

# RURAL ISSUES DAY



Friday 23 October

Time	Topic	Speakers	CPD units	Knowledge area
9.00am-9.03am	Welcome	<b>Chair – Joanne van der Plaats</b> Councillor, Law Society of NSW Co-Chair, Rural Issues Committee		
9.03am-9.05am	President's welcome	<b>Richard Harvey</b> President, Law Society of NSW		
9.05am-9.25am	Keynote address	<b>The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC</b> Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women		
9.30am-10.35am	<b>Panel session:</b> talent retention and new ways of practising law in regional areas	<b>Moderator: Emma Heuston</b> Founder and Principal Lawyer, The Remote Expert <b>Cara Austen</b> Founder, Twine Business + Law <b>Judith Harrison</b> Senior Lecturer, Australian National University <b>Jo Palmer</b> Founder, Pointer Remote Roles	1	Practice management and business skills
10.35am-11.39am	<b>Case study:</b> how family law courts have adapted to COVID-19	<b>Brett McGrath</b> Registrar, Family Court & Federal Circuit Court	1	Substantive law
11.39am-12.45pm	Conveyancing update	<b>Tony Cahill</b> Legal author and presenter	1	Substantive law
12.45pm-1.30pm	<b>LUNCH AND SPONSOR EXHIBITION</b>			
1.30pm-1.33pm	Welcome	<b>Chair – Jodie Thurgood</b> Regional President, Mid-North Coast Law Society Co-Chair, Rural Issues Committee		
1.33pm-2.15pm	Natural Resources Access Regulator: regulatory and licensing powers and approach to compliance	<b>Kirsty Ruddock</b> Director Regulatory Investigations and Compliance Natural Resources Access Regulator	0.75	Substantive law
2.20pm-3.35pm	<b>Panel session:</b> navigating hardship and the impact of recent crises on rural legal practice	<b>Moderator: Rachel Setti</b> Director, Rachel Setti Consulting <b>Dr Hazel Dalton</b> Research Leader and Senior Research Fellow (Executive), Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health <b>Malcolm Heath</b> Practice Risk Manager, Lawcover <b>Commissioner John McKenzie</b> Legal Services Commissioner for NSW	1.25	Professional skills
3.40pm-4.35pm	Recent probate decisions concerning testamentary capacity, knowledge and approval, informal wills and revocation of wills	<b>Asheetha Jelliffe</b> Partner, Bridges Lawyers Accredited Specialist, Wills and Estate law	1	Substantive law
4.40pm-5.45pm	Legal ethics for rural practice	<b>Linden Barnes</b> Senior Ethics Solicitor, The Law Society of NSW	1	Legal ethics



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