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Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council

Held: 5.15pm on Tuesday 14 June 2016
 Neil Forsyth Room
 Level 1
 205 William St, Melbourne

Attendees: Justice Bromberg, Glenn McGowan QC (Chairperson), Lucy Line, Daye Gang, Carlo Dellora, Shannon Finegan

AGENDA

	AGENDA TOPIC	
1	Apologies: Campbell Thomson, Richard Wilson, Matthew Albert	
2	Minutes of meeting 10 May 2016 (BGM) - tabled and accepted	
3	Matters arising from last minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenn McGowan QC elected Chairperson - Offshore detention remains an area that the ICJV wishes to address. - Police powers in NSW is another such area - Interaction with ICJ in NSW would be helpful to get a sense of national connectedness. Discussion and agreement that it would be helpful to liaise with ICJ in NSW re the issue of police powers. Also to discuss is how we can work more closely. Glenn will see if he can arrange this. - NB: ICJ members are to send Glenn their Skype addresses to facilitate this - Indigenous incarceration project – we have a viable briefing paper – team forming is in progress 	

	Events	
4	<p>Annual Fundraising Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential speaker: Pat Dodson – he is up for re-election in the Senate. Bromberg J to approach him. Once Bromberg J indicates that Dodson is amenable, ICJV will then follow up with a formal invitation. - Ideally, event will occur on a Thursday evening in September or October. Bromberg J to ask Dodson about convenient dates. - ICJV then will start planning venue (e.g. RACV) and other event details. 	
5	<p>Judicial independence roundtable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report - Item to be removed from further agendas as it is not an ongoing project 	Bromberg J
	Administrative matters	
6	<p>Incorporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenn to approach Tony Lang, barrister and member, to obtain advice as to the merits of ICJV incorporating and if he is of the opinion that the ICJV ought to incorporate, to draft a constitution and other documents required to arrange for it to occur. 	McGowan
7	<p>Administrative assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Payment for administrative assistant is being negotiated - ICJV has resolved that Jasmine Alcon, administrative assistant, will be paid for her time 	Finegan
8	<p>President's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding the Indonesian candidate for the Bar Readers' Course, an individual has been identified - ICJV representatives wish to speak to the candidate so they can meet him and ensure that there are no impediments to his attending the Course and that he is truly an appropriate candidate - It should be made known to the candidate that ICJV is happy 	Bromberg J

	<p>to provide such letters as required to facilitate visas etc for the candidate to attend the Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Someone is required to billet the candidate during the September/October 2016 Course. A note regarding this has been placed on the ICJV website. 	
9	Chairman's report	McGowan
10	<p>Secretary General's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two new banners are being organized and will be finalized by next meeting - Discussion of the content of the handover document that executive members agreed to draft at last meeting 	Line
11	<p>Financial report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memberships are being paid - An email will go out regarding renewals of memberships before EFY - Report, "The difficulties and benefits of establishing corporate memberships for the ICJ Victoria" circulated - Treasurer's conclusion: it will be easier to just push individual memberships rather than focus on corporations - Unclear that the benefits of corporate membership would outweigh the time invested in facilitating corporate membership, even though it is envisaged that with corporate membership would be a larger membership fee charged than in other membership categories. - We have healthy finances, so don't need to push for corporate membership - An alternative, perhaps more beneficial action would be to organize for corporations to sponsor specific events e.g. OLY instead of asking them to commit to an ongoing membership relationship. - Corporations can get publicity by displaying banners/logo on event materials in exchange for their sponsorship donation - ICJV executive members agree this would be a good idea going forward 	Dellora
	Submissions, articles, proceedings, projects	
12	<p>Sri Lanka Evidence Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report as Thomson did not attend the meeting 	Thomson

13	<p>Sponsoring foreign human rights lawyer to undertake Bar Readers' Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addressed at point 8 above 	Bromberg
14	<p>Junior Lawyer projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission to the ICJV Submission to 13 the Australia-Vietnam Human Rights Dialogue to be drafted - Victoria Uni is looking at doing an exchange program to East Timor. VU is discussing this with students to work out feasibility. - Indigenous incarceration project: briefing paper has been drafted. A team is yet to be assembled. The project will analyse specific recommendations made for in the report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. A paper will be drafted discussing how specific recommendations could be implemented in practice. At present, a literature review is being conducted into what has already been published about implementing these recommendations. The ICJV executive commented that whatever recommendations are chosen, they should be legal in nature. This aligns with the ICJV's focus. 	Finegan

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.15pm in the Neil Forsyth Room, 1st floor, Owen Dixon Chambers East, 205 William St, Melbourne.

The remaining meetings for 2016 are:

12 July

9 August

13 September

11 October

8 November

13 December (which will serve as the Planning Meeting for 2017)

