



2024/25 Annual Report



OUR TEAM

We are a WA based Restructuring and Insolvency not-for-profit association that provide networking opportunities for our members and industry. Our committee is comprised of accountants, bankers, lawyers and other professionals.

Thank you to the Committee of 2024/25:

Brenda Powell - Norton Rose Fulbright

Madeleine Bone-Morato - HWLE Lawyers

Nicholas D'Alesio - Sheridans Chartered Accountants

Vitoria Michel - Grant Thornton

Jillian Kein - Blackwall Legal

Samantha Denehy-Johnson - McGrathNicol

Reuben Corser - FTI Consulting

Linda Diep - Lavan Legal

Amanda de Braganca - Cor Cordis

M'ree Gavanrich - Dexus

Jack Blahut - McGrath Nicol

Louise Brnich - HLB Mann Judd Insolvency

Lilly Menezes - Korda Mentha

Emily Rigg - HFW

(Resigned April 2025)

Olivia de Koning - Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

(Resigned September 2025)

Ashlyne Niez - Korda Mentha

(Appointed August 2025)

Joseph Sabbagh - Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

(Appointed September 2025)

OBJECTIVES

- 1** To promote diversity in insolvency related professions.
- 2** To provide opportunities for education and self-development for members.
- 3** To assist our members to share networks, experiences and business opportunities.

MEMBER BENEFITS

RINWA continued to provide the following benefits to its members in 2024/25:

- Discounted event tickets.
- Access to events at premium venues in Perth.
- The opportunity to network with clients, colleagues and industry peers at our events.
- The opportunity to continue developing professionally and gain insight from experienced insolvency practitioners.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year, as President of RINWA, I had the privilege of leading a dedicated and hard-working team. I present this report for the 2024/25 financial year on behalf of the Committee.

Our goals included continuing the success of RINWA's key events, which resulted in every major event selling out, including the International Women's Day Breakfast Panel Discussion, the Quiz Night and the Gala.

We also aimed to bring outstanding speakers from across the profession, including members of the judiciary, liquidators and senior barristers to present to our members and attendees. This allowed us to deliver an excellent calibre of presentations, with specialist insights shared at both the Perth Insolvency Symposium and the International Women's Day Breakfast Panel Discussion.

One of our major goals this year was to deliver a CPD event, something RINWA had been unable to do for the past two years due to regulatory challenges. I am proud to say we achieved this by hosting the Insolvency Symposium in collaboration with the Piddington Society, which sold out and attracted a diverse range of attendees.

By incorporating feedback from previous years, we achieved strong outcomes across all our events in 2025. We continued with the cocktail-style format for our Gala after its success in 2024 and were able to host at a premium venue, extend the duration of the event, provide interactive entertainment and take advantage of the scenic setting at Matilda Bay.

I extend my gratitude to our sponsors and members for their continued support throughout 2024/25.

I also give special thanks to the Committee, particularly **Madeleine Bone-Morato, Nicholas D'Alesio** and **Vitoria Michel**, for their dedication on the Executive Committee.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am both excited and committed to staying on in the role of President next year and look forward to working with the Committee, our members and our sponsors to make 2025/2026 an even stronger year for RINWA and for our industry.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Powell". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of both names being capitalized and prominent.

President 2024/25

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership numbers in FY25 were 106 members in FY25. The Committee decided to continue to provide memberships with the ticket price for the AGM event.

We are pleased to have a membership base that includes professionals from accounting firms, law practices, insurance brokers, banks, and auctioneers and valuers. Over the past year, RINWA hosted events that collectively attracted 506 attendees (up from 450 in FY24), not including our CPD event held in conjunction with the Piddington Society, which sold out with approximately 60 attendees.

RINWA will continue to focus on retaining and growing our membership in Western Australia by offering membership options alongside future events.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE & POSITION

RINWA recorded a profit of \$11,389 in FY25 (\$4,888 for FY24), resulting in a closing net asset balance of \$37,708 at year end.

We continue to maintain a healthy cash balance as a non-profit organisation. The profit this year of \$11,389 was due to the event delivery costs decreasing significantly in FY25 (by \$5,000) and selling out all events we hosted this year. Our aim this year was to attract and retain our current members while continuing to offer lower ticket prices. The restructure of our events allowed us to introduce new entertainment elements, include a CPD event, increase bar tabs, and secure premium venues, vendors and event marketing. With the positive feedback received from our sponsors, members and guests, we are pleased to say we achieved our goals for this term. Please refer to our 2024/25 Financial Report for further details on our cash and financial position.

I would like to thank our Treasurer, Nicholas D'Alesio, for his dedication over the past year, and I am very pleased that he will be continuing in the role next year.

EVENTS

The Committee continued to provide various professional events for the industry. This year's program included the following events:

October 2024 ***Annual General Meeting and Spring Sundowner***
Our past committee member, **Monika Mecevic** and **Emily Rigg**, provided use of **HFW's** office for this event. The event concluded with our members networking with the new Committee over drinks and the sunset.

March 2025 ***International Women's Day breakfast panel discussion***
The first event of 2024 saw a strong attendance of 122 guests hosted at the Melbourne Hotel. We would like to thank, the **Hon Justice Larissa Strk** of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, **Linda Smith** of McGrathNicol and **Anika Sadler** of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer who shared their insights on leadership, career pathways and the experiences that shaped their professional journeys. This discussion was moderated by RINWA's committee members **Brenda Powell** and **Samantha Denehy-Johnson**.



EVENTS (CONT.)

March 2025

Perth Insolvency Symposium (CPD Event)

The Perth Insolvency Symposium, hosted in collaboration with RINWA and The Piddington Society, brought together practitioners to hear from leading experts on current issues and emerging trends in insolvency law and practice. Attendees enjoyed four sessions covering key topics, including **Melissa Ferreira** of HWL Ebsworth on section 444GA share transfers, a market trends discussion chaired by **Aaron McDonald** of Pragma Lawyers with insights from **Tom Birch** of Cor Cordis and **Cliff Rocke** of WA Insolvency Solutions, a substantive law update delivered by **Farid Assaf SC** and chaired by **Chris Pearce** of Blackwall Legal, and a panel moderated by **Monika Mecevic** of Fourth Floor Chambers featuring the **Hon Justice Jenni Hill**, **Farid Assaf SC** and **Michelle Shackles** of RSM and ARITA WA.



EVENTS (CONT.)

June 2025

Charity Quiz Night

RINWA hosted the Quiz Night at The Court in support of the charity **Zero2Hero**. After having partnered with **Zero2Hero** in 2024 and in 2022, we continue to show support for the work that they do in empowering young heroes to become mental health leaders. We had an attendance of 135 guests and raised \$3,459.31 to support their important work.

September 2025

Gala

Held at Matilda Bay, RINWA hosted our second cocktail-style Gala following the success of last year's event. With a 'Great Gatsby' theme, the evening welcomed an impressive 159 guests and featured live entertainment along with a vibrant night of networking with industry peers.



SPONSORSHIP

This year, we have successfully renewed our sponsorship packages and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our valued sponsors for their ongoing support.

Special thanks to **Grays** as our annual sponsor, and to the following firms for their steadfast support:

- **Pragma Lawyers**
- **Blackwall Legal**
- **WA Insolvency Solutions**

We also thank Pitcher Partners as our event sponsor for the upcoming AGM in November 2025.

A special acknowledgment to **Jillian Kein** for her exceptional work in renewing sponsorships and maintaining relationships.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for FY26.

