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#### Welcome to

## TULS



#### What Does TULS Stand For?

Tasmanian University Law Society

#### What is the Purpose of TULS?

TULS is the representative body of all law students at the University of Tasmania.

TULS prides itself on its social initiatives and organises multiple events throughout the year, including:

- Social events
- Mooting/competitions
- Networking events
- Sporting

We also play an important role in advocating for and on behalf of law students to the Faculty of Law and the broader University.

#### **TULS Social Media**

To stay up to date with all TULS events, be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages. We also have Facebook pages dedicated to each year group so be sure to join them!

#### **TULS Memberships**

A TULS membership gives you access to a range of discounts throughout Hobart. Members will also have reduced ticket prices for some TULS events. You can purchase a TULS membership via the QPay app.

## LETTER FROM OUR **PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the first edition of the Pettifogger 2024! The Pettifogger has become a cornerstone of TULS' publications – it is the place to go for all your Law School news!

Congratulations to our 2024 Publications Officers, Darcy Heffernan and James Hurd, for producing such a high-quality publication. I am excited to see the following editions of the Pettifogger and encourage students to read them all!

At the Law School, we have a close-knit community of students and staff. If this is your first year in the law school, or you are further into your studies, I encourage you to become involved with as many activities as you can! This edition of the Pettifogger provides you with information on some of the key TULS events that are occurring in Semester 1. For first years, I would emphasise the importance of Law Camp as being a way to meet your fellow cohort as well as the TULS Committee. We on TULS are looking forward to it and we hope you are too! We also host various events throughout the year including the much-anticipated Law Cocktail and Law Ball, as well as Internal Competitions, mooting workshops, careers initiatives, welfare initiatives and more. Keep an eye out in the Pettifogger editions as well as the TULS social media for more information!

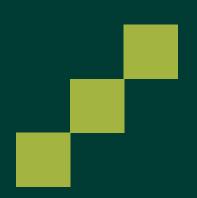
We also have an exciting year ahead with the Australian Law Society Association (ALSA) Conference being hosted at our very own law school in 2024. The ALSA Conference brings competitors and student representatives from all over the country to compete in various competitions as well as engage in discussions about our respective student bodies. TULS looks forward to coordinating with the ALSA Committee to host the Conference in July.

Finally, I would like to wish the best of luck to the 2024 TULS Committee. We have some returning Committee members; however, the majority are new to TULS. I look forward to the perspectives all the Committee will bring to TULS as we aim to continue to provide a student representative body which responds to the needs of law students.

TULS is here to support you so please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. I wish you all the best for 2024 and am sure it will be a successful year for all. I look forward to seeing you at our events!

Best wishes, Mia Grant TULS President 'we have a closeknit community of students and staff'

## DEAN'S WELCOME



By Gino Dal Pont

I am delighted to welcome incoming students to the Law School for 2024. It is always heartening to witness the new generation of persons who will become the legal minds of the future, a sensation that in my case has not abated since starting my career at this Law School over 30 years ago. This year it is my privilege to view this in my capacity as Interim Dean. To this end, I very much look forward to meeting you. And this will be in person, as our lectures and tutorials/workshops are conducted in person (although the former are also recorded). We are proud to continue our tradition of face-to-face interactive teaching and learning activities.

You are entering a Law School with a long and illustrious history - the fourth oldest in Australia - with an equally longstanding strong culture of research coupled with a commitment to excellent teaching. The high level and impact of our research is disproportionate to our size, and means that you will be taught by senior scholars of national and international standing. And this commences from Year 1, where Professor Jan McDonald will be coordinating Foundations of Law, Professor Tim McCormack and Associate Professor Jeff McGee share International Law teaching and Professor Jane Nielsen will be your main instructor in Torts. The small size of classes - in both lecture and tutorial/ workshop format - ensures not just ready access to some of the brightest legal minds in the State, but the opportunity to engage in effective peer-to-peer learning. It also facilitates a closer connection between students, and with this the building of strong relationships over time, during which you will develop an identity as a Law student. After all, you will be pursuing educational and social engagements, in our dedicated Law building, with its own Law Library and other student spaces.

