



Memorandum

To:	Club Presidents
From:	Director of Administration, Keith Grima
CC:	SLSS Management, Club Secretaries
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Subject:	September Branch Council Meeting

This season, the Board of Management are continuing the process of adding value and interest to our Council meetings.

Focus points will include **Legal (September), Financial (October), Government Engagement (December) and Sponsorship (February)**.

Accordingly, I am pleased to advise you that our special guest at the **September Council** meeting, to be held on **September 1st at 7.30 pm** at Branch Office, Little Bay, will be Sydney Barrister Elisa Holmes.

Elisa assisted us, pro bono, with a very complicated appeal, during last season and was impressive.

Elisa is an experienced trial and appellate advocate, and has practised as a barrister for 12 years in London, Sydney and Adelaide. She has appeared regularly in the highest courts in each of these jurisdictions. She has a broad commercial practice, with particular experience in general commercial, equity, corporations, company, banking, insurance, competition law and trade practices.

She also has significant public law, and criminal law experience, particularly at appellate level.

Elisa has been listed as a leading junior at the Bar in various areas of specialisation. She is described in Chambers UK and Legal 500 as having “acute legal thinking” and “an elegant style in court”, and as combining an “approachable and charming manner with the steel of a gritty and determined advocate”. She is described as “enthusiastic and clever” and “committed, analytical and combative”.

Elisa is also an experienced sports lawyer. She was the Australian Olympic Team Advocate for the 2012 Olympic Games and is a member of the Sports Resolutions Panel of Arbitrators

and Mediators in the UK. She has appeared in a large number of cases before various sporting tribunals including, in particular, the International Court of Arbitration for Sport and she has adjudicated over a range of sporting disputes.

Elisa will be speaking on judicial, grievance and constitutional governance aspects of surf Life Saving Clubs.

We all have experienced the destructive nature of disputes in an organisation where there is such a large degree of passion and ownership and anything that will assist clubs to avoid protracted disputes will be of benefit to club administration and members alike.

I would encourage you to consider inviting your judicial chairperson, club grievance officer or club secretary to attend with you (only one additional per club please).

Regards

Keith Grima
Director of Administration