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## *Personal & Professional Legal Service – delivered expeditiously*

Blackman Legal operates on values of personal service and reliable and cost effective representation. We are proud to offer sound legal expertise and a dedication to the long-term legal, financial and personal satisfaction of our clients. We aim to deliver value to our clients and to meet their needs with common-sense advice and friendly service. Our relaxed office and handy location in Lindfield makes a visit to us a pleasant experience.

At Blackman Legal we will work with you to obtain optimum results, taking the time to explain legal procedures clearly and frankly. We realise the importance of keeping you well-informed at all stages of the process and understand your need for sensitivity and discretion.

A quarter through 2011 - the time is certainly flying.

We continue to develop our practice and have made further good progress over the past month.

Along with the many conveyancing, leasing and estate matters we have worked on over the past months, we are pleased to be assisting our clients in several commercial matters. These have included:

- Reviewing and advising a potential franchisor on a franchise agreement
- Advising a major importer on a new distribution agreement
- Advising on the settlement deed for the termination of a company relationship
- Reviewing and advising on a services agreement for a new business venture
- Advising on appropriate intellectual property protection for a new business venture.

Please let us know if we can help with your commercial matters.

Our article of interest this month deals with two very important legal documents for you to consider – in addition to your will. Please contact Amanda if you need further details or wish to have them created for you.

We thank you for your support and encouragement and look forward to continuing to serve you personally and professionally. Please feel free to pop into our new office or to contact us by one of the methods below at any time.

Kind regards,  
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# Power of Attorney and Appointment of Enduring Guardian

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## Power of Attorney

Illnesses and diseases such as stroke, heart attack, mental illness and dementia and injuries such as brain damage are a very unfortunate part of our everyday life. The result is often a temporary or permanent inability to make decisions or sign documents about your property and your financial affairs generally. If you have not appointed anyone through a Power of Attorney to manage your affairs then the Protective Commissioner must be appointed to do so. This can be quite costly.

A very simple way to avoid such a situation is to draw up an enduring Power of Attorney which appoints someone whom you trust to act as your attorney in the event of you suffering incapacity. It also enables the attorney to act on your behalf if you are unable to do so because you are overseas, for example or just out of town.

The appointment of a trusted person as your attorney under a Power of Attorney is a very simple but effective procedure and is often overlooked until it is too late.

## Power of Attorney and Appointment of Enduring Guardian

### Our Services

We offer a broad range of services across a range of legal disciplines:

- Property Law, Conveyancing and Leasing
- Wills and Administration of Estates
- Powers of Attorney and Appointments of Enduring Guardian
- Commercial Law
- Notary Public Services
- Intellectual Property
- Family Law
- Local Government and Planning

### Appointment of Enduring Guardianship

A guardian appointed by you will carry out your directions as documented by you in regard to health and lifestyle issues when you are unable to give those directions yourself. For example, you may not want to have your life prolonged by artificial means should there be no likelihood of your recovery. You may want to choose in advance what nursing home you live in when you are no longer able to care for yourself independently. Your family members or even your attorney cannot give these directions for you. Only your appointed guardian has authority to give directions to your doctor and health care providers on your behalf.

An Appointment of Guardian enables you to make these decisions for yourself in advance giving power to your appointed guardian to ensure that these are carried out.



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