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that, aside from making it a priority to attend your scheduled classes, you devote time to get to know your fellow students, across the span of year cohorts. You will find that our primary Law student body - the Tasmania University Law Society (TULS for short) - is very active across the breadth of Law School life. We as academics are always keen to give TULS a voice from an academic perspective - for instance, one or more TULS representatives attend staff meetings and sit on the Faculty's Learning and Teaching Committee - in order to ensure that we remain responsive to student input and concerns. TULS is a most proactive student body and aims to ensure the best student experience, including from a social perspective. Through the academic year, to this end, many social functions are conducted under its auspices, in which academic staff often participate. I also recommend you get involved with other associations within the Law School, such as COMET, SEALS and the International Justice Initiative.

You will see that the Law School is very much a happening place, and we welcome you to join with us to foster a memorable student (and staff) experience.

Best wishes for 2024.

## MEET A FACULTY MEMBER Dr Yvette Maker



'Read as much and as often as you can'

#### **Short summary of career**

I have a background in law and policy and I'm especially interested in the design of human rights-compliant laws, policies and practices in relation to mental health, disability and social services and systems, as well as the role of emerging technology in promoting (or risking) people's rights. Prior to joining UTAS, I was a researcher at the University of Melbourne's Centre for AI and Digital Ethics and the Melbourne Social Equity Institute.

I have also worked in the public service (at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in Perth and Melbourne) and as assistant to then-Vice Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Prof Theresia Degener, in Geneva. My most recent books are Care and Support Rights After Neoliberalism (CUP 2022) and The Future of Mental Health, Disability and Criminal Law (coedited with Kay Wilson, Piers Gooding and Jamie Walvisch) (Routledge, 2024).

#### What do you do at UTAS?

I'm a Senior Lecturer in Law and a member of the Faculty Leadership Team. With my teaching hat on, I coordinate LAW108 Legal Reasoning and Technological Change for first years and the elective units LAW231 Disability, Mental Health and the Law and LAW261 Legal Theory.

I also run the UTAS Clinical Legal Education Program (comprising two units: LAW344 Public Interest Law Clinic and LAW345 Legal Professional Experience). In the Clinical Legal Education program, students in the latter stages of their degree can gain practical experience, and contribute to access to justice in the community, by working in our Student Legal Service here on campus and in a semesterlong placement with a community legal organisation.

When I'm not teaching, I am researching and writing, or eating pastries, or both.

#### If you had one piece of advice for a new law student, what would it be?

Read as much and as often as you can! The best way to learn legal writing, legal research, legal referencing and legal reasoning is to see how other people do it and build on their style to develop your own.

### What would your last meal on earth be?

One of everything from Little Missy Patisserie

## Favourite holiday destination

Japan

#### **Favourite sports team**

My home team, the Fremantle Dockers

#### How did you spend your summer break?

Chasing pardalotes through national parks, swimming, hanging out with my cats and writing lectures for LAW231 Disability, Mental Health and the Law.

## TASMANIAN LEGAL PRACTICE COURSE



#### What, Why & When?

Many of you will be thinking about what your next step will be following completion of your law degree. If you intend to practice law, you will need to complete a Practical Legal Training course to be eligible for admission as a legal practitioner.

The Tasmanian Legal Practice Course (also known as the Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice) is the only course of this type offered in Tasmania. It offers unique practical training and provides you with invaluable skills. Each year trainees attend the TLPC for different reasons: some intend to practice law; some are unsure if they want to practice law and find the practical work assists with their decision; some to keep their career options open should they choose to practice law in the future; some to expand their qualifications and opportunities in the job market; and others are keen to gain skills, such as advocacy and letter writing to use in other professional roles.

The TLPC is recognised nationally as providing excellent quality training. It offers a unique practical experience unlike any other practical legal training program and will be different to any other course that you will have studied at university. It is the bridge between the theory of law and the practice of law, providing outstanding support from the legal profession, judiciary, and magistracy for practical skills training.

