

# The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria

ABN 74 541 169 473

A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
at The AFL Dining Room, Great Southern Stand, Level 2, MCG, Brunton Ave, Richmond

Drinks served 6.30pm - Presentation 7pm - followed by Dinner

Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM

## 'Governor's Address'

On 1 July 2015, the Honourable Linda Dessau AM was sworn in as Victoria's 29th Governor, the first female in the role. In her early years as a lawyer, the Governor practised in commercial litigation and family law, later specialising in family law. In 1982 she married fellow Victorian barrister, Anthony Howard, and together they took up roles as Crown Counsel, and later Senior Crown Counsel in the Hong Kong Attorney-General's chambers, where they prosecuted criminal trials.

Soon after returning to Australia in 1985, the Governor was appointed a part-time member of the Small Claims and Residential Tenancies Tribunals. She served in the Children's Court, Coroners Court and Melbourne Magistrates' Court where she ultimately headed the Civil division and later the Committal Court. In June 1995, the Governor was appointed a Judge of the Family Court of Australia, where she served for 18 years until July 2013.

Outside the law, the Governor was engaged in a broad range of community organisations, including founding Chair of the Essendon Football Club Women's Network, Vice-President of Wesley College Council, a Board member of Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Centre, member of the Royal Children's Hospital Ethics Committee and the La Trobe University Professional Consultative Council, and a Patron of the Epilepsy Foundation and One Umbrella (food recycling charity).

Immediately before her appointment as Governor, she was President of the Melbourne Festival, Chair of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Victorian Regional Committee and a National Board Member of the Trust, a Commissioner of the Australian Football League, a Trustee of the National Gallery of Victoria, a Board member and former Chair of AFL Sportsready and Artsready, a Board member of the Unicorn Foundation, and a Patron of Sports Connect. In 2010 the Governor was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to family law, and the community.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Dress: Lounge Suit

Access to AFL Room: Please use lifts 14,15 - Gate entry 6A  
Taxi Drop Off: Cnr Jolimont Tce & Jolimont St  
MCG Parking - Entrance E off Brunton Ave

Mr Ian Rose, Hon. Legal Secretary  
Tel: 9645 1597 or 0419 551 362

Dr Raphael Kuhn, Hon. Medical Secretary  
Tel: 0419 399 719

## M.L.S.V. General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM

ACCEPTANCES: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT AND LIST NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES

Post to: EVANS BROS (R&G) PO BOX 17 TEESDALE VIC 3328 or Fax to: 1300 66 26 85 with credit card details

Tax Invoice for GST: Please record amount paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ (inc. GST) and retain a copy for your records.

Tables of 8-10 people may be reserved provided full payment for all attendees is made when you return this notice.

MEMBERS: Drinks and Meeting Only \_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 Drinks, Meeting and Dinner \_\_\_\_ x \$145.00 per member (inc. GST)

GUESTS: Drinks and Meeting Only \_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 Drinks, Meeting and Dinner \_\_\_\_ x \$165.00 per guest (inc. GST)

Members (include dietary preferences): \_\_\_\_\_

Guests (include dietary preferences): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to: "The Medico-Legal Society of Victoria" TOTAL AMOUNT \$\_\_\_\_\_ (inc. GST)

OR payment via Credit Card: Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Diners Club ☐

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS CLEARLY**

*The charge to Members for these meetings is set on a "cost recovery" basis.*