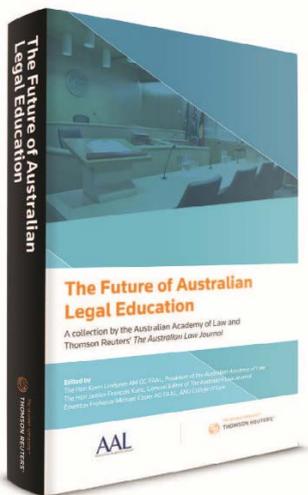


## THE BOOK

I am delighted to inform Fellows that the Academy's first publication in book form has now appeared and is available for purchase.

I refer, of course to *The Future of Australian Legal Education*, a collection published jointly by the Academy and *The Australian Law Journal*, published by Thomson Reuters.



The book is a collection of the papers that were presented at the Conference held in Sydney in August 2017 under the same title.

Attached to this Newsletter is some promotional material that has been provided by the publisher, Thomson Reuters.

That material will inform Fellows how to order a copy.

The price is \$140.00, with a 30% discount for those who spoke at the Conference.

The book is a substantial volume and should be of interest to all members of the Academy, having regard to the Academy's objects.

I encourage Fellows to buy a copy.

## ROUNDTABLE IN CANBERRA

As foreshadowed in previous Newsletters, the Hon Margaret Stone, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (and a Foundation Fellow of the Academy), spoke at the roundtable for Fellows held at the High Court on Wednesday 27 June.



*From left: Professor Michael Coper, the Hon Margaret Stone, the Hon Mary Finn, the President, the Hon Kevin Lindgren.*

Through her topic, "Eyes on the Spies", Margaret gave a very interesting account of the role of her office, including an outline of a current substantial expansion of that role and of the staffing of the Office.



*Attendees at the "Eyes on the Spies" Roundtable.*

## FORTHCOMING ACADEMY EVENTS

### VICTORIA

As previously advised in earlier Newsletters, the Patron's Address this year will be delivered by Dame Sian Elias GNZM PC QC, Chief Justice of New Zealand on Thursday 18 October.

Dame Sian's topic will be *"Back to the Future? How local history and traditions are still reshaping our legal orders"*.

Dame Sian is a Fellow of the Academy.

The event will be held at the Federal Court in Melbourne.

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

Chief Justice James Allsop of the Federal Court will introduce the speaker.

A flyer for the event is **attached**.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

The second in the series of three "Access to Justice" events for 2018 will be held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Level 13 of the Law Courts Building on Thursday 26 July.

The particular topic to be addressed by the Chair and Panel will be *"Overcoming Financial Barriers to Access to Justice"*.

A flyer for the event is **attached**.

### QUEENSLAND

As advised in previous Newsletters, the public event in Queensland this year will be held on Thursday 4 October 2018 when The Hon Phillip Cummins AM will speak on *"Litigation Funding: Access and Ethics"*.

As in previous years, the venue will be the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

The flyer for the event is **attached**.

### NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Hon Robert French AC will deliver the Austin Asche Oration on Law and Governance this year on Monday 17 September.

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, Mr French's topic will be *"Free Speech and the Law: Do we need a Charter of Rights and Freedoms just for Universities?"*

### ACADEMY DINNER IN HOBART

The Deputy President of the Academy, Justice Alan Robertson, is asking for indications of interest from Fellows for an Academy of Law reception and dinner in Hobart on Sunday, 20 January 2019 at 7 pm. A greater number of Fellows than usual will be in Hobart at that time as part of the Supreme Courts and Federal Court annual conference.

The cost will be \$120 per person, including drinks and wine. Partners will be very welcome.

The venue will be the Ball & Chain Grill at 87 Salamanca Place, Hobart.

Would you please email either the Secretariat or Justice Robertson's executive assistant Jennifer.farrell@fedcourt.gov.au by the end of July if you are interested in attending and, if so, whether you will be accompanied by your partner. The venue is limited to about 30 people.

## SYMPOSIUM SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE AAL AND THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

This symposium will mark the first collaboration between our Academy and the Australian Academy of Science.

The symposium will be held in the evening of Thursday 23 August 2018.

The event will be held in the Federal Court's ceremonial court on Level 21 of the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney starting at 5.00 pm.

The topic is: "*Are you sure?*"

It is likely that there will be some discussion of the following aspects of the topic:

- Scientific certainty compared with legal certainty, and scientific decision-making compared with decision-making by courts;
- The difference between the scientific assessment of evidence and the assessment of evidence by the courts;
- The different notions of what is evidence and the different timeframes for reaching a decision;
- Cause and effect in science and law;
- Unconscious predispositions (biases) of judges and witnesses;
- The presentation and treatment of expert scientific evidence in the courts
- Uncertainty as part of certainty

A flyer is **attached** and gives the following details:

**Chair:** The Hon Stephen Gageler AC

**Panellists:** Professor Max Coltheart AM, Emeritus Professor of Cognitive Science, Macquarie University;

Professor Kerrie Mengersen, Australian Laureate Fellow and Professor of Statistics, QUT;

The Hon Chief Justice James Allsop AO, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia;

The Hon Robert French AC, formerly Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

## ANNUAL ESSAY PRIZE

Any Fellow who is willing to form part of the Judging Panel should contact me or the Chair of the Prizes Committee, Professor Bee Chen Goh, whose email addresses are: [beechen.goh@scu.edu.au](mailto:beechen.goh@scu.edu.au) and [bcgoh8@gmail.com](mailto:bcgoh8@gmail.com)

The topic this year is "*Rights and freedoms under the Australian Constitution: what are they and do they meet the needs of contemporary Australian Society?*"

We have 193 expressions of interest but past experience suggests that only a small portion of these will result in an essay.

Therefore do not be dissuaded from volunteering to be on the Judging Panel by the number of expressions of interest.



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