#### Highlights of the TLPC

- a strong advocacy component with trainees appearing in our Courts before Judges and Magistrates on a weekly basis
- · a client interviewing program conducted with real clients through the Hobart Community Legal Service
- workshop style teaching with an emphasis on learning through practice
- face-to-face teaching, support and mentoring with minimum online learning
- a social and collegial environment
- Employment opportunities each year many private employers seeking a graduate legal practitioner or Judge's
  Associate advertise their positions directly to trainees attending the TLPC.

The Course runs for 6 months full-time from February to July each year. For additional information please visit our website or <a href="mailtas.legalpractice@tas.edu.au">emailtas.legalpractice@tas.edu.au</a>

During the year, there will be opportunities to hear from our new Executive Director Emma White about the Course and what you need to do to become admitted as a legal practitioner. We encourage you to attend those sessions and learn more about your future options.





## Meet the Committee

Welcome to the incoming 2024 TULS Executive Committee

### PRESIDENT MIA GRANT

**Degree**5th year Law and Economics

Favourite Law unit Equity and Trusts

**Describe yourself in one word** Driven

Favourite café/restaurant Sush Track (and thanks TULS for the discount)



#### SECRETARY EMILY HEATHCOTE

**Degree** 5th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit
Law of Armed Conflict and International
Humanitarian Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Outgoing

Favourite café/restaurant I love Sunbear at the moment or Bloom X Bites in town!





### VICE PRESIDENT (ACTIVITIES) JORDY SICE

Degree

5th year Law and Business

Favourite Law unit Human Rights

**Describe yourself in one word** Lively

Favourite café/restaurant Bar Wa Izakaya

## VICE PRESIDENT (EDUCATION) PHOEBE WINTER

**Degree** 

5th year Law and Psychological Sciences

Favourite Law unit
All of them (but Equity is up there)

**Describe yourself in one word** Dedicated

Favourite café/restaurant Machine Laundry Cafe



## VICE PRESIDENT (SPONSORSHIPS) ASH BURKE

Degree

4th year Law and Business

Favourite Law unit Contract Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Ambitious

Favourite café/restaurant The New Sydney Hotel



#### TREASURER ELLA GARTLAN

**Degree**3rd year Law and Business

Favourite Law unit Contract Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Eager

Favourite café/restaurant Da Angelos

### WELFARE OFFICER MATILDA GRANT

**Degree** 5th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Corporations Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Passionate

Favourite café/restaurant Criterion St



## SOCIAL MEDIA & MARKETING OFFICER JESSE JAMES

**Degree** 5th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Disability, Mental Health & the Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Omnipresent

Favourite café/restaurant Nandos





## SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY OFFICER GLORIA JEZIEL

**Degree** 4th year Law

Favourite Law unit Civil Procedure

**Describe yourself in one word** Outgoing

Favourite café/restaurant Raincheck

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY OFFICER ALLIE DAVIES KNIGHT

**Degree** 5th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Human Rights Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Tall

Favourite café/restaurant Sush Train



## PUBLICATIONS OFFICER DARCY HEFFERNAN

Degree

5th year Law and Business

Favourite Law unit Intellectual Property

**Describe yourself in one word** Creative

Favourite café/restaurant Bar Wa Izakaya



## PUBLICATIONS OFFICER JAMES HURD

#### Degree

5th year Law and Economics

Favourite Law unit Corporations Law

Describe yourself in one word Bleather

Favourite café/restaurant Bravo (for the \$3.5 beers)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER BENJAMIN JABU

