

## Board Report – Nick Grant

HRMinds is a member-driven association designed to support HR professionals within the legal industry. We encourage and provide continuous education and development of HR professionals, explore best practice in our profession, promote the understanding and value of our roles, and offer networking opportunities with peers and colleagues.

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to update members on the achievements of HR Minds during the past year.

Our membership base remained steady at 124 HR professionals. We continue to attract members from a wide range of law firms, both large and small, in a market that has seen significant merger action.

We are incredibly grateful to the support of Platinum Partner sponsors –Centre for Corporate Health and Performance Partners and Gold Sponsor Tandem. The involvement and engagement of our sponsors is much appreciated and we look forward to continuing this mutually beneficial relationship.

### The Board – 2018/2019

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\* Retiring from the Board.

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On behalf of all HRMinds members and sponsors, thank you to all board and committee representatives for your efforts throughout the past year. Without your service HR Minds would not be able to provide the valuable learning and networking opportunities we have grown accustomed to.

Thank you also to Kerrie Billings for helping keep us on track and running a tight ship. We value your insights and experience to ensure we can offer a seamless service to our members.

We encourage members to contact a board member at [admin@hrminds.org](mailto:admin@hrminds.org) if you would like to become more involved in the running of HRMinds - we are always interested in getting fresh ideas.

## **Events and key issues in 2018/2019**

Our events over the past year were designed to provide pragmatic solutions as well as spark conversations amongst the legal HR network.

In November 2017 Joel Barolsky and Sue-Ella Prodonovich presented on HR and the Future of Legal – Predictions and Practical Ideas.

We celebrated the end of 2017 with our Christmas networking lunches in both Sydney and Melbourne. These were a great opportunity for our members to get to know each other on a personal level and swap some "war stories".

In February 2018 we held our HR Directors' networking lunch in Melbourne, attended by HR leaders from member firms and representatives from our sponsors.

In March we welcomed back K&L Gates partner Nick Ruskin who provided an overview of key issues and recent cases in employment law.

In May Employment Partners from Holding Redlich and Bartier Perry provided important information on modern day challenges and responsibilities for employers.

Rachael Clement of Centre for Corporate Health provided a valuable session on Psychological Rehabilitation.

Yolanda Beattie of Mercer was our August present recently and her seminar on Thriving in a Disrupted World was excellent.

In September, I hosted a lunch in Sydney for HR Directors from member firms, together with sponsor representatives. Like the earlier Melbourne lunch, this provided a great opportunity to share thoughts and insights about some of the issues facing the industry.

## **The Future**

Through the hard work of the board and committee members we have a pipeline of great events planned for the remainder of 2018 and into 2019, including sessions on Competitive Edge Through People, Integrity in the Workplace and an Employment Law Update.

We value each and every member's contribution to the development of our topics. We will continue to survey all event attendees to gather feedback on the event content and relevance, and on our presenters. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete these short surveys. If you have an idea for a future topic please email [admin@hrminds.org](mailto:admin@hrminds.org).

I want to remind you that new content is regularly uploaded on our website and I would encourage you to look at this throughout the year. All information and presentations from past events have been uploaded into the Members only area with seminar recordings now available. The website can be found at [www.hrminds.org](http://www.hrminds.org). We welcome you to also join our HRMinds LinkedIn Group, which is a member only group.

Finally, please assist in the growth of our membership base by introducing colleagues and peers to the benefits of our association. We will continue striving to provide excellent networking and learning opportunities for all members. Your involvement is what makes HR Minds a successful and thriving association.

**Nick Grant, October 2018**