this.

Morgan has paid our \$500.00 deposit to secure the venue and I am working on the poster for this currently. I plan to advertise following Women in Law.

Recommendations

The close of the 2017/2018 term of the USCLSA will be my last on the Executive and the Committee. I welcome the incoming VP Events and will correspond with them following their election regarding handover.

Prior to this AGM, members of the LSA Executive met with the Head of School and other members of the Law School to discuss the succession planning of the LSA from here. The following recommendations reflect what was discussed during this meeting.

Attendance this year, at both events, competitions and information sessions, has been the lowest I have seen during my time in the LSA, despite having the largest cohort we have seen. We have discussed paring back the number of events that the LSA facilitates to reflect this. My recommendations to facilitate this for the incoming VP Events would be:

1. It is my recommendation to the future VP Events to keep to a simple theme such as 'white' for the Welcome Back Event, as there is relatively little pressure for participants to adhere to the theme, as opposed to previous years where we have had



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a tropical or Mexican fiesta theme that requires substantial effort to adhere to the theme and a substantial outlay for cost of decorations.

2. It is my recommendation to the future VP Events to incorporate Breakonconciliation into Diversity Week, and instead hold Women in Law in the timeframe usually reserved for our Reconciliation Breakfast.
3. It is my recommendation to the future VP Events to cease holding the Lawn Bowls competition. This is a poorly attended event and will not be sorely missed from the LSA calendar.
4. It is my recommendation to the future VP Events to hold one social event and one professional event each Semester. As discussed above, this years events have been poorly attended despite the size of our current cohort. It is the recommendation of the Law School that less events are facilitated in order to have a less ‘jam-packed’ calendar and to encourage attendance as students aren’t spoilt for choice.

In discussion with current President, Callum we have envisaged a pared back calendar of events that would look something as follows:

Semester One	Semester Two
Welcome Back Event – social event	Nibbles & Networking – professional event
Women in Law – professional event	Law Ball – social event