

SOCIETY OF NOTARIES OF NEW SOUTH WALES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again I can report that the affairs of the Society are in good shape. Our membership now stands at 620. Slightly down on last year. As you will see from the accounts our financial position is sound. and our membership fee is unchanged.

We have put in train the necessary procedure to have the recommended fees scale increased by 5% and rounded up to whole figures. You will be informed when the revised scale has been Gazetted.

We have conducted two Twilight Seminars. The first was held in June. The speakers were officers of the Department of Immigration and DFAT who dealt with documentation. The second seminar was held in November. We were fortunate to have Justice Steven Rares of the Federal Court as one of the speakers. The other speaker was Alistair Marshall. That seminar covered the ground of proper certification of documents, marketing and business development. Of necessity the numbers for the seminars were limited and both were fully attended and were, in my opinion very successful. We propose to conduct a seminars later this year and would welcome any suggestion as topics.

There have been no issues relating to the practice of Notaries to report to members and I remind members that we, the members of the Council, are always available to give help or advice to our fellow members.

Once again I am pleased to compliment Justin Betar on the way he has carried out the role of Secretary. I also thank Nigel Russell and other members of the Council for their support.

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