

Annual General Meeting – Election of Directors

The Annual General Meeting of the Academy was held in Sydney on Monday 25 September 2017 when the following directors and office holders were elected:

President: The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM, QC

Deputy President: The Hon Justice Alan Robertson

Treasurer: The Hon Justice G John Digby
Hon Secretary and Public Officer: Emeritus Professor David Barker AM

Other directors:

Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM

Emeritus Professor Michael Coper

Emeritus Professor Adrian Bradbrook

The Hon Emeritus Professor Ralph Simmonds

Professor Paul Fairall

Professor Bee Chen Goh

Professor Les McCrimmon

Professor Brian Opekin

Dr Nuncio D'Angelo

Mr Russell Miller AM

Mr Michael Murray

The meeting thanked outgoing Directors who were not standing for re-election, The Hon John Mansfield AM QC and Professor Michael Adams.

The meeting also welcomed Mr Michael Murray and Dr Nuncio D'Angelo as newly elected directors.

Award of Essay Prize for 2017

I am happy to inform Fellows that the winner of the Academy's annual essay prize for 2017 is Ms Phillipa McCormack, who is a PhD student in the University of Tasmania and

sessional lecturer in the Law School there. The title of her essay was "The legislative challenge of facilitating climate change adaptation for biodiversity".

I will present Phillipa with the AAL's cheque at the Victorian event to be held in Melbourne on Monday 23 October (see below).

The Judging Panel, to whose members the Academy is much indebted, were the Hon Professor William Gummow AC, The Hon Justice Pamela Tate, and Professor Rosemary Lyster.

Justice Tate will also speak at the presentation of the essay prize on 23 October.

RECENT EVENTS

Sixth Annual Austin Asche Oration on Law and Governance held in Darwin on Tuesday 19 September

As is, I believe, well known, the Annual Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance is sponsored jointly by the Academy and Charles Darwin University.

This year the Oration was given by Mr Ed Santow, Human Rights Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights Commission. Mr Santow's topic was "*Making detention safe and humane: can we grasp a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity?*"

As in past years the event was held in the Nitmiluk Lounge, Level 4, Parliament House Darwin.



Academy Fellow, Professor Les McCrimmon organises the event each year. The event went very well and the audience, which included The Hon Austin Asche AC and his wife, Val Asche, numbered over 100.

Mr Michael Murray attended in place of the President, who could not attend, and gave a brief talk on the Academy's range of activities. Michael also took the opportunity to make contact with other Academy Fellows in Darwin and Alice Springs.



Patron's Address held on Monday 25 September

The Academy was fortunate that Overseas Fellow, His Excellency Judge James Crawford AC, SC, FBA of the International Court of Justice was able to deliver the annual Patron's Address this year.

He did so in the Federal Court's Ceremonial Court, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Sydney on the evening of Monday 25 September on

the topic "*The International Court of Justice as a Working Court*".

A large audience of some 140 attended the event.



Many of those present were former students and academic colleagues of Professor Crawford when he was at the University of Sydney. It was virtually necessary to queue up after the event to speak to him, such was the number of those who wished to renew acquaintance.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Victoria's event for 2017 to be held on Monday 23 October

As advised in the last Newsletter, the Hon Justice Michelle Gordon of the High Court of Australia will deliver the address for the Victorian event this year on Monday 23

October at Court One, Level 8, Federal Court of Australia, 305 William Street, Melbourne.

Justice Gordon's topic will be "Corporations and Corporate Insolvency Jurisdiction of the Federal Court – From Passer-by to Chameleon Lodger "

Please see the **attached** flyer for more information and for registration details.

Queensland's event for 2017 to be held on Thursday 26 October

As also advised in the last Newsletter, Professor Sarah Derrington, Academic Dean and Head of School, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland will give the address at the Queensland event this year.

Professor Derrington's topic will be "Trends in Legal Education".

As usual, the lecture will be given at that splendid venue, the Banco Court, Level 3, Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law, 415 George Street, Brisbane.

For more information and registration details see the flyer **attached**.

South Australia's event for 2017 to be held on Wednesday 1 November

South Australia's Academy event for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 1 November at the Law Theatre 1, Ligertwood Building, Law School, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide.

The speaker will be Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs, immediate past President of the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Professor Triggs' topic will be "The Rule of Law in a Post Truth Environment".

For more information and for "How to register" please see the flyer **attached**.

Western Australia's event for 2017 to be held on Wednesday 29 November

As advised in the last Academy Newsletter, Western Australian Fellows have been fortunate in having secured as the speaker at the Academy's event in Perth this year, the Hon Robert French AC, immediate past Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, immediate past Patron of the Academy and a Life Fellow of the Academy.

The event will be held at 5.30 pm at the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth.

Mr French's topic will be: "Rationality and reason in administrative law – would a roll of the dice be just as good".

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

Third and final Ethics event in Sydney to be held on Monday 20 November

The third and final Ethics event being held in Sydney this year is to be held on Monday 20 November.

The topic will be "How to be ethical in the practice of law: can it be taught?"

The venue will be the Ceremonial Court of the Federal Court of Australia, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney

The general structure will be the same as the first and second events —a panel with a Moderator/Chair.

We are fortunate that The Hon Patricia Bergin SC, formerly Chief Judge in Equity in the Supreme Court of New South Wales has agreed to perform that role.

The panel will comprise the following:

- Professor Lesley Hitchens, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Sydney
- Arthur Moses SC, President of the New South Wales Bar Association
- Professor Adrian Evans, Professor and Solicitor, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- Dr Simon Longstaff, Executive Director of the St James Ethics Centre
- Dr Justine Rogers, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales
- Paul Monaghan, Law Society of New South Wales

Please see the **attached** flyer for further details, including details of how to register.

Evening dinner event for Fellows in Sydney on 23 January 2018

There will be a reception and dinner for Fellows and their partners on level 20, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney on the evening of 23 January 2018. At that time there will be a greater number of Fellows in Sydney than usual because of the Supreme

Court and Federal Court Annual Conference being held in that week.

Details of the arrangements, including the cost per head and how to RSVP, will be sent by email to all Fellows this month.

New Members

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:

The Hon Justice Anthony Cavanough
Professor Jennifer Corrin



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