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Personalia

A correction. In the last Newsletter the Hon Margaret Wilson was referred to as one of the two Royal Commissioners inquiring into the circumstances at the Don Dale Detention Centre. Of course the reference should have been to the Hon Margaret White AO.

My apologies to both Margarets.

It is inevitable, I suppose, that appointments of one kind or another will not come to notice, at least until long after the event. The appointment of Academy Fellow, Martin Hinton QC, then Solicitor-General of South Australia to the Supreme Court of South Australia earlier this year is one example. Belated congratulations are due to Martin.

Queensland Event

As foreshadowed in the last Newsletter, the Queensland event of the Academy for 2016 was held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland on the evening of Monday 24 October when the Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo, President of the Queensland Court of Appeal, spoke on "*The Court of Appeal: the First Twenty Five Years*".

As usual, the Queensland event attracted a large audience--this year of some 130 people.



The Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC speaking at the event

Justice McMurdo's address gave interesting insights into the establishment, development and membership of the Court of Appeal over the first twenty-five years of its existence and will prove to be a very valuable historical resource.



Speakers at the event: Professor Bee Chen Goh, The Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC, The President, The Hon Justice James Douglas

Victorian Event

The Academy's Victorian event for 2016 was held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Victoria on the evening of Thursday 10 November.

An audience of 30+ people heard three academics from the Swinburne Law School address topics related in various ways to information technology and legal practice. The speakers were Professor Dan Hunter, the Foundation Dean, Mr Jake Goldenfein, Lecturer, and Mr Ari Dyball, Legal Technologist.



Professor Dan Hunter, Foundation Dean, Swinburne Law School, at the lectern

A feature of the symposium was a lively question and answer session that followed the speakers' presentations.



Mr Ari Dyball, Legal Technologist, Swinburne Law School, speaking at the event

South Australian Event

The South Australian event for 2016 was held at the Law School, University of Adelaide on the evening of Thursday 24 November. The speaker was the Hon Marcia Neave AO whose topic was "*Where to from here on family violence—law and social policy solutions*".

There were some 40 or so people in the audience.

Happily, the speaker was able to announce that on that very morning the Victorian Government had announced its intention to implement all 127 recommendations of the Royal Commission on Family Violence of which Marcia Neave had been the chairperson.



Speakers at the event: The Hon Marcia Neave AO, The Hon Justice Kevin Nicholson, Professor Margaret Davies, The President.

Possible Meeting of the Fellows in Perth on 22 January 2017

Members would have received an email from the Secretariat inquiring about interest among Fellows in attending a dinner meeting of Fellows in Perth on the evening of Sunday 22 January 2017 (somewhat akin to the meeting of Fellows that was held in Cambridge earlier this year).

Advantage would be taken of the fact that the annual Conference of Federal Court and Supreme Court Judges is to be held in Perth during the following week.

Some 15 Fellows (their partners are in addition) have already expressed interest. Clearly the event will be held.

If you would like to be added to the list, please advise the Secretariat by email at admin@academyoflaw.org.au. Partners are warmly invited also.

National Conference on Legal Education

As has been noted in previous Newsletters, the National Conference on Legal Education sponsored by the Academy and the Australian Law Journal, with the support of the Law Council of Australia, is to be held over the period Friday 11 to Sunday 13 August 2017.

There is still time for Fellows to express interest in presenting a paper or otherwise speaking at the Conference.

The closing date for expressions of interest (to the Secretariat) is Friday 16 December.

See the flyer attached.

Patron's Address for 2017 – preliminary notice

The Academy has been fortunate to secure Professor James Crawford AC FBA, Judge of the International Court of Justice, to present the Patron's Address next year.

The date will be Monday 25 September.

Of course, a flyer will issue in due course.

New Members

On behalf of the Academy and its members, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the following lawyers who, at the Board's invitation, have become members since the distribution of the last Newsletter:

The Hon Justice Joseph Santamaria
Professor Rosemary Lyster



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CONFERENCE

THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN LEGAL EDUCATION

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The Future of Australian Legal Education

CALL FOR PAPERS

To mark the 10th anniversary of the **Australian Academy of Law** (AAL), the 90th anniversary of the **Australian Law Journal** (ALJ), and the 30th anniversary of the *Pearce Report* on Australian Law Schools, the AAL and ALJ are presenting a national conference on the future of Australian legal education. The conference is sponsored by the **AAL** and ALJ publisher **Thomson Reuters**, and is supported by the **Law Council of Australia**.

The conference will provide a forum for an informed, national discussion on the future of legal study and practice in Australia, covering practitioners, academics, judges and, of course, students.

Based on the presentations and discussion at the conference, the AAL will produce a national discussion paper on this important topic. The ALJ will also publish a number of the conference papers and the organisers are investigating subsequent publication of the papers.

Conference keynote speaker

Bringing an international perspective, the keynote address will be delivered by **Professor Martha C. Nussbaum**, the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, appointed to the Law School and Philosophy Department, University of Chicago. Read more about [Professor Nussbaum](#).

Conference dates

- Opening evening reception **Friday 11 August 2017**
- Celebratory dinner **Saturday 12 August 2017**
- Concludes at lunchtime on **Sunday 13 August 2017**

Preparing your abstract

The organisers invite short (not more than 300 words) abstracts of proposed papers. Please send to the Secretariat of the AAL, Ms Claire Hammerton, at Admin@academyoflaw.org.au by **Friday 16 December 2016**. Please also email your details to this address if you wish to be placed on the conference mailing list.

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Priestley 11 plus more

There will be a session devoted specifically to the ongoing suitability of "the Priestley 11".

Other relevant topics could include:

- Pearce 30 years on — what's worked, what hasn't?
- What will legal education look like in the future?
- Curriculum — mandatory and elective subjects. What areas should be required for the right to practise? Is the Priestley 11 still fit for purpose?
- Pedagogy — how to teach law
- Technology and the law
- A law degree for those who do not intend to practise?
- Where's the dividing line between academic preparation and practical training?
- Diversity — access to legal education for first Australians and others
- Structure of the practising profession: a truly national profession

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