

Event in Canberra on Thursday 28 November 2013

As foreshadowed in earlier Newsletters, Justice Keane spoke at the Academy event in the ACT on Thursday 28 November on “The Public/Private Divide; and its implications for the extent of judicial intervention in civil disputes”.



The Hon Justice Richard Refshauge, The Hon Kevin Lindgren, The Hon Justice Patrick Keane and Professor Michael Coper.

A sizeable audience of some 70-80 people were present to hear the lecture. Justice Keane took questions from the audience and time ran out before the questions did—always a good indication of the audience’s interest in a lecture.



Some of the Audience at the public lecture.

The Academy is particularly indebted to Justice Keane for his willingness to deliver the lecture on two occasions—at the Academy events in Brisbane and in Canberra.

Fellows can read Justice Keane’s paper on the Academy website

Academy events in 2014

We have gone a long way towards achieving in 2013 the goal adopted by the Board of Directors of holding at least one event in every State and Territory each year. Events have been held in Perth, Darwin, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra (in chronological order).

I hope that events will be held in Adelaide and Hobart early next year.

May I encourage locally resident Fellows in all States and Territories to start planning now, or at least soon, for their event in 2014. It would be good if more of next year’s events could be held in the first half of the year (this year only that in Perth was).

This will be possible only if the local Organising Committee chooses a speaker and date earlier rather than later.

American Law Institute collaboration

Fellows may be interested to read the attached report of remarks made by Professor Lance Liebman, the Director of the ALI, at a meeting in Vienna in September of the recently established European Law Institute (ELI). The arrangement made between the AAL and the ALI (reported in the last Newsletter) is apparently very similar to that concluded between the ELI and the ALI

[Australian Law Journal issue for December 2013](#)

Fellow of the Academy, Justice Geoff Lindsay, has reported in the most recent issue of the *ALJ* on the election of office holders of the AAL at our AGM held on 4 October 2013 and has made some interesting comments about genesis and the *raison d'être* of the AAL---see the attached.

[Call for submissions to The University of New South Wales Law Journal](#)

The Secretariat has received the attached call for submissions for Issue 37(3) of the *UNSWLJ*. Certainly the topic of the Thematic component "Contemporary Issues Facing the Legal Profession", is of interest and importance to members of the Academy.

The Board considers that it will be appropriate for the Secretariat to forward such communications directly to Fellows in the future, as and when they are received.

[Nomination of individuals for membership of the Academy](#)

The Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Justice Alan Robertson, has been very active in identifying and nominating individuals for membership of the Academy but it would be helpful if more members could take the initiative of putting forward nominations.

If every member were to nominate one person and all became Fellows, we would approach a membership of 400—clause 6.1 of the Constitution provides that "it is anticipated that the number of Members will not normally exceed 400"

Attached is the Guideline document that the Membership Committee produced which should assist Fellows in making nominations.

[The Academy's website](#)

It is still hoped that the work of revitalisation of the Academy's website will be completed

by Christmas. Professor Michael Adams, Chair of the Website and Publications Committee, has been very active in pursuing this task.

[Memorandum of Understanding with ANU](#)

Quite some time ago work was done by the previous President Bob Nicholson, the secretary Professor David Barker and Professor Coper, the latter in his then capacity as Dean of the ANU Law School, on drafting an MOU between the Academy and the ANU College of Law, governing the provision of the Secretariat services to the AAL.

In recent months the present Dean and I have taken this drafting process further and the Board approved of the draft at the Board meeting held last Tuesday evening 10 December.

It is expected that the MOU will be signed before Christmas

[New Fellows](#)

Since the last Newsletter, the following have become members of the Academy:

The Hon Justice Elizabeth Hollingworth
The Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM QC
Mr Martin Hinton QC
The Hon Margaret Nyland AM
Professor Simone Degeling

I am sure that all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members.

[Christmas-New Year](#)

Sarah Hull will be away from 23 December to 2 January (ANU shut down period), and again from 13 to 24 January, so the Secretariat services will not be available during these periods.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Fellows
the compliments of the Season.



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