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**David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency and Simon Hollingsworth, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Sports Commission deliver keynote addresses at the 2015 ANZSLA Conference**

The twenty fifth annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association was held in Melbourne, Victoria from 14 to 16 October 2015. The theme of the conference was 'The Gold Standard: the best in sports law'.

The conference was officially opened by The Hon Marilyn Warren AC, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, followed by a keynote address by David Howman, Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency. Integrity, media rights and developments in sports law were some of the topical issues discussed on day 1 of the conference. The day's proceedings were rounded out by a lively hypothetical discussion about ethical issues affecting the sport of farnarkling, hosted and orchestrated by Tony Wilson (broadcaster, TV presenter, former lawyer). The imaginary 'farnarkling' players and sporting organisation and an expert panel of stakeholders discussed the ramifications of the issues engulfing the body. Panellists included the farnarkling champion couple played by Ian Prendergast (AFL Players' Association) and Nicole Livingstone OAM (Olympian, Melbourne Vicentre Swimmer Club) and experts including journalist, Tracey Holmes (ABC), lawyer, Paul David QC, and farnarkling fans, Ian Cover (ABC Radio) and Sue Crow (Melbourne City).

Simon Hollingsworth, CEO of The Australian Sports Commission opened Friday's program with a keynote address. Sessions on governance; disciplinary procedures and appeals processes, commercialisation/sponsorship and culture followed.

At the twenty fourth Annual General Meeting of ANZSLA, held at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Thursday, 15 October 2015, Stuart Corbishley was re-elected as Secretary for a further term. Tim Holden, Senior Legal Counsel at Football Federation Australia, was also re-elected as (Ordinary) Director and the Board welcomed Kendall Harris, a Lawyer from Minter Ellison, who was elected as (Ordinary) Director of the Association. The Board and ANZSLA members thanked Lydia Dowse for her contribution to the Board, as Lydia had decided not to re-stand this year.

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the ANZSLA Board, members passed a special resolution to award life membership to Deborah Healey and Andrew Gibson. Deborah Healey has made a significant contribution to ANZSLA over many years. Deborah has served as Editor of the ANZSLA Journal since 2008 and acts as Convenor of the judging panel for the Paul Trisley Award. She has been a regular presenter at ANZSLA conferences and has actively supported ANZSLA and the study and practice of sports law throughout her career.

Andy was ANZSLA's Director of Finance from 2004 to 2012 and has been a member of the ANZSLA Journal's Editorial Committee since 2006. Andy has also been a regular Annual Conference presenter and organising committee member, a regular contributor to the ANZSLA Commentator and a member of the judging panel for the Paul Trisley Award for many years. In 2012, Andy was awarded the Denis Callinan Award, an award that recognises members who render commendable community service in the field of sports law.

ANZSLA also announced that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held at Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand from 12 to 14 October 2016.

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