

PERSONALIA

It was pleasing to note the awards to the following Fellows in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Honourable Dr Annabelle Claire Bennett AO SC - Companion (AC) in the General Division of the Order of Australia – For eminent service to the law, and to the judiciary, particularly in the field of intellectual property, to higher education, and to sports arbitration.

The Honourable Reginald Ian Barrett – Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia – For distinguished service to the law, and to the judiciary, particularly in the area of corporations law and legislation.

Mr Nicholas Richard Cowdery AM, QC – Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia – For distinguished service to the law, to the protection of human rights to professional legal bodies, and to the community.

Emeritus Professor Gabriel Adelin Moens – Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia – For significant service to the law, and to higher education.

Rear Admiral the Honourable Justice Michael John Slattery RAN NSW – Member (AM) Military Division of the Order of Australia – For exceptional service in the field of military law, particularly as Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force.

Mr Robin Roy Speed - Order of Australia Medal (OAM)--For service to the law, including founder and chairman of the Rule of Law Institute of Australia, 2008-2009, and founder of Australia's Magna Carta Insitute, 2015-2019

I am sure that all Fellows join me in warmly congratulating these colleagues on this recognition of their public service.

FORTHCOMING ACADEMY EVENTS

BRISBANE

Patron's Address for 2019 to be delivered by the Hon Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC

As mentioned in previous Newsletters the Patron's Address this year will be delivered by the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and Patron of the Academy of Law.

The Chief Justice's topic will be *"The Academy and the Courts: what do they mean to each other today"*. It will be held at the Banco Court, Supreme Court of Queensland, Brisbane on Thursday 31 October 2019.

This will be the first occasion on which the Patron's Address will have been held in Brisbane.

The Patron's event has been called the Academy's "flagship event".

Fellows in Queensland are encouraged to attend and to make the event known to others.

The topic is specially relevant to the Academy and the background to its establishment in 2007.

A flyer for the event is can be found [here](#).

VICTORIA

The public event in Victoria this year will take the form of a lecture by The Hon Sir Nicholas Blake QC.

It will be held in Court One, Federal Court of Australia, Level 8, Commonwealth Law Courts, 305 William Street, Melbourne on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 5.00 pm.



The particular topic to be addressed will be '*Democracy Human Rights and the Judiciary: the common law and the wider world*'.

A flyer for the event is will be on the website soon. Further biographical details of our eminent speaker will be found in the flyer.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Ms Elizabeth Broderick AO is the speaker this year who will deliver the Austin Asche Oration on Thursday 19 September 2019.

As in previous years the venue will be the Nitmiluk Lounge, Level 4, Parliament House, Darwin.

[Attached](#) is the flyer for the event which is sponsored every year jointly by the Academy and Charles Darwin University.

As can be seen from the flyer, Ms Broderick's topic will be "*The Journey of a Restless Advocate: Creating a more Gender Equal Australia*".

All Fellows in the Northern Territory are encouraged to attend and to publicise the event.

DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT STATUS

The Extraordinary General Meeting that was foreshadowed in the last Newsletter was held on Wednesday 12 June, when the special resolution amending the Academy's Constitution was passed.

A copy of the special resolution is attached. The amendment has been incorporated into the version of the Constitution as it appears on the Academy's website.

The form of the special resolution had been approved by the Australian Taxation Office and it is expected that once the ATO informs Treasury that the Constitution has been amended to its satisfaction, Treasury will cause the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to be amended to list the Academy with the other Australian learned Academies in the table in section 30-25(2)..

SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE AAL AND THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE 22 AUGUST 2019

Following a very successful joint symposium hosted by the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Law last year, a second one will be held on Thursday 22 August 2019.

Again the venue will be the Federal Court's Ceremonial Court on Level 21 of the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

The topic this year will be; "*A "hypothetical" on Climate Change: the Science and the Law*".

A flyer for the event can be found [here](#).

As the flyer shows, we have a panel of three scientists and three lawyers, all of whom are highly qualified to respond to questions that will be put to them by Mr Justin Gleeson SC, former Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth.

Fellows are encouraged to attend and to make the event widely known to others.

ESSAY PRIZE

The notice of the offering of the annual Essay Prize for 2019 is again attached.

Fellows are encouraged to make it widely known.

The prize is \$10,000, the deadline for entries is 31 August 2019, and the topic is:

“How do private and public law interact in Australia? What are, and what should be, the available remedies (public or private or both) where they interact?”

The winning essays for 2015, 2016 and 2017 have all been published in the *Australian Law Journal*, and the General Editor, The Hon Justice Francois Kunc, advises that the winning essay for 2018 is scheduled for publication in the August 2019 issue.

Any Fellow who would be interested in being a member of the Judging Panel should notify the Secretariat and me.

NEW FELLOWS

Professor Dale Stephens CSM

Professor of Law, the University of Adelaide

Professor Michael Stuckey

Dean, College of Law and Justice, Victoria University

Mr William Campbell PSM QC

Honorary Professor, ANU College of Law

Mr Joshua Thomson SC

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