

Annual General Meeting

The Academy held its AGM by Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 22 October 2020 at 4 PM.

The directors for the year 2020-2021 were elected unopposed and are as follows:

The Hon Alan Robertson SC (President)

The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM, QC (Deputy President)

The Hon Justice G John Digby (Treasurer)

Emeritus Professor David Barker AM (Secretary)

The Hon Justice Tony Besanko

The Hon Justice Mark Moshinsky

The Hon Emeritus Professor Ralph Simmonds

Professor Gino Dal Pont

Professor Erika Techera

Professor Melissa De Zwart

Professor Bee Chen Goh

Professor Les McCrimmon

Mr Russell Miller AM

Dr Nuncio D'Angelo

Mr Michael Murray

Annual Essay Prize – the winners

The topic for the 2020 Essay Prize was:

“The impact of a new and widespread contagious disease on pre-existing contractual obligations.”

Note: Earlier ‘new’ outbreaks of infectious diseases may be taken into account.”

The entries were considered by the judging panel, the Hon. Professor William Gummow AC QC (Chair) the Hon. Justice Pamela Tate and Professor Rosalind Croucher AM.

The joint winners, who shared equally the prize of \$10,000, were: Ms Natalie Ngo of Melbourne, Victoria and Mr Tom Allchurch of Sydney, New South Wales.

Congratulations to them. Their essays will be posted on the Academy’s website.

I again thank the members of the judging panel.

Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status

The commencement date of the legislation was 1 October 2020. The Secretariat is in the process of setting up the necessary bank account. Many thanks to Michael Murray and to Kevin Lindgren for overseeing this lengthy process.

In the next Newsletter I will set out how tax-deductible donations to the Academy may be made.

Events

Most AAL events have been going ahead remotely. This means that Fellows may register and attend wherever they are, time zones permitting.

Forthcoming

The Legal Implications of Brexit

The next Michael Coper Roundtable will be held in Canberra at 5:15 PM on Wednesday 28 October 2020.

Professor Sally Wheeler OBE, MRJA, FAcSS, FAAL will discuss the *Legal Implications of Brexit for the United Kingdom*.

The venue will be the ANU College of Law Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, Fellows Road, the Australian National University.

The event will be chaired by Emeritus Professor Stephen Bottomley ANU College of Law.

The flyer is to be found [here](#).

This is a member only, in person event. Registration is necessary. In order to register, see [here](#).

Whistleblowing

The second forthcoming event is on Thursday, 19 November 2020. This event will now be conducted remotely, and is entitled:

WHISTLEBLOWING – what is it, who does it, when is it lawful, when is it mandatory?

The Chair will be The Hon Justice Julie Ward Chief Judge in Equity, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The expert panellists will be:

Professor A J Brown, Professor of Public Policy & Law in the Centre for Governance & Public Policy, Griffith University

Professor John McMillan AO, Emeritus Professor, ANU; former Commonwealth and NSW Ombudsman

Ms Kate McClymont AM, Investigative Journalist

Mr Bret Walker SC Former President of the NSW Bar Association and Law Council of Australia; former National Security Legislation Monitor

The flyer is to be found [here](#).

Please [register](#) for this event.

Regulatory Enforcement of Directors' Obligations

The third forthcoming event will be held at 5 PM Sydney Daylight Saving Time on Monday, 22 February 2021. It is being held in association with the New South Wales Bar Association. I am grateful to Mr Tim Game SC, Ms Anna Mitchelmore SC and Mr Michael Izzo SC, all of the New South Wales Bar, for their enthusiasm, ideas and assistance.

The speakers will be:

Professor Jennifer Hill (Bob Baxt AO Chair in Corporate and Commercial Law, Monash University, Victoria)

Justice David Jackson (Supreme Court, Queensland)

Justice Jacqueline Gleeson (Federal Court, New South Wales)

Dr Ruth Higgins SC (Senior Counsel, New South Wales)

The (draft) topics are as follows:

- Civil penalty liability
- Criminal liability
- The privilege against self-incrimination
- Continuous disclosure

Please put this date in your diary.

Recent events New South Wales

“World in a Box - 50 years of containerisation in Australia”

On Wednesday 23 September 2020 author Martin Orchard, The Hon Justice Angus Stewart, The Hon Justice Sarah Derrington and the Chair, The Hon Chief Justice James Allsop AO gave separate and most interesting addresses.

Participants also saw a ten minute extract from a documentary film, *World in a Box – 50 years of containerisation in Australia*, based loosely on the booklet *The Homeward Trade*, written by Martin Orchard in 2006. It gives an account of the transport of cargo between Australia and UK/Europe from the days of sailing ships to container shipping at the beginning of the 21st Century.

This material is available on the Academy's [website](#).

Western Australia

On 14 October 2020 there was held an online event: “Justice in the Hood?: The Potential of the Community Justice Centre Model for Western Australia.”

The presenter was Professor Sarah Murray, University of Western Australia; the chair was the Hon Justice Craig Colvin, Federal Court of Australia; and the Panellists were Dr Sue Gordon, Retired Magistrate of the Children’s Court of Western Australia, and Magistrate Felicity Zempilas of the Start Court.

Justice Colvin has provided the following summary:

Prof Murray explored insights gained from understanding the different ways in which CJs have been established. The ways in which the role of the court may be conceived of as part of a wider conception of delivering justice was explained in an engaging and stimulating presentation. The importance of community engagement from the outset for the success of a CLC was a theme that led to interesting discussion. Dr Gordon drew on her breadth of experience engaging with the

intersection between indigenous communities and the courts. The need for the role of a CJC model to promote the importance of participation in education was emphasised. Magistrate Zempilas provided insights from the experience of the Start Court in Perth engaging with people dealing with mental health issues.

