

## AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LAW MICHAEL COPER MEMORIAL PRIZE

As noted in Newsletter [2019] No 03, the Board of Directors resolved to establish, in memory of the late Emeritus Professor Michael Coper AO, a prize of \$1,500 for the winner of the *Paper Presentation Competition* that is conducted annually by the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) in conjunction with its annual conference.

This year that conference was held in Melbourne in July and the winner was announced at the gala dinner of the conference on Wednesday 10 July.

The winner was Hennie Lui, a student at the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland.

ALSA presented its award to Ms Lui at the dinner and the AAL will present its cheque to her at our Patron's Address event to be held in Brisbane on 31 October next (see below).

The title of Hennie Lui's paper was "*A Total Ban on Gene Doping: not the Most Gen-IUS Idea*".

At my request, Hennie has provided the following background information:

*"I was inspired to write my paper on gene doping after I took a summer semester course in Sports Law, and was intrigued by the measure the World Anti-Doping Authority were taking in regulating something that was virtually undetectable.*

*To introduce myself, I am a final year student at the University of Queensland studying a Bachelor of Commerce/Law. I am currently an associate in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, and will be starting as a law graduate at Allens next year. In the long-term, I am hoping to undertake further studies overseas, preferably in the United*

*Kingdom, and either seek employment in the field of international law, or return to pursue a career at the bar.*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and opportunities that the University of Queensland has been able to offer me. These include, but are not limited to, winning the World Championships of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington DC, being selected as an observer and research delegate to attend the 55th Session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law in New York, and now, winning the Michael Coper Memorial Prize at the Australian Law Students' Association ('ALSA') Conference in Melbourne."*

On 31 October we will be celebrating the first time that the Patron's Address has been delivered in Brisbane, and we will now have a second cause for celebration then: the presentation of the Michael Coper Memorial Prize to Hennie Lui.

## ANNUAL ESSAY PRIZE

The closing date for essays to be submitted for consideration for the Academy's annual essay prize is fast approaching. The date is 31 August.

A copy of the notice of the offering of the prize is [attached](#).

The topic this year is: "*How do private law and public law interact in Australia? What are, and what should be, the available remedies (public or private or both) where they interact?*"

Although there is not much time left between now and the closing date, Fellow are encouraged to publicise the Prize, with a view to attracting a large number of entries.

The amount of the Prize is \$10,000.

The Rules Governing the Award of the Prize will be found on the [AAL's website](#).

### **PUBLICATION OF SELECTION OF PAPERS AND SPEECHES OF THE HON ROBERT FRENCH AC**

The Board of Directors has decided to sponsor the publication of a selection of the papers and speeches of a former Chief Justice of Australia and Patron of the Academy, The Hon Robert French AC.

The Editor will be a long time friend of the author, Professor Robert Pascoe, Professor of History at Victoria University.

The publisher will be Federation Press.

The papers and speeches will be divided into ten groups according to themes and a short introduction will be written for each group (not a review of the papers in that group), by a suitably qualified person.

Work is proceeding on this project and there will be a progress report in the next Newsletter.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMY**

The annual general meeting of the Academy will be held, as usual, immediately before the Patron's Address and at the same location.

This year, the AGM will be held at the Judges' Conference Room, Level 16, QEII Courts of Law Complex, 415 George Street, Brisbane at 4.10 pm on 31 October 2019.

A formal notice of the AGM and associated papers will be distributed in due course.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **QUEENSLAND**

#### **Patron's Address for 2019 to be delivered by the Hon Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC**

As mentioned in previous Newsletters the Patron's Address this year will be delivered by the Honourable Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and Patron of the Academy of Law.

The Chief Justice's topic will be *"The Academy and the Courts: what do they mean to each other today"*. It will be held at the Banco Court, Supreme Court of Queensland, Brisbane on Thursday 31 October 2019.



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

The Patron's event has been called the Academy's "flagship event".

Fellows in Queensland are encouraged to attend and to make the event known to others.

The topic is especially relevant to the Academy and the background to its establishment in 2007.

A flyer for the event is can be found [here](#).

### **VICTORIA**

The public event in Victoria this year will take the form of a lecture by The Hon Sir Nicholas Blake QC.

It will be held in Court One, Federal Court of Australia, Level 8, Commonwealth Law Courts, 305 William Street, Melbourne on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 5.00 pm.



The particular topic to be addressed will be *'Democracy, Human Rights and the Judiciary: the common law and the wider world'*.

Sir Nicholas Blake, a retired Judge of the High Court of England and Wales, served as the first President of the Immigration and Asylum Chapter of the United Kingdom Upper Tribunal. He has written and spoken in the UK and internationally on human rights, and immigration and asylum law. He has participated in training seminars in adversarial criminal justice in Latin America, speaking with Judges and prosecutors in Columbia, Peru, Panama and Mexico.

It is a rare privilege for us to have a speaker so well qualified and experienced in the area indicated by the topic of the address.

Fellows in Victoria are strongly encouraged to attend and to make the event known to others.

You can access a flyer for the event [here](#).

#### **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

##### **The Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance**

Ms Elizabeth Broderick AO is the speaker this year who will deliver the Austin Asche Oration on Thursday 19 September 2019.

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, Ms Broderick's topic will be *"The Journey of a Restless Advocate: Creating a more Gender Equal Australia"*.

All Fellows in the Northern Territory are encouraged to attend and to publicise the event.

#### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

The next of the roundtables to be held in the Australian Capital Territory (now known as the Michael Coper Roundtables) organised by the

ACT Chapter will be held on Thursday 19 September 2019 from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm at the High Court of Australia in Canberra.

The speaker will be the Solicitor-General for the Commonwealth, Dr Stephen Donahue QC.

You can access the flyer for the event [here](#).

Fellows are reminded that it is essential to RSVP for the event by the date specified in the flyer.

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

##### **Symposium Sponsored Jointly by the AAL and the Australian Academy of Science 22 August 2019**

Following a very successful joint symposium hosted by the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Law last year, a second one will be held on Thursday 22 August 2019.

Again the venue will be the Federal Court's Ceremonial Court on Level 21 of the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

The topic this year will be; *"A "hypothetical" on Climate Change: the Science and the Law"*.

You can access the flyer for the event [here](#).

As the flyer shows, we have a panel of three scientists and three lawyers, all of whom are highly qualified to respond to questions that will be put to them by Mr Justin Gleeson SC, former Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth.

Registrations for this event have now exceeded the capacity of the venue, therefore, unfortunately, we are not able to accept any further registrations.

#### **OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Would those Fellows who have not paid their \$400 renewal subscription please accept this as a gentle reminder.

Within the next few days the Secretariat will send out a reminder to those who have overlooked renewing.



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