

PERSONALIA

HONOURS

I am sure that all Fellows join with me in warmly congratulating the following Fellows upon their recognition as Officers in the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours list announced on 26 January.

The Hon Chief Justice Alan Blow AO

The citation was as follows:

“For distinguished service to the judiciary and to the law, particularly as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, to legal education and to professional standards, and to the community.”

Emeritus Professor Michael Coper AO

The citation was as follows:

“For distinguished service to legal education, and to the law, as an academic, author and administrator, through advisory roles, and to safety standards in the transport industry.”

FELLOWS’ DINNER HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

As foreshadowed in previous Newsletters, the Deputy President, Justice Alan Robertson arranged for a dinner for Fellows and their partners on Tuesday 23 January.

The dinner was held at the Federal Court in the Law Courts Building in Sydney and was attended by 43 people. It was a great success.

Justice Mark Weinberg AO of the Victorian Court of Appeal was the speaker and reflected on his life as a senior academic, practitioner and Judge.

Having regard to the Academy’s role of providing a “bridge” across the three branches of the profession, no-one could be better qualified than Mark to speak on such matters.

As well, he was a foundation Fellow of the Academy.

I would like to thank Mark for giving the address, as well as our Deputy President, Alan Robertson, for organising yet a further successful informal dinner for Fellows.



ASIAN BUSINESS LAW INSTITUTE (ABLI)

Reference has been made in previous Newsletters to the establishment of the Asian Business Law Institute.

It was established in January 2016 in conjunction with the holding of a conference in Singapore, “*Doing Business Across Asia: Legal Convergence in an Asian Century*”.

The first project that the ABLI has undertaken relates to the recognition and Enforcement of foreign judgments. A first step in the project is to identify what the existing law is in the respective Asian countries.

The ABLI's first publication is a compendium of the existing laws on recognition and enforcement of fifteen Asian countries.

The Australian chapter was written by AAL Fellow, Dr Andrew Bell SC of the New South Wales Bar.

The Compendium is freely available on the ABLI's website at <http://abli.asia/BOOKS/Foreign-Judgments-Project>

ACT-ROUNDTABLE ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Fellows will recall that an inaugural roundtable was held in the ACT on 30 November last when recently retired ACT Supreme Court Judge, the Hon Richard Refshauge, spoke on "Lawyering, Prosecuting and Judging".

The local Organising Committee of Emeritus Professor Michael Coper AO, the Hon Mary Finn, Mr Russell Miller AM, Professor Margaret Thornton and Mr Ian Govey AM has arranged for a second roundtable to be held on Wednesday 21 February 2018, again at the High Court on the 5th or 6th floor depending on the numbers.

This second roundtable (to which Fellows not resident in the ACT who may find it convenient to attend are also warmly invited) will focus on the controversial topic of s 44 of the Constitution and dual citizenship.

Professor Coper has provided the following further details:

"Professor Kim Rubenstein will give an initial presentation, to be followed with a commentary by Professor Margaret Thornton. It will then be open slather."

A flyer for the roundtable is attached

The ACT Organising Committee is to be congratulated on organising these roundtables for Fellows.

I encourage other organising committees to consider holding similar events distinct from the public events that the Academy holds.

In that vein, the ACT Organising Committee has in train the organising of the ACT public event for 2018 which will be a public lecture to be held on Friday 16 March 2018, when Justice John Griffiths and Professor James Stellios will speak on the Federal Court and the Constitution.

A flyer for that event will be provided with the next Newsletter.

New Members

I am sure that all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to the following distinguished Chief Justice who has accepted the Board's invitation to become a Fellow of the Academy since the last Newsletter:

Chief Justice Anne Ferguson

CLAIRE HAMMERTON- GRACE AMELIA COLE

Claire, our former Secretariat, has given birth to a daughter, Grace Amelia Cole, who arrived on Saturday 13 January weighing 2.8 kg and measuring 49 cm.

I have conveyed the congratulations of Fellows to Claire and to her husband Matt.

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