

With quite a few new faces joining APLA recently, following is a brief description of what everyone does!

JANE STALEY *Executive Officer* jstaley@apla.com.au

As Executive Officer, Jane manages all APLA staff and serves as the direct link between the APLA office and National Council. Jane manages the long-term national objectives of APLA as directed by the Council including financial management and budgets, fundraising, policy and lobbying, member services, and other strategic objectives.

EVA SCHEERLINCK *Public Affairs Manager*
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Eva leads the Public Affairs Team and manages APLA's lobbying and media work. She is currently overseeing the public liability campaign including liaising with journalists, meeting with government representatives and key lobby groups, and coordinating submissions, discussion papers and research. Eva regularly speaks on issues of concern to APLA at seminars, conferences and public meetings around the country.

KHRISE TOLEDO *Personal Assistant* ktoledo@apla.com.au

Our newest member of staff, Khriese provides organisational and administrative support to Jane and Eva. Khriese manages travel arrangements, appointment scheduling, correspondence, filing and other administrative duties, and also supports the campaign work of the Public Affairs Team.

THEA BRAY *Campaign Officer* tbray@apla.com.au

Thea works closely with Eva on national lobbying and media campaigns, particularly the public liability campaign. Thea will soon start work on various high-profile nationally coordinated campaigns in areas such as medical negligence and workers compensation.

ADRIENNE WHITBY *Researcher* awhitby@apla.com.au

With Kate Rowe (see below), Adrienne is one of our two new researchers employed on 6-month full-time contracts. As part of the Public Affairs Team, the research Adrienne and Kate conduct is used in submissions, discussion papers, media releases and reports relating to the public liability campaign. Adrienne is a former researcher at the ANU, Canberra and will be focusing on social and economic research.

KATE ROWE *Researcher* krowe@apla.com.au

A former solicitor in dust diseases at Turner Freeman, Kate is responsible for conducting legal research for APLA's public liability campaign.

LYNDAL HAYWARD *Communications Officer*
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Lyndal manages the editing, production and advertising sales of APLA's printed and electronic publications including Plaintiff, APLA Weekly News, the Membership Directory and APLA's website. Lyndal also works with the Public Affairs Team on submissions, discussion papers, reports, speakers kits and media activities.

TAMARA DICKSON *Conference Manager*
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Tamara runs all of APLA's conferences including the annual National Conference, as well as the various state-based conferences held throughout the year. This includes the management of conference programs, guest speakers, conference papers, registration, accommodation, catering, and social activities.

LEESA BALCHIN *Branch Liaison Officer* lbalchin@apla.com.au

Leesa works closely with APLA's branches in each state and territory in organising educational seminars and events for members throughout the year. Leesa also helps coordinate branch member newsletters, as well as other state-and-territory-based member activities.

FELICITY CROMBACH *Membership Officer*
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Felicity is responsible for managing member services, including maintaining member contact details on our database, and distributing publications such as Plaintiff and the Membership Directory. Felicity is also the person to contact if you have an expert request, need a username and password for the website, or would like to join one of APLA's Special Interest Groups.

MAGGIE GALLEY *Finance Officer* mgalley@apla.com.au

Maggie is responsible for all of APLA's finance and accounting activities. If you owe us money, Maggie is the one to talk to! Maggie also heads APLA's Administrative Team which forms the organisational backbone of the APLA office.

KATRINA BICKLEY *Administration Officer*
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Katrina holds the fort at reception, answering and transferring all incoming calls. Katrina also supports APLA's Administrative Team in managing stationary supplies, filing and storage systems, and generally keeping everyone in the office organised!