

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fellows will have received in the course of the last week, notice of the annual general meeting of the Academy and accompanying papers.

The annual general meeting is to be held at 4.00 pm **sharp** on Thursday 18 October in Court 8C, Level 8 in the Federal Court in Melbourne.

I say “sharp” because the meeting will be followed by the annual Patron’s Address to be delivered by The Rt Honourable Dame Sian Elias, GNZM, Chief Justice of New Zealand in Court One on the same Level at 5.00 pm.

See under “FORTHCOMING EVENTS” below for details of the Patron’s Address.

AUSTIN ASCHE ORATION DARWIN



The Hon Austin Asche AC QC, Professor Valerie Asche and The Hon Michael Grant

As foreshadowed in the last Newsletter, the annual Austin Asche Oration on Law and Governance was held in the Nitmiluk Lounge of Parliament House Darwin on Monday 17 September.

The event is sponsored every year jointly by the Academy and Charles Darwin University.

The Hon Robert French AC spoke on the subject “Free

Speech and the Law: Do we need a Charter of Rights and Freedoms just for Universities?”

There was an audience of approximately 80. There was a lively question time.



The Hon Robert French AC

Mr French spoke about the traditional role of universities as protectors of free speech, the issue of the scope of the universities in regulating the use of campuses, in particular by those who are not students or staff, in promulgating their views, and cultural intolerances towards the expression of certain views.

The address attracted publicity in *The Australian* newspaper the following morning

The full text of Mr French’s paper is available on the Academy’s website, [click here](#).

The Academy is much indebted to Mr French for his support of the Academy in this and other ways over the years.

As well, it should be noted that “our man in



Vice Chancellor Professor Simon Maddock, The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC, Professor Les McCrimmon, The Hon Austin Asche AC QC, The Hon Robert French AC

Darwin”, Professor Les McCrimmon, is to be

strongly commended for his planning of the event in Darwin so early each year. This enables a first class speaker to be engaged, early preparation and publicity of a flyer, and members of the AAL to arrange to attend.

FORTHCOMING ACADEMY EVENTS

VICTORIA

As noted above, the annual Patron's Address will be delivered by The Rt Hon Dame Sian Elias GNZM PC QC, Chief Justice of New Zealand on Thursday 18 October at Court One, Level 8, Federal Court of Australia,

Dame Sian's topic will be *"How local history and traditions are still reshaping our legal orders"*.

Chief Justice James Allsop of the Federal Court will introduce the speaker.

This will be the first occasion on which the Patron's Address will have been held in Melbourne, and all Fellows in Melbourne, in particular, are warmly encouraged to attend.

The event will be followed by refreshments in the foyer adjoining the Court.

A flyer for the event can be accessed [at this link](#).

QUEENSLAND

As advised in previous Newsletters, the Queensland public event will be held on Thursday 4 October 2018 in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland at 5.15 pm for 5.30 pm.

The speaker was to have been The Hon Philip Cummins AM and the Commentator The Hon Justice Sarah Derrington, President of the Australian Law reform Commission.

Unfortunately, for health reasons Mr Cummins will not be able to participate but Justice

Derrington has, very helpfully, consented to become the speaker, and Mr Justin McDonnell, a partner at King & Wood Mallesons, has agreed to act as commentator.

The topic will remain unchanged: *"Litigation Funding: Access and Ethics"*.

A revised flyer for the event is [attached](#).

The Academy is grateful to Sarah Derrington and Justin McConnell for assisting in this way and I take this opportunity on behalf of all Fellows to wish Philip Cummins well in his surgery.

TASMANIA

The date of the Tasmanian public event for the year fast approaches: Tuesday 2 October.

Professor Tim McCormack, Dean of the University of Tasmania Law School, will deliver what promises to be a most interesting lecture, particularly in view of recent announcements by John Bolton, the United States National Security Advisor.

The title of Professor McCormack's lecture is *"Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Are We Asking Too Much of the International Criminal Court?"*

The event will be held in Lecture Theatre 1 at the University of Tasmania Law School from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.

A flyer for the event, which contains registration details, can be accessed [at this link](#).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Roundtables for Fellows of the Academy have proved very popular in the ACT under the leadership of a small committee of Michael Coper, Mary Finn and Russell Miller.

Justice Martin Hinton has initiated a similar, but not identical, event in Adelaide under the title *"Emerging Scholars' Evening"*.

This will be a meeting of Fellows at which students from local universities will lead a

discussion on the subject of the research on which they are engaged.

The first of these roundtables will be held on Thursday 11 October at 5.30 pm at the Law School at the University of Adelaide.

It is a very good idea both for Fellows and the students to inform and to be informed.

Refreshments will be provided.

A flyer for the event can be accessed at [this link](#).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WA Public Event

The WA public event this year will be held on Thursday 22 November.

The speaker will be Professor Lewins of the Law School at Murdoch University, whose topic will be “*Cruise Ship Passengers and Australian Law: Contracts, Consumer Protection, Convention?*”

The event will be held in Hearing Room 1, Level 7, Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, and will be followed by refreshments.

The event will start at 5.15 pm.

A flyer for the event, which contains registration details, can be accessed at [this link](#).

AAL Colloquium

The 8 November AAL Colloquium is co-hosted by Curtin Law School, as part of the CLS Eminent Speaker Seminar series. Law students and staff from all WA schools are especially welcome. CPD points apply. A flyer for the event will be on the website soon.

(AAL Fellows are invited to meet afterwards for dinner at The Garum Restaurant 480 Hay Street. Please RSVP Fiona Davin F.Davin@curtin.edu.au)

LAUNCH OF THE BOOK: THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN LEGAL EDUCATION

We are fortunate that The Hon Margaret Beazley AO, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, and Fellow of the Academy,

has agreed to launch the book of the papers that were presented at last August’s conference on *The Future of Australian Legal Education*.

Fellows will recall that the Conference was sponsored jointly by the Academy and *The Australian Law Journal* and celebrated the 10th and 90th years of their establishments.

The launch will take place in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales on Thursday 28 November at 5.15 pm.

Following the launch, refreshments of a kind appropriate for the Christmas season will be served in the foyer.

Fellows are encouraged to attend and to publicise the event.

The flyer can be accessed [at this link](#).



SUBSCRIPTIONS

May I remind Fellows who have not yet paid their renewal subscription to do so. Inevitably the Academy has expenses and these do not diminish as our activities expand

ESSAY PRIZE

Twelve essays have been submitted in response to this year’s offering of the essay prize.

They are with the Judging Panel comprising:

Professor The Hon William Gummow AC (Chair)

Professor James Stellios

Ms Kate Eastman SC

RENEWAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL COURT

The Academy has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Court for the Court to provide Secretariat services to the Academy for a further two years from 8 August 2018 to 7 August 2020.

Susan Jenkins is the new Secretariat and succeeds Julie Greig in that role.

Susan has previously been introduced to the Board of Directors and Fellows have already received correspondence from her, but I am pleased to welcome her and introduce her to the general membership through this Newsletter.

Susan works four days each week, three of them for the Academy and one for the National Native Title Tribunal.

At present the Academy days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

VIDEO RECORDING OF THE JOINT ACADEMY OF LAW/ACADEMY OF SCIENCE EVENT HELD ON 23 AUGUST

The video recording of this outstanding symposium is on YouTube and can be accessed via the Academy website.

Just [click on this link](#) on the academy website.

NEW FELLOWS

Mr Malcolm Holmes

Professor Desmond Manderson

Dr Andrew Lu

Professor Lorana Bartels

Justice Beech-Jones

Professor Doug Jones

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