

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2022.

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Please join me in warmly congratulating these Fellows on their appointment as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM):

Professor Heather Anne Douglas

For significant service to tertiary law education, and to the community;

Professor Emerita Andrea Durbach

For significant service to the law, to human rights, and to tertiary education;

The Hon Tony Pagone QC

For significant service to the law, to the judiciary, and to professional associations;

The Hon Justice Michael John Slattery AM (Mil)

For significant service to the law, to the judiciary, and to professional legal associations;

Professor John Matthew Williams

For significant service to tertiary education, to the law, and to professional organisations.

Planning Events for 2022

It is time to plan events for early 2022.

I encourage Fellows, particularly co-ordinating Fellows, in each jurisdiction to identify a subject and a speaker for one or more local events in 2022.

I am available to assist.

Plan now for February and March 2022, when lawyers with practising certificates are looking for CPD/CLE points.

Forthcoming event: 6pm-7.15 PM, 24 March 2022, Melbourne

The Event Organising Committee for Victoria has put together its first panel discussion for 2022. The topic will be: 'The Legal and Ethical Regulation of the Internet of Things.'

The Internet of Things (IoT) is the interconnection via the internet of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, scanners, sensors, etc. that exchange data with each other. Privacy issues arise as well as informed consent and data protection.

The proposed panel will be:

Professor Jeannie Paterson, Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne and co-director of the Centre for AI and Digital Ethics. She is a Fellow of the AAL and teaches and researches in the areas of consumer protection and consumer credit, and the law and regulation of emerging technologies. She is an academic editor of the Australian Journal of Business Law and the Journal for Law, Technology and Humans.

Professor Lee A. Bygrave, professor at the Norwegian Research Center for Computers and Law, attached to the Department of Private Law, University of Oslo. He is additionally an academic affiliate of the Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies at the University of Oxford, and research associate (formerly founding co-director) of the Cyberspace Law and Policy Centre (now 'Community') at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. He is a graduate of the ANU in Arts and Law.

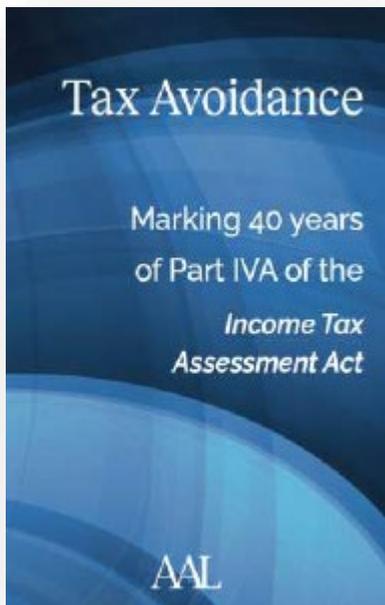
Dr Simon Coghlan, a senior research fellow in the Centre for AI and Digital Ethics and the School of Computing and Information Systems at the University of Melbourne. His research in digital ethics currently includes a focus on companion and care robots for older people and other groups, on animal-computer interaction, and on digital technologies in healthcare and public health. He has interests in applied ethics of various types, including conservation ethics, animal ethics, and health ethics.

The Hon Pamela Tate SC will chair the event.

I hope that it will be possible for this event to be held in person, as well as remotely. The venue is to be confirmed.

The first AAL monograph

This collection of the papers, commentaries and questions and answers at the AAL's very successful event on 8 September 2021 has been published. Its title is "Tax Avoidance: Marking 40 years of Part IVA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936".



The Chair was **The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC FAAL**, Deputy President, Australian Academy of Law.

The speakers were:

The Hon AM Gleeson AC FAAL, Formerly Chief Justice of Australia;

The Hon Tony Pagone QC FAAL, Formerly a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, author of *Tax Avoidance in Australia*;

Ms Kristen Deards SC, Senior Counsel with an extensive tax practice, including appearances in complex Part IVA cases;

Professor Miranda Stewart FAAL, Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne Law School and Honorary Professor at the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

Commentary and Overview were provided by:

The Hon Roger Gyles AO QC FAAL, Former Special Prosecutor – Bottom of the Harbour Tax Avoidance, Former member of the General Anti-

Avoidance Rules (GAAR) Panel;

Mr Peter Walmsley FAAL, Deputy Chief Tax Counsel of the Australian Taxation Office and Chair of the General Avoidance Rules (GAAR) Panel.

