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## The Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association 2018 Annual General Meeting

At the twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting of ANZSLA, held at the QT Hotel, Queensland, on Thursday, 18 October 2018, Venetia Bennett stepped down as President after ten years on the Board, the last six years as President. The ANZSLA Board and members thanked Venetia for her outstanding contribution to ANZSLA over this time.

The Board and ANZSLA members also thanked Terry Gracey (Finance Director) and Paul David QC for their contributions to the Board, as both had decided not to re-stand this year.

Martin Ross, Partner, Hall & Wilcox, was elected as ANZSLA's new President. The Board welcomed Tim Pullman, Director, Oreon Partners, Adelaide, South Australia, who was elected as Finance Director and Helen McShane, Department of Communities, who was elected as (Ordinary) Director. Tony O'Reilly, Kemp Strang, who had previously been co-opted to the Board, was elected as (Ordinary) Director at the 2018 AGM.

### 2018 ANZSLA Annual Conference

ANZSLA's twenty-eighth annual conference was held on the Gold Coast, Queensland from 17 to 19 October 2018. The theme of the conference was 'Fair Play' and delegates were treated to a range of sessions exploring topical issues such as transgender and intersex issues in the sporting arena, pay equality issues impacting on the rise of women in sport and where things are headed for sports integrity post the James Wood review. Expert speakers included Simon Gardiner from Leeds Beckett University; Hayden Opie AM, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law Masters, Melbourne University; Zali Steggall, lawyer and Olympic bronze medallist; Annabelle Williams, Legal Counsel for the Australian Olympic Committee and Paralympian; and Sarah Kelly from the University of Queensland and Brisbane Lions Board.

ANZSLA announced that the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held in Perth, Western Australia from 30 October to 1 November 2019, with Lord Sebastian Coe confirmed as keynote speaker.

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