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Minutes of Meeting of Council and Executive

Held: Tuesday 8 March 2016
 Neil Forsyth Room
 Level 1
 205 William St, Melbourne

Meeting commenced 5:24pm

1	<p>Present: Glenn McGowan QC (Chair), Lucy Line (Secretary General), Carlo Dellora (Honorary Treasurer), Shannon Finegan (Assistant Treasurer), Matthew Albert, Jasmine Alcon</p> <p>Apologies: Hon Justice Bromberg, Jennifer Batrone QC, Daye Gang, Campbell Thomson</p>	
2	Minutes of meeting 9 February 2016, accepted and circulated	
3	Matters arising from last minutes - none	

4	<p>Events</p> <p>Upcoming functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - suggestions welcome - fundraising dinner - Opening of Legal Year 2017 - Panel discussion involving the DFAT Ambassador for Asylum seekers: could be held in the Essoign or the Neil Forsyth room. It was discussed that this could be a breakfast meeting. - Possible participants/speakers in any of these events include Pat Dodson, Stan Grant, Nova Peris,. Megan Grant. It was discussed that we ideally want participants/speakers who are high profile and will draw a crowd 	
5	Judicial independence roundtable – held over	
	Submissions, articles, proceedings, projects	
6	Sri Lanka Evidence Project – training weekend to be postponed	
7	<p>ICJ Australia letter to Government regarding Asylum Seeker treatment and breach of international law</p> <p>A media release was published on the website on 6 May 2016, titled "Australia breaches international law in sending asylum seekers to Nauru"</p>	McGowan
8	<p>LIV letter to prime minister from the legal profession to end offshore detention</p> <p>This was been published on the website on 6 May 2016</p>	McGowan
9	Sponsoring foreign human rights lawyer to undertake Bar Readers' Course – item was not discussed as Bromberg J did not attend this meeting	Bromberg

10	<p>Junior Lawyer projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research projects - Project mentors - Interview short films – initial films will be Bromberg J and Prof Triggs from OLY <p>Shannon Finegan and Daye Gang have discussed and will continue to consider topics for student projects, for example: a rule of law (excess of executive power) project; a comparative (women's) constitutional law project; an Aboriginal incarceration project; expanding on last year's counter terrorism project. It was suggested that Jennifer Batrone QC and/or Julian McMahon could assist to mentor and guide students in these projects</p>	Finegan
11	<p>Organisation of Biennial General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date? <p>Glenn McGowan stated that within the next week or two we need to set this matter out on the ICJ website, so members of the public have notice of the BGM. McGowan noted that the position of Chair is not elected but is appointed and replaceable</p>	McGowan
	Administrative matters	
12	Incorporation – held over.	
13	Memberships – held over.	
14	Administrative assistance – held over.	
15	<p>Website upgrade update – website has been updated and looks great, but as of the date of the meeting was curiously down because the relevant account had not been paid despite automatic deduction being in place. Videos of speeches from the OLY are yet to be uploaded onto the website, as at the date of the meeting they were still being edited</p>	Finegan
16	President's report – held over.	
17	Chairman's report – as above.	McGowan

18	Secretary General's report – Nil.	Line
19	Financial report – a report of income and expenditure was circulated and discussed	Dellora
20	General business Nil	

Meeting closed 5:45pm.

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 meetings for the remainder of 2016 are:

12 April

10 May

14 June

12 July

9 August

13 September

11 October

8 November

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