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I am sure that all Fellows join me in congratulating the following Fellows who have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List published last Monday 8 June. Their citations appear alongside their names:

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William McFadyen Campbell QC PSM "For distinguished service to public administration, and to international legal practice, through senior counsel and advisory roles"

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The Hon Justice Peter David Applegarth "For significant service to the law and to the judiciary, and to social justice"

Jennifer Jane Batrouney QC "For significant service to the law, to the legal profession and to women lawyers"

The Hon Justice Susan Coralie Kenny "For significant service to the law, and to the judiciary, particularly to the Federal Court of Australia"

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Dr John Allan LOWNDES "For service to the law, and to the judiciary"

I am sure that all Fellows will also wish to join me in congratulating **Ms Sonia Brownhill SC**, Solicitor-General for the Northern Territory, on her appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and **The Hon Annabelle Bennett AC SC** on her election as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.

Forthcoming Events

Notwithstanding the Coronavirus pandemic, it has been possible for some AAL events to go ahead remotely. Two have been already arranged in Perth and Canberra and one is being arranged in Sydney.

Western Australia

As advised in the last Newsletter, on Wednesday 24 June, Ms Jessica Kerr, a PhD candidate in the School of Law at the University of Western Australia will lead a "roundtable" discussion in the area of her research, namely, "*Making Judges in Commonwealth Judiciaries*".

The roundtable will be held on the Microsoft Teams platform at 1.00 pm WST which will be 3.00 pm EST.

The event is for Fellows only and Fellows throughout the country are encouraged to attend.

The flyer is [here](#).

It is important to register by 19 June.

Australian Capital Territory

This roundtable will also be for Fellows only.

On Thursday 18 June Professor Don Rothwell will lead a discussion on "Covid-19 and the International Cruise Industry".

The Chair will be Professor Stephen Bottomley.

The event will go for an hour on the Zoom platform from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

The flyer is [here](#).

It is important to register by Monday 15 June as the number of participants is limited to 30 and at the present time 21 Fellows have registered for the event.

New South Wales

Work is proceeding on a sequence of two events to be held in successive weeks in mid-July (precise dates to be fixed) on the effects that the accommodations that have been made as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic will have on the practice of law and on the courts and law schools in the immediate and longer term future.

This event, which will also be conducted remotely, will be open to the public.

It is expected that the flyer for it will issue at the end of next week.

Renewal of Membership

By now, all Fellows should have received the notice of subscription in respect of the 2020 – 2021 year.

As advised in the last Newsletter, the Board of Directors resolved to reduce the subscription for the year from \$400 to \$200 on account of the effect of the Coronavirus pandemic on the earning capacity of many Fellows.

The notice of renewal which you would have received already, tells you how to renew online. When you click on "View invoice online" you will be taken to the website and you have to click on "LOG IN" in the top right hand corner of the screen. After that, it is a piece of cake.

Annual Essay Prize

The notice of the offering of the Annual Essay Prize is again [attached](#).

All Fellows are encouraged to make the prize known.

Eligibility this year is limited to individuals who are no more than “eight years out” after qualifying for practice.

Would any Fellow interested in serving on the Judging Panel, please contact me.

Fortunately, Professor William Gummow AC QC has again indicated his willingness to chair the panel, and we therefore need two further volunteers to complete the constitution of the panel.

Application For Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status

I reported on this in the last Newsletter. It may be that the legislation will be passed in the June sittings. I can do no more than assure Fellows that they will be advised immediately there is some progress to report.

Publication of Selected Papers and Speeches Of The Hon Robert French AC

Federation Press estimates that this book, sponsored by the Academy, will be published in late June or early July.

The editor is a long-time friend of Mr French, Professor Robert Pascoe, Dean Laureate and Professor of History at Victoria University. A small committee of Directors of the Academy has had the oversight of the publication on behalf of the Academy, namely, the Hon Ralph Simmonds, Professor Brian Opeskin, Professor Gino Dal Pont, the Deputy President (and incoming President) and myself. Of course, Mr French himself has also been closely involved.

The title of the work will be: *The Tuning Cymbal: selected papers and speeches of Robert French*.

You will need to await the publication to understand the significance of the reference to the Tuning Cymbal in the title.

New Fellows

I am sure that all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to the following distinguished lawyers who have accepted the Board's invitation to become Fellows of the Academy since the last Newsletter.

Mr Chris Horan QC

Barrister, Victorian Bar. Co-editor Commonwealth Law Reports

Mr Tim Game QC

Barrister, Forbes Chambers. President Bar Association of NSW

Signing Off

In the last Newsletter I remarked on the change of roles as between the Deputy President and me which will take effect from 1 July. This will be the last of the Newsletters to go out over my signature as President.

I will not repeat what I said in the last Newsletter except that it has been a great privilege for me to have been the President for some nine years since my election at the AGM in November 2011.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Lindgren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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