



The Vision and Objects of SoCLA

Our constitution provides as follows:

3.1 Vision

3.1 The Vision of the company is to:

- (a) *promote the education, study and research in the field of construction law and related subjects in Australia and overseas.*
- (b) *provide a forum for industry participants and thought leaders to connect and together initiate positive change in the construction industry for the benefit of the construction industry and public as a whole by influencing changes to legislation, policy and practice.*

3.2 Objects

3.2 The objects of the company are to:

- (a) **thought leadership:** *provide a forum for industry professionals and thought leaders to connect and together initiate positive change in the construction industry for the benefit of the construction industry and public as a whole both in Australia and overseas;*
- (b) **education:** *promote education, study and research (and publication of the useful results of such research) in the field of construction law and related subjects in Australia and overseas including by the giving of prizes, rewards and scholarships; publishing journals, lectures, newsletters or other content by any means; and through conferences, lectures, seminars, sponsorship and other training activities;*
- (c) **national and international relationships:** *support, participate in and establish relationships with other groups (whether formal and informal) in Australia and overseas with similar or related objects to that of the company and exchange information and studies and results with such bodies;*
- (d) **charity:** *establish, sponsor, donate to and support charities related to the construction industry;*
- (e) **general:** *generally carry out such other functions and purposes which are necessary or incidental to the other objects of the company.*

2018 Subcommittees

Academic

Communications

Conferences

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Academic Subcommittee

Objectives

The focus of the Academic sub-committee is all academic features the Society wishes to promote to its members. It liaises with academic institutions (students and the institution itself) in promoting and encouraging research activities in the construction industry. This sub-committee is also responsible for the Society's annual essay prize, named for the Hon Robert Brooking AO QC.

The promotion of construction law as an area for teaching and research, and the strengthening of links between the academy and the construction professions, is at the heart of the Society's mission. We are therefore delighted to have an active Academic Subcommittee comprising a number of Australia's leading construction law academics and practitioners.

Communications Subcommittee

Objectives

The Communications sub-committee provides a communications platform to provide members with access to resources, initiatives and research (including website, newsletter, social media, podcasts and education) in the field of construction law and related areas.

Conferences Subcommittee

Objectives

The Conferences sub-committee is responsible for compiling a program for an annual conference to be held in Australia each year. Conferences have been held in Perth (2010), Brisbane (2011), Melbourne (2012), Sydney (2013), Victor Harbour (2014), Melbourne (2015), Canberra (2016) and the Gold Coast (2017). The next conference in 2018 is proposed to be held in the Hunter Valley.

The annual Australian conference will also incorporate the announcement of the winner of the Brooking Prize which is being handled by the Academic Sub-Committee.

Diversity Subcommittee

Memberships Subcommittee

Objectives

The role of the Membership sub-committee is to maintain and develop the membership body. Its task is to create and implement initiatives to help promote the Society to new members and to support the existing members. It will be the point of call for queries from members and the public. It is also the contact point for initiatives with other aligned organisations and responsible for applications for membership.

Events Subcommittee

Objectives

The Events sub-committee is responsible for all events or meetings (excluding YCC) in each State, as well as the national and international video conferences. It is responsible for initiating and organising the events in conjunction with some of the other sub-committees. A further objective is to capture podcasting/video content from these events.

Kindred Organisations Subcommittee

Objectives

This principal objective of the Kindred Organisations Subcommittee is to identify, develop and nurture relationships between the Society and other industry associations and organisations which enhance the Society's ability to:

- (a) identify emerging and key issues in the field of construction law and related subjects;
- (b) access broader stakeholder involvement and views;
- (c) initiate research and debate, including in the area of legislative and policy reform;
- (d) undertake and present education and publications on emerging and key issues, through collaboration where appropriate; and
- (e) promote the Society to other organisations, particularly organisations with non-legal members.

Thought Leadership Subcommittee

Objectives

- (a) Provide a forum for industry and thought leaders to connect and together initiate positive change in the construction industry for the benefit of the construction industry and public as a whole both in Australia and overseas.
- (b) Promote research and publication of the useful results of such research in the field of construction law and related subjects.

Young Constructors Subcommittee

Objectives

The Young Constructors Committee (YCC) encourages and involves junior members of the construction industry in the activities of the Society. While the focus of the committee is on students and professionals in their first few years of practice, the events and activities are open for all SoCLA members to partake in.

The Young Constructors Committee is pleased to offer members the opportunity to participate in a national, industry-wide mentoring program. The mentoring program was established in 2015 and since its introduction it has grown from strength to strength and many of SoCLA's members have been involved as mentors and mentees.

The YCC also established the inaugural Charrett Moot in 2015, named after former SoCLA Director Dr Donald Charrett. The Charrett Moot is now a national competition, with the Grand Final of the competition to be held as part of the SoCLA National Conference. A designated Moot Committee operates within the YCC, with representatives from each jurisdictions.