#### Degree

5th year Law and Science

#### **Favourite Law unit**

Current Issues in Environmental Law & Policy

**Describe yourself in one word** Mellow

Favourite café/restaurant Landscape





## COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR AMIE MYHOWYCZ

Degree

4th year Law

#### **Favourite Law unit**

Three-way tie between IP, Crim and Equity

**Describe yourself in one word** Piccola

Favourite café/restaurant Pigeon Whole



## COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR JASPER MADSEN

**Degree**3rd year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Competition Moot

**Describe yourself in one word** Gregarious

Favourite café/restaurant Criterion Street Cafe

## COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR ANOUSHKA THANKESH

**Degree** 2nd year Law

Favourite Law unit Law of the Oceans

**Describe yourself in one word** Nocturnal

Favourite café/restaurant Born in Brunswick



## COMPETITIONS DIRECTOR WILLIAM HEDDLE

**Degree** 4th year Law

**Favourite Law unit** Private Law Obligations and Remedies

**Describe yourself in one word** Warm

Favourite café/restaurant The Metz



## CAREERS DIRECTOR COOPER HEALY

**Degree** 2nd year Law

Favourite Law unit International Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Geelong

Favourite café/restaurant Monsoon Shabu Shabu

## CAREERS DIRECTOR OLIVIA BELLCHAMBERS

**Degree** 5th year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Constitutional Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Passionate

Favourite café/restaurant Bar Wa! I <3 the potatoes!



## SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE LAURA HARRISON

Degree

5th year Law and Business

Favourite Law unit Constitutional Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Determined

Favourite café/restaurant Room for a Pony



### FIFTH YEAR REPRESENTATIVE DARA CAMPBELL

Degree

5th Law and Economics

Favourite Law unit International Trade Law

Describe yourself in one word Ineffable

Favourite café/restaurant Bread Line

## FOURTH YEAR REPRESENTATIVE SARAH ADKINS

Degree

4th Year Law and Arts

Favourite Law unit Constitutional Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Silly ⇔

Favourite café/restaurant Yellow Bernard



## THIRD YEAR REPRESENTATIVE CLAUDIA BALMFORTH

Degree

3rd year Law and Arts

**Favourite Law unit** Public Law

**Describe yourself in one word** Bubbly

Favourite café/restaurant Bento

## MEET A FACULTY MEMBER Prof. Jan McDonald



'we must do safe, responsible research' to find out if such technologies can 'buy us some time'

#### **Short summary of career**

Jan began tutoring in her final year of university in Brisbane. It was this work that inspired her to pursue a career in academia as she enjoyed the moment when she could see things 'fall into place' for her students. While she also has a passion for research, teaching was the thing that led her into academia.

What do you do at UTAS?

Jan specialises in climate law, especially how the law can help us adapt to the impacts of climate change. For the last eight vears. Jan's research has focussed on the law and policy relating to two controversial types of climate intervention. The first is what she describes as the "Voldemort of climate policy" – technologies to reflect sunlight back into the atmosphere to lower global temperatures. Recognising that the Paris Agreement temperature limits are likely to be exceeded, Jan argues that 'we must do safe, responsible research' to find out if such technologies can 'buy us some time', while also ensuring that it doesn't make governments complacent about the urgency of mitigation. The second type of intervention is to draw carbon dioxide from the atmosphere on large scales and permanently store it.

These carbon dioxide removal technologies are already part of the Paris framework, but need to be massively ramped up if we are to achieve temperature limits.

#### If you had one piece of advice for a new law student, what would it be?

Jan considers consistency, timemanagement and prioritisation to be the key to success for new law students. She states that you cannot expect to be a full-time law student on 20 hours of study each week. As soon as students recognise that law takes time and is lots of work. they have to be able to give themselves time to succeed. After all, 'no law student in history has ever said "there wasn't much reading."

#### What would your last meal on earth be?

Thai food, in particular, Kwanjai in Kingston (they have the best tofu). But she'd prefer to go hungry than forego a good cup of tea!

#### Favourite holiday destination

Walls of Jerusalem
National Park – Jan has
done many walks in
Tasmania over many
years, but Walls of
Jerusalem fills her with a
unique joy.

#### How did you spend your summer break?

Jan wrote a research grant proposal, hung out at the beach, and operated a holiday taxi service for teenage children.

#### Spirit Animal

Wombat



# What's on in Semester One?





**LAW CAMP** 

For first year law students, law camp is an unmissable event full of fun activities and good times. Come along to Gumleaves on the East Coast to meet your new classmates and make some great memories!



