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Upcoming changes to Powers of Attorney

Powers of attorney laws in Victoria will change on **1 May 2017** and the Office of the Public Advocate have created a new edition of *Take Control: a guide to making enduring powers of attorney* to coincide with these changes. The key changes relate to the enduring power of attorney.

From 1 May, when a person makes an enduring power of attorney:

- any earlier enduring power of attorney, enduring power of attorney (financial), or enduring power of guardianship is automatically cancelled, unless the person specifies otherwise
- the person will be able to appoint more than one alternative attorney (backup) for any attorney that they appoint. For example, a person will be able to appoint their spouse as attorney, and their two adult children as backups for their spouse.

Once we have had an opportunity to consider the changes, we will update you accordingly.

Annual General Meeting of Members 2017

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of Members is scheduled for Thursday, 25 May 2017 at 53 Broadway, Elwood, 3184 commencing at 7.30pm

All members are welcome.

Annual Dinner 2017

The Annual Dinner for 2017 will be held on Friday, 11 August at the Treacy Conference Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville. Always an enjoyable evening and often booked out, so please forward your booking with payment at the earliest opportunity. A booking form is attached for your convenience.

Membership Fees 2017

A reminder that all membership fees were due and payable on 1 January. If you have not already done so, please arrange payment as soon as possible. (Please note, to reduce postage costs, invoices are not sent individually, but were printed on the reverse of the address sheet that accompanied the last 2016 edition of Custodes).

Payment may be made by Cheque, Money Order, Direct Deposit or Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa only). Please note that a 1.5% surcharge applies to credit card payments and will be added at processing.