

# The NSW Bar Association: Website renovation

The NSW Bar Association's renovated website went live at the end of September, and now gives members online access to a growing cluster of services and sources of information.

The Bar Council has long recognised the importance of the website to independent, sole practitioners and to the relatively small professional body that represents them. The vision is for [nswbar.asn.au](http://nswbar.asn.au) to become the indispensable platform for practising barristers to:

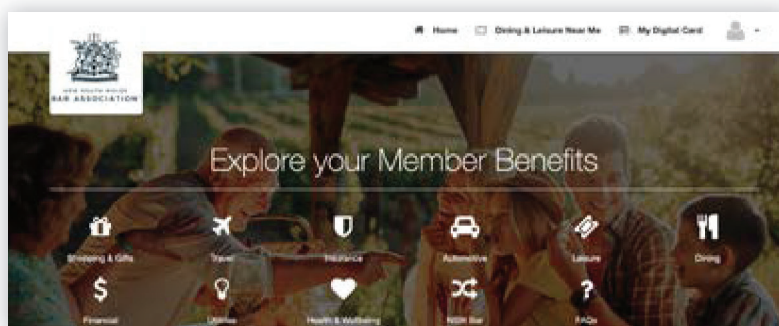
- access the Bar Library, download costs and fees precedents or obtain the necessary documentation for receipt of fees in advance;
- catch up on CPD seminars or enquire about ethical guidance;
- renew their practising certificate, peruse the approved PII policies or apply for mediation accreditation;
- enhance their professional profile and promote their skills to potential clients via Find a Barrister and BarADR;
- view archives of *Bar News* editions, annual reports and Bar Council minutes; and
- register for a social event or visit the co-branded Member Advantage site to obtain competitive deals on insurance, travel, retail discounts and more.

This was recognised in the Bar Association's Strategic Plan 2017–20, which includes improvements to the website and creation of a member-login section as one of its core objectives. These value-added services and functions have been collated on the Member Dashboard. Much like the personal banking or customer account sections on the website of your bank or utility company, the Member Dashboard is designed to become an everyday, online workspace for barristers. **BN**

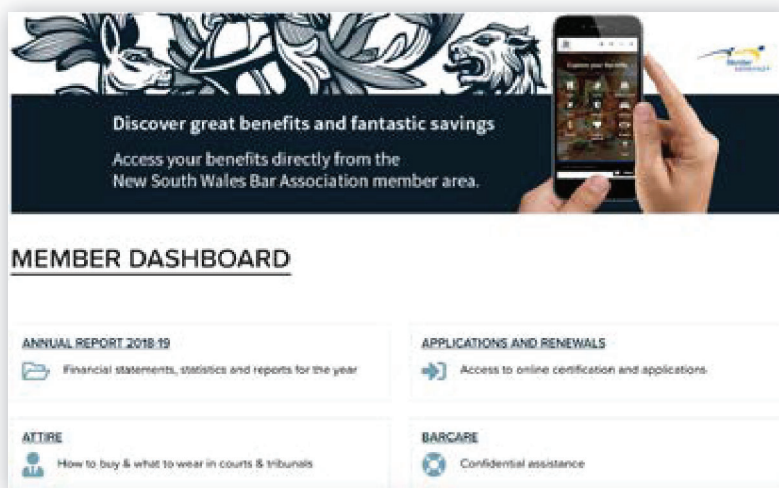
Feedback about the website is encouraged.

Constructive suggestions that will improve the site are particularly welcome.

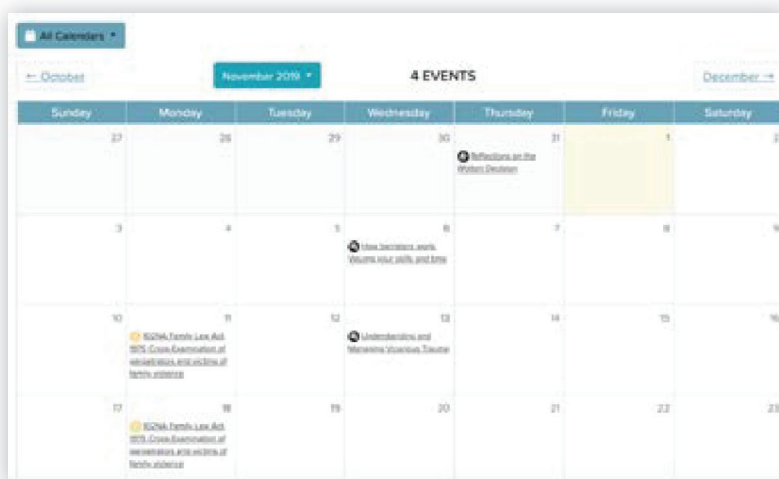
Shoot an email to the co-ordinator of services and benefits, Chris Winslow, via [cwinslow@nswbar.asn.au](mailto:cwinslow@nswbar.asn.au)



Visit [nswbar.asn.au](http://nswbar.asn.au) and click on the sign-in button on the top right corner of the screen. If you have forgotten (or don't know) your login or password, click on 'Forgotten password?'. You will receive instructions on what to do next. Once logged in successfully, you will 'land' on the Member Dashboard.



Continuing Professional Development has a new, more accessible and informative calendar of events, which will enable members to arrange their CPD attendances well in advance.



'Find a Barrister' was reviewed and overhauled by the Innovation and Technology Committee, under the chairmanship of Michael Green SC. FAB's innovative search facility presents users with rich data on areas of practice, cross-referenced to seniority and gender.