

Table Topics

Hyatt Regency Sydney, Heritage Rooms 1-4, Lobby Level
3pm to 5pm | Friday 21 August 2026

	Facilitator	Topic
1	Nathan Madsen, Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Assistant Registrar of Plant Breeders Rights, IP Australia, Sunshine Coast	Computer implemented inventions and examination practice – “What’s the deal?”
2	Nigel Robb, Assistant Commissioner, IPONZ, Wellington	Practical tips for evidence for written and oral submissions before the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)
3	Natalie Shoolman, Principal and Head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Wrays, Sydney Bindhu Holavanahalli, Senior Associate, Wrays, Perth	Standing on the Sidelines? The Rights of Non-Exclusive Licensees in Patent Enforcement
4	Earl Gray, Barrister, Sangro Chambers, Auckland	Fair Dealing for Parody and Satire – Is NZ’s Proposed Law a Spoof and is the Australian Law a Mockery?
5	Andrew Ross, Partner, HKA Global, Sydney Sally Davitt, Partner, HKA Global, Sydney	Accounting for Profits: Unpacking Deductions in IP Cases
6	Melissa McGrath, Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers, Sydney	Bifurcation of liability and quantum in IP matters

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7	• Tom Middleton, Barrister, Young's List, Melbourne	AI - a discussion on legal consequences and ethical implications
8	• Susan Gatford, Barrister, Trade Mark Attorney and Nationally Accredited Mediator, Foley's List, Melbourne	Same same but different. How are <i>Accor</i> and <i>Pham Global</i> faring in 2026?
9	• Rachelle Downie, Partner, K&L Gates, Melbourne	Preliminary Injunctions in Patent Cases: Has the Tide Turned?
10	• Lisa Cohen, Director Public Education & Awareness, IP Australia, Canberra • Alicia Baxter, Business Lead, IPONZ, Wellington	Education across the Tasman: Partnering for Client Capability and Confidence
11	• Kate Duckworth, Lawyer, Patent and Trade Mark Attorney, Kate Duckworth IP, Wellington	Trips, Traps and Sink Holes – IP Due Diligence
12	• Jesmini Ambikapathy, Barrister, Nigel Bowen Chambers, Sydney • Diana Lawrance, Reader, Nigel Bowen Chambers, Sydney	Scandalous / Offensive Marks in Different Jurisdictions
13	• Brett Doyle, Senior Consultant, Ashurst, Sydney	Distinctiveness – Is the Registrar implementing the test in <i>Cantarella Bros v Modena Trading</i> ?
14	• Professor Natalie Stoianoff, Director IP Program, Faculty of Law, UTS • Aparna Watal, Partner, Trade Mark Attorney, Halfords IP	Indigenous Knowledge and IP: Reform, Recognition and Practice
15	• Eliza Jane Saunders, Barrister, Emmerson Chambers, Melbourne	Procedural strategies for piercing informational asymmetry before and during patent litigation, including preliminary discovery, s 121A and other inspection mechanisms

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16	• Stephen Rebikoff SC, Barrister, Emmerson Chambers, Melbourne • Lucy Davis, Barrister, Emmerson Chambers, Melbourne	When is a threat of IP infringement justified? Are unjustified threats provisions stopping IP owners properly flexing their rights? The table topic will consider recent authority about the scope and impact of unjustified threats provisions across IP rights
17	• Sam Dany, Barrister, Victorian Bar, Melbourne	Strategy first: tailoring pleadings in IP litigation
18	• Dr Ben Hopper, Director of Studies, Intellectual Property Law (MLM), Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne	Does a generative-AI model contain “copies”?