



THE MEDICO-LEGAL  
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

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Dear Member,

The Committee of the Medico-Legal Society of Victoria (MLSV) recently undertook a survey of members regarding the cost of attending general meetings. The Committee is appreciative of the time taken by members to complete the survey and thanks those who replied.

Not surprisingly there was a range of opinions, with varying views of what was a reasonable cost, and of what changes in format for the meal were considered acceptable in order to achieve a cost reduction.

The Committee is considering all the feedback received, and will continue to look at options to contain costs whilst maintaining the high quality experience of the general meetings.

Meanwhile the Committee would like to reiterate how pricing is established for general meetings. Prices are set to ensure cost recovery for members, standard for all general meetings held in 2018. The price is set at a value considered adequate to cover the following costs for all meetings throughout the calendar year:

- Venue cost – including cost of venue hire;
- Meeting cost – including cost of engagement of audio-visual equipment, recording and transcription services;
- Speaker cost – including cost of flights and accommodation for the speakers, if necessary.

Please note that the Society does not pay a fee to speakers.

These costs are shared by the attendees. The cost for food and drinks, whether canapés or dinner, is added to the presentation cost, to give a price for members for cost recovery.

Thank you for your support of the MLSV; we look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Yours sincerely,

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President, MLSV 2017/18

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Mr Darren Bracken  
President, MLSV 2018/19

On behalf of the MLSV Committee