MOOTING WORKSHOPS

Over the course of the

year, join Competitions
Director, Jasper as he
hosts 'mooting
workshops', proudly
sponsored by Blumers.
These are fun and
practical ways to develop
your oral advocacy skills

in a fun and informal

environment.



**SKILLS NIGHT** 

The Skills Workshop

Night (sponsored by Dobson Mitchell Allport, Blumers, and Centre for Legal Studies (TLPC)) provides students with a fantastic opportunity to learn competition skills for Witness Examination, Client Interview, and Negotiation.



**CAREERS FAIR** 

The Careers Fair is an unmissable annual event for students wishing to explore their career paths. The fair brings together law firms, government agencies, public interest organisations, and other legal employers to showcase their work and recruit future talent.



#### **COMPETITIONS**

Throughout Semester 1,
TULS will be hosting
internal competitions.
These are a great way for
students of all year levels
to practice their skills in
Mooting, Witness
Examination, Client
Interview, and
Negotiation.



### DIVERSITY IN LAW EVENT

The Diversity in Law Cocktail Event provides an enjoyable night to highlight the diversity in Tasmanian lawyers and law students. Hear from inspiring key speakers from the profession and indulge in drinks and nibbles throughout the night.



#### **LAW COCKTAIL**

The brand new Law
Cocktail event
(sponsored by Marsh
Insurance) is an
unmissable event in the
TULS calendar. Enjoy a
night filled with friends
from across the entire
university!



## WELFARE EVENTS

Keep an eye out on TULS' socials for a variety of welfare activities. Over the course of the semester you will hear from industry professionals and relax with friends and peers.



With a challenger mindset, G+T is always pushing the status quo and taking a stand on things that matter. That's why we constantly seek new ideas, fresh energy and different perspectives from our clerks and graduates.

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• 10% off the weekly membership rate (12 month memberships); and \$20 joining fee (Usually \$99)

Billy's Burgers & Bar

• 20% off single burgers

The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel • 10% off meals in Stockmans Restaurant

**Hadley's Orient Hotel** 

• 10% off meals and drinks; and Happy hour (5-6pm on Weekdays) at the Orient Bar.

**Hobart Bookshop** 

• 10% off

Pizzarazzi

• Free Cheese Garlic bread (Code: STUDENT) OR 10% off your order Code: STUDENTIO), 10+ large pizzas for the price of medium pizzas

Cargo, Jack Green, Post Street Social & Republic Bar & Cafe

• 25% discount on ALL food and beverages. NOT applicable to already discounted items, bottles of wine, and takeaways.

**Observatory Bar** 

• 50% discount on entry into the venue. 25% discount on beverages. NOT applicable to already discounted items, bottles of wine, and takeaways.

Sush Track

• 10% off coloured plates, \$9.5 tap beer at Sush Track

**T-Bone Brewing Co** 

• 10% off drinks

Thai Veggie Hutt	
Restaurant	

• 10% off food

The Grand Poobah

• 15% discount on drinks

**Queens Fine Pastry** 

 One free glazed doughnut with the purchase of one filled doughnut

**Zap Fitness** 

• 10% off 12 and 18-month Memberships (Code: CORPIO), SO Start-Up Fee (Not including key fee and quarterly service fee)

TUX

• Formal Hire: \$199, Suit package: from \$299, 10% discount on all other purchases.

**Amorbar** 

• \$6 BASICS deal (Wed-Sat from 7pm)

Bar Wa

• 10% off food and drink

**Elctro Gadgets** 

• 10% off

Crust Pizza

• Free side with an order above \$30 (Garlic bread; 1.25l drink; oven baked chips; brownie bites; smoked kernel)

Coterie & Co

• 10% off on Mondays and Fridays (everything except the Souvlaki deal. \$19 Souvlaki deal (Souvlaki + soft drink) all the time.

