

RURAL ISSUES DAY



Friday 23 October

Time	Topic	Speakers	CPD units	Knowledge area
AM Session		Chair – Joanne van der Plaats Councillor, Law Society of NSW Co-Chair, Rural Issues Committee		
9.00am	President's welcome	Richard Harvey President, Law Society of NSW		
9.05am-9.30am	Keynote address	TO BE REVEALED	0.5	Substantive law
9.30am-10.30am	Panel session: talent retention and new ways of practising law in regional areas	Moderator: Emma Heuston Founder and Principal Lawyer, The Remote Expert Cara Austen Founder, Twine Business + Law Judith Harrison Senior Lecturer, Australian National University Jo Palmer Founder, Pointer Remote Roles	1	Practice management and business skills
10.30am-11.30am	Case study: how family law courts have adapted to COVID-19	Brett McGrath Registrar, Family Court & Federal Circuit Court	1	Substantive law
11.30am-12.30pm	Conveyancing update	Tony Cahill Legal author and presenter	1	Substantive law
12.30pm-1.30pm	LUNCH			
PM Session		Chair – Jodie Thurgood Regional President, Mid-North Coast Law Society Co-Chair, Rural Issues Committee		
1.30pm-2.15pm	Natural Resources Access Regulator: regulatory and licensing powers and approach to compliance	Kirsty Ruddock Director Regulatory Investigations and Compliance Natural Resources Access Regulator	0.75	Substantive law
2.15pm-3.15pm	Panel session: navigating hardship and the impact of recent crises on rural legal practice	Moderator: Rachel Setti Director, Rachel Setti Consulting Dr Hazel Dalton Research Leader and Senior Research Fellow (Executive), Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health Malcolm Heath Practice Risk Manager, Lawcover Commissioner John McKenzie Legal Services Commissioner for NSW	1	Professional skills
3.15pm-4.00pm	Recent probate decisions concerning testamentary capacity, knowledge and approval, informal wills and revocation of wills	Asheetha Jelliffe Partner, Bridges Lawyers Accredited Specialist, Wills and Estate law	0.75	Substantive law
4.00pm-5.00pm	Legal ethics for rural practice	Linden Barnes Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW	1	Legal ethics



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