The book is 113 pages and includes the papers, the commentary and the Q&A session. It also includes statutory materials.

The price is \$20.00 (incl GST), plus postage, to cover costs.

If you wish to buy a copy, or copies, please fill out the order form, which is [here](#), and send payment to aalsecretariat@academyoflaw.org.au

The AAL will look for further opportunities to publish collections of papers given at its events.

Second Annual Report

Directors and others are in the process of compiling the Academy's second annual report. The report will cover calendar year 2021. If you have a subject matter which you would like to see in the report, or if there is some material which you would like to see included in it, please get in touch by email.

My aim is to have the Annual Report published during March 2022.

Projects for the Public Fund

A real success of the new Public Fund for 2021 was the expenditure of part of the charitable donations on the First Nations Scholarship project. Not only was there a substantial scholarship of \$5000 awarded to a First Nations final year law student, but also individual AAL Fellows in the various jurisdictions volunteered to mentor each of the applicants for the scholarship.

If you have a proposal for a scholarship or other educational project for the Public Fund, please let me know as soon as possible, so that it may be considered in time for early 2022.

If you wish to make a donation to the fund, the starting point is [here](#):

or please contact the [Secretariat](#):

or me.

The second AAL sponsored Monograph

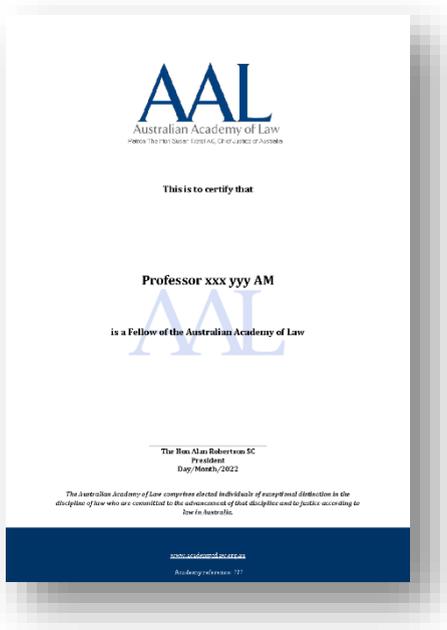
Emeritus Professor David Barker AM's book, the title of which is 'A Sense of Common Purpose - A History of the Australian Academy of Law', is to be published by the Federation Press in 2022. I am grateful to **the Hon AM Gleeson AC** for providing a foreword.

Fellowship certificates

Following a number of queries from Fellows, the Board has decided to issue a Certificate of Fellowship to each new Fellow elected to the Academy. Existing Fellows may also have a certificate issued on request.

There will be no charge for the issue of a certificate.

We are leaving it up to individual Fellows as to how their name should appear and what honorifics or other details they wish to include. Fellows are, of course, welcome to include FAAL after their name on the certificate.



If you would like to have a certificate issued, you should contact the [Secretariat](#) advising clearly the full text of the name and other details you want to have shown on it. A draft of the certificate will then be emailed to you for confirmation before a final certificate is issued. You should also advise the postal address to which the Secretariat should send the certificate.

Postponed Events

23 February 2022 ACT Public Event

The topic is professional ethics for lawyers advising government. I have agreed to act as the chair. Due to current COVID restrictions, this event has been postponed to a date to be fixed. Further details will be posted as they become available.

25 March 2022 Causation Conference at the UWA Law School

The AAL is co-sponsoring the UWA Law School causation conference which was due to be held on Friday 25 March 2022, as a fully blended event, with the in-person component being held at the offices of HSF, Perth. Full day in-person registration will be \$150; remote registration \$50; and AAL members will enjoy free remote registration.

Due to current COVID restrictions, this event has been postponed to a date to be fixed. Further details

New Fellows

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to the following distinguished lawyers who have accepted the Board's invitation to become a Fellow of the Academy:

Mr Stephen McDonald SC
Barrister, Hanson Chambers, Adelaide

The Hon Justice Rachel Pepper
Judge, Land and Environment Court of NSW

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