The assistance of the Supreme Court in providing services to facilitate this event is gratefully acknowledged.

I thank Ralph Simmonds and the WA Fellows who organized the event, and Colvin J for chairing it.

The audio recording of the event will shortly be available on the Academy's website.

Patron's Address

Immediately following the annual General Meeting on 22 October 2020 Her Excellency, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC Governor of New South Wales, gave the annual Patron's address.

Her Excellency's topic was "Aboriginal Australians and the Common Law", examining the historical and changing relationship of the Common Law and Aboriginal Australians.

Her Excellency's paper was both thorough and stimulating. It added much to our knowledge of Australian legal history.

This annual address was inaugurated in 2012 when it was given by the Academy of Law's then Patron, Chief Justice Robert French AC. The last two Patron's addresses were given, in 2018 by the then Chief Justice of New Zealand, the Right Honourable Dame Sian Elias GNZM and, in 2019 by the Academy of Law's present Patron, Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC.

The recording of the event and the address itself will shortly be available on the Academy's website.

New Fellows

Please 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.

Dr Francis Gurry (Overseas)

Former Director General, World Intellectual Property Organisation(WIPO) Oct 2008-Sep 2020.

The Hon Margaret Wilson QC

Former Judge of Supreme Court of Queensland, Current PhD Candidate, Melbourne Law School, Justice of Court of Appeal of Solomon Islands

Renewal of Membership

Some 30 Fellows appear not to have paid their annual subscription for the 2020-2021 year. If you are of that number, please make this payment as soon as possible.

The notice of renewal 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. Please let the Secretariat know if you have any difficulties.

Website – biographical details

Space has been made on the Academy website under the name of each Fellow for you to show your biographical details, if you wish. Please attend to this yourself. Instructions on how to access the Fellows-only part of the website and add or change biographical details are attached. I suggest that entries be no longer than 150 words, although links to further biographical information may be included.

Personalia

If any Fellow wishes to have noted in the Newsletter or on the 'news' section of the website a significant step taken by them or by another Fellow, please tell me or the Secretariat. To know what other Fellows are achieving enhances the collegiality of the AAL.



Alan Robertson

President

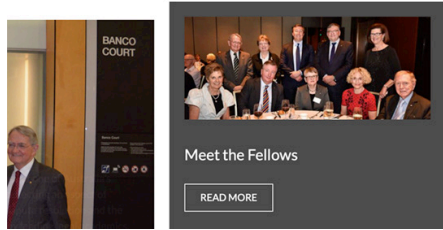
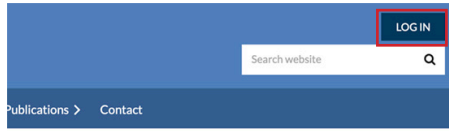
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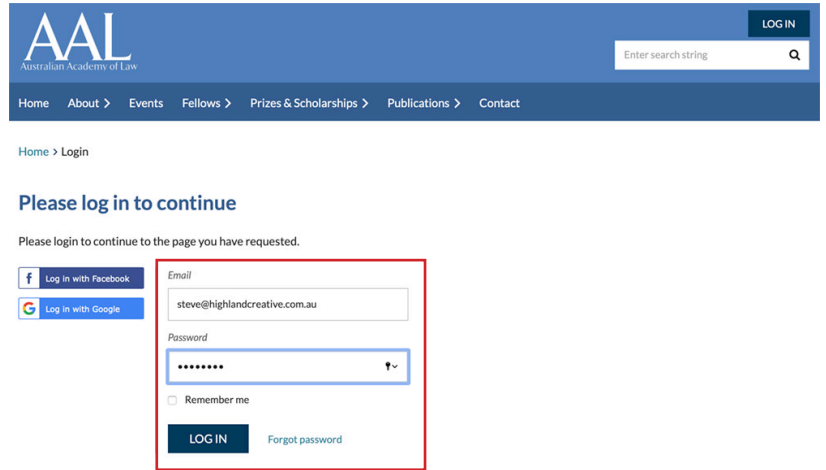
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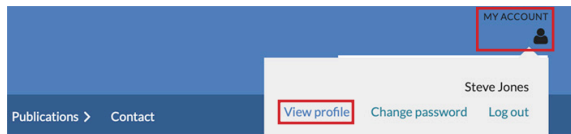
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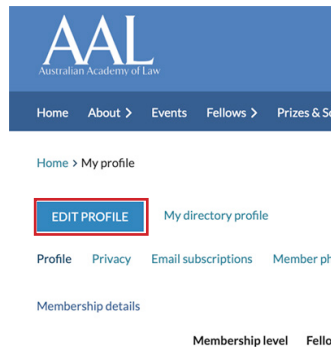
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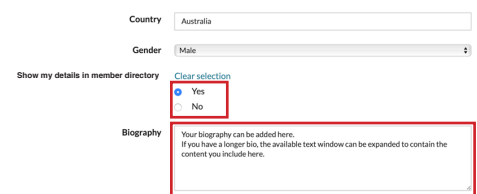
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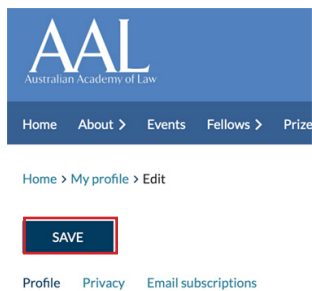
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