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## 2016 Annual ANZSLA Conference and AGM

The twenty sixth annual conference of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association was held in Wellington, New Zealand from 12 to 14 October 2016. The theme of the conference was 'The Forces at Play' and featured a range of topics, speakers and panellists providing real insight into the forces which are shaping, challenging and disrupting sport.

The conference was officially opened by The Hon Chris Finlayson QC, Attorney General, followed by a keynote address by Peter Miskimmin, Chief Executive of Sport NZ. David Howman, former Director General of the World Anti-Doping Agency then gave an interesting insight into Interpol and their role in the fight against doping. The WADA Code and the selection appeals process were some of the other issues discussed on Day 1 on the conference.

Day 2 opened up with a lively panel discussion with players, their agents and their associations discussing the issues they face in their sport. Sessions followed on work health and safety laws; sports broadcasting rights and IP; and governance issues and Hayden Opie (Director of Studies, Sports Law Program, Melbourne University) gave a case law update.

At the twenty fifth Annual General Meeting of ANZSLA, held at Mac's Function Centre on Thursday, 13 October 2016, Venetia Stewart was re-elected as President of the Association for a further term, as was ANZSLA's Finance Director, Terry Gracey. Martin Ross, Partner at Hall & Wilcox, and Paul David QC, Barrister, Eldon Chambers, were also re-elected as (Ordinary) Directors.

ANZSLA announced that the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held in Sydney, New South Wales from 18 to 20 October 2017.

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