**Thomas Reuters** 

 Estore 15% off RRP and free shipping (CODE: UNIS15), 25% off book + ebook bundles

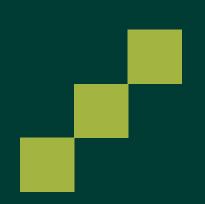
• 15% off Mayfair • 10% off **Society** • \$35 Adult race for \$25 with discount code "Lawless", from 4pm **Hyperdrive** Sunday to 4pm Friday - excluding holidays • Groups of 10 or more before 6pm Mon to Thurs = \$10 per player Zone 3 for 4 games. Groups of 10 or more after 6pm Mon to Thurs = \$15 per player for 4 games. Domino's pizza 1 large pizza between 2 and can of soft drink or water = S10 per player Woody's Skate • \$10 Entry to Friday Night Disco (7:30pm - 10pm); includes skate hire The New Sydney • 15% discount (Monday - Thursday. EXCLUDES Public Holidays and all Events Ciannos • 10% off on purchases over \$10, during the week. Excluding any promotions or loyalty programs. • \$49/week unlimited membership (\$5 off normal) **Fitstop** • 20% off main menu items on Thursday (excludes already Voo Doo Bar

discounted Taco's and Cocktails)

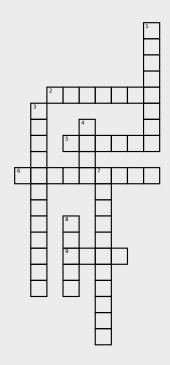
• 10% off coffee & cabinet ice cream

Blac Fig

## THE PETTI PUZZLE



#### **CROSSWORD**



#### Down:

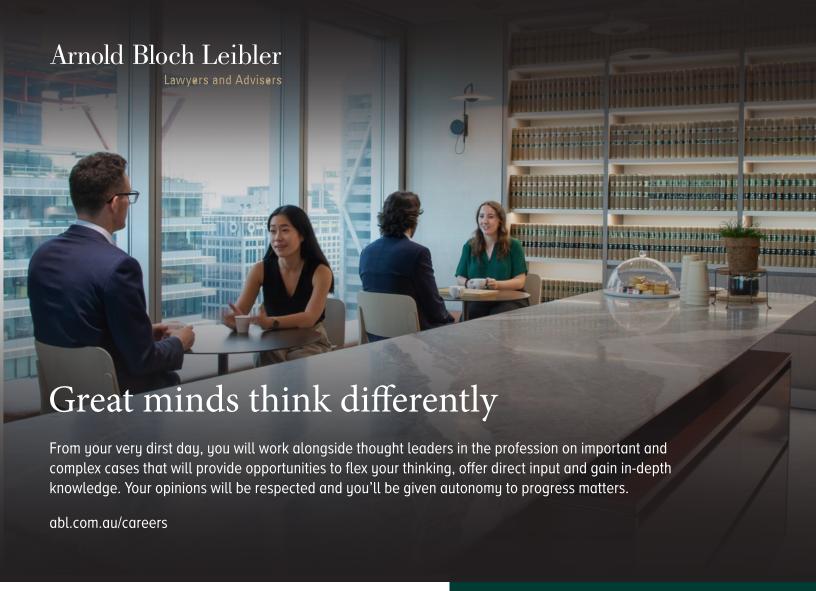
- 1. What character from suits is known for his photographic memory is
- 3. The document that sets the rules for the running of the Country is named the
- 4.The name of this green stone is also an online legal database
- 7. What country is the International Criminal Court?
- 8. The volunteer organisation that allows UTAS Law students to volunteer teaching youths about their legal rights is named \_\_\_\_\_

#### Across:

- 2.Stephen \_\_\_\_\_ is the newest Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia
- 5.The name of the Law School Sport Team is the Legal \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.The seminal case establishing a duty of care is Donoghue v \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. What is the first name of the now member of the royal family that studied business law at UTAS?

**ANSWERS:** 





## Publications Subcommittee

Like what you see? We are currently seeking law students across all years to join the TULS Publications Sub-committee.

This role will require varying levels of contribution depending on what you are seeking.

Being on the Publications Sub-committee is a great way to build skills in design, editing and teamwork whilst contributing positively to the law school.

Send expressions of interest to: publications@tuls.com.au





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