

Looking back and heading on



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Dear Readers,

As another year draws to a close we thought we might connect with you to let you know some of the things which we have been involved with during 2014 and some legal news which could affect your family or business.

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Property Development News

2014 has been a busy year for the property section of Emil Ford.

We have implemented a new contract-preparation software called Paradocs (www.paradocs.com.au) which facilitates the speedy obtaining of instructions and preparation/dispatch of contracts to our clients, Real Estate Agents and other solicitors.

Among other things we have used the Paradocs system to assist one of our clients selling a block of about 50 units in Sydney and we anticipate doing the same with a number of similar developments in 2015.

In addition to this, we introduced a property development newsletter this year which aims to keep

our property development contacts up-to-date on legal news which could affect their business.

Follow this link to [subscribe to Property Development News](#) or [read the latest copy of Property Development News](#).



Cross Border Transactions

We acted for a Malaysian technology company looking to establish a presence in Australia. This involved explaining the Australian regulatory framework to the company and conducting due diligence on a target company. Our negotiations with the target company brought about a positive outcome for our client. We also acted in the sale of an Australian company in the education sector to an offshore private equity fund.



[Contact us](#) to ask a question about your business ...

Has your church got questions about property?

On Wednesday 19 November 2014, Garry Pritchard and Warwick van Ede hosted the third "Churches and Property" seminar in conjunction with Geoff Deane of NBRSPartners (Architects) at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Glenwood.

Those attending came from a variety of churches including Anglican, Baptist, Catholic and Russian Orthodox.

Attendees were particularly interested in the practical aspects in congregations and parishes dealing with a Property Trust (which is most commonly the way in which property is held in NSW) as well as raising a number of individual and particular concerns and issues around the use and

development of real estate owned by churches. The night proved informative and helpful to all, with the speakers adopting a "panel" approach to the evening which allowed a deal of flexibility and for people to more easily raise their concerns.

The property team at Emil Ford in conjunction with NBRSPartners are now thinking about where their Churches and Property seminars might take place in 2015!

[Read more](#) about how we can help your church ...



Helping not-for-profits keep in touch

We provide ways for charities & not-for-profit organisations to keep up-to-date with current legal issues.

During 2014, our newsletter *Not-for-Profit Law Notes* explored issues such as:

- Can a not-for-profit exclude persons from their property?



- What is the relationship between political activities & charitable status?
- Royal Commission and Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission news;
- Natural justice
- and more ...

Follow this link to [subscribe to Not-for-Profit Law Notes](#) or to [see the latest copy of Not-for-](#)

Business startups and intellectual property

Starting a new business can be a daunting prospect. Many new businesses start with an exciting idea but find it difficult to turn that idea into a profit. We understand the challenges of starting a new business and want to see your business succeed.

This year Emil Ford helped a number of start-up businesses get off the ground and commence operations. Many start-up businesses rely heavily on intellectual property. We have advised businesses how their intellectual property can be properly protected and licensed to ensure maximum return.

Business startups and intellectual property (Cont) ...

One of our clients has a unique product in the cybersecurity sector. We advised on the most effective structure to protect the shareholders' interests and allow for future investments. We also advised how their intellectual property can be effectively managed as the business expands.

Have you got a new business idea and need help making it a reality? [Read more](#) about how we can help.



Looking forward to 2015

Introducing ...

Nigel Russell will be joining Emil Ford Lawyers from 1 January 2015. Nigel brings with him much experience in conveyancing, probate and small business matters and has been a partner of Mackenzie Russell & Co for many years. Nigel's firm will join Emil Ford Lawyers officially from 1 January 2015. We are looking forward to working with Nigel and helping to assist his clients with their legal needs.



[Read more](#) about Nigel.

Legal Issues in the Not-for-Profit Sector (Seminar)

If you are involved with a charitable organisation, this seminar is a great opportunity for you to learn about the latest legal issues facing charities.

David Ford will be presenting on the topic of **Disputes, Allegations, Investigations: how do Not-for-Profits cope?** His presentation will cover such issues as:

- Disputes with members and between members
- What do the rules say?
- Investigations and procedural fairness
- Mediation.

Details:

Name: Legal Issues in the Not-for-Profit Sector
Date: Thursday 26 March 2015
Venue: UNSW CBD campus, 1 O'Connell Street, Sydney
Time: 2pm-5.15pm

Follow this link for further information and details on [how to register for the Legal Issues in the Not-for-Profit Sector seminar](#).



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