



The last month has been a very busy one for the Academy as will be clear from this Newsletter

Meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday 13 November

The Board met on Tuesday 13 November and addressed many matters in a fairly long meeting. The Board had a larger than usual number of recommendations from the Membership Committee for the issue of invitations to become Fellows of the Academy.

By now, several of the invitees have completed the paperwork and become Fellows as is indicated in the “New Fellows” section below.

The Board noted that several Fellows have still not paid their renewal subscription of \$400 for 2018-2019. Please accept this as a gentle reminder.

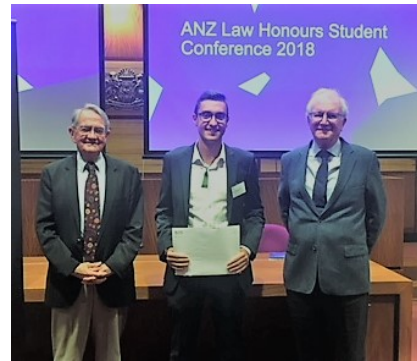
Presentation of AAL prize at Australia and New Zealand Law Honours Student Conference 2018

Each year the Academy presents a prize (a cheque for \$1,000) to the Honours student who is judged to have made the best presentation on the subject of his or her Honours dissertation.

The event was held at UTS on Saturday 24 November.

This year, for the first time, the invitation to participate was extended to students from New Zealand universities, and the title of the event changed to reflect this.

In fact a student from Victoria University of Wellington, Mr Nopera Dennis-McCarthy won the prize. The subject of his dissertation was “Incorporating Indigenous Worldviews on the Environment into Non-Indigenous Legal Systems”.



From left: The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC, Mr Nopera Dennis-McCarthy, The Hon Justice Alan Robertson

Third and final *Access to Justice* event held in Sydney on Tuesday 27 November 2018

The series of three *Access to Justice* events held in Sydney this year culminated in one on *Overcoming non-financial barriers to access to justice*.

The event was held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. The Chair and panellists were:

Chair

Professor Simon Rice OAM, Professor of Law, University of Sydney

Panel Members

Ms Charlotte Steer, Lawyer, Seniors Rights Service NSW. Teaching Fellow, UNSW Faculty of Law: Age Barriers

Professor Sandra Hale, Professor of Interpreting and Translation UNSW: Language and Cultural Barriers

Mr Jim Simpson, Senior Advocate, Council for Intellectual Disability, formerly Principal Solicitor, Intellectual Disability Rights Service: Physical and Intellectual Disability Barriers

Ms Jenny Lovric, Solicitor, Manager Community Engagement, Just Reinvest NSW: Regional, Rural and other Geographical Location Barriers

Coverage of the event, including short summaries of their presentations, can be accessed on the website soon.

There was an audience of about 40, notwithstanding the inclement weather and the busy time of the year.

This event concluded a successful series on different perspectives of Access to Justice.

Launch of *The Future of Australian Legal Education* on Wednesday 28 November 2018

The Academy is much indebted to The Hon Margaret Beazley AO, President of the NSW Court of Appeal, for having launched the book of the papers from last year's conference that was sponsored by the Academy and the *Australian Law Journal*.



From left: Thomson Reuters Ms Maki Watanabe, Editors Professor Michael Coper AO & The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC, The Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO, editor The Hon Justice Francois Kunc.

The launch took place in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The book is a significant collection of writings on the present state of legal education in Australia and on ideas for its future development.

Presentation of the Academy's Annual Essay Prize also on Wednesday 28 November 2018

The Academy's Annual Essay Prize (a cheque for \$10,000) was presented to Ms Ashleigh Mills,



Ms Ashleigh Mills and The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC

whose winning essay will be published in the ALJ. The essay is available to be read [here](#).

ACT Chapter Roundtable in Canberra on Thursday evening 29 November 2018

The final Canberra roundtable for the year was held at ANU on Thursday 29 November when Professor Don Rothwell spoke on "Islands and their Entitlements". The commentator was Henry Burmester AO QC. The roundtable was attended by 14 ACT Fellows, around half of the ACT membership. This size group is ideal for interactive discussion.

This was the fourth ACT Chapter roundtable for the year (in addition to the public lecture, which this year was a paper by Justice John Griffiths and Professor James Stellios delivered by Professor James Stellios, with Professor The Hon William Gummow AC QC commenting, on the Federal Court and the Constitution).

The first Canberra roundtable next year will be on how governments should get their legal advice (panel to be determined, but including former AGS head, Ian Govey, and Minter Ellison lawyer, Russell Miller).



From left: ACT Chapter Convenor Professor Michael Coper AO, Professor Donald R Rothwell, ACT Chapter Roundtable Chairperson The Hon Mary Finn, Henry Burmester AO QC, The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC.

New Fellows

I am sure that all Fellows join me in extending a warm welcome to the following distinguished lawyers who have accepted the Board's invitation to become Fellows of the Academy since the last Newsletter

Dr Chris Bleby SC
Solicitor-General of South Australia

Mr Justin McDonnell
Partner, King & Wood Mallesons, Brisbane

The Hon Chief Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia, Supreme Court of Western Australia

Professor Chester Brown
Professor of International Law and International Arbitration, Barrister, University of Sydney.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson AO QC
Barrister, Joint Head of Doughty Street Chambers, London, England.

Professor Robert Cunningham
Professor/Barrister Curtin Law School Murray Chambers, Perth

Mr Christopher Shanahan SC
Barrister, Head of Chambers, Murray Chambers, Perth

Professor David Rolph
University of Sydney Law School

Professor Wendy Lacey
Dean of Law, University of South Australia

Mr Ian Robertson SC
Chair, Advocacy Training Council, ABA Immediate Past President SABA Inc

Dr Michelle Evans
Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

The Hon Justice Judith Kelly a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

Professor Patrick Parkinson
Dean of Law, University of Queensland

Mr Tom Howe PSM QC
Chief Counsel Dispute Resolution, Australian Government Solicitor

Professor Natalie Skead
Law School, University of Western Australia

Christmas Greetings

I take this opportunity to wish all Fellows all the best for the Christmas-New Year season.

The Academy Secretariat, Susan Jenkins, will be on leave from 24 December to 14 January 2019 and I also wish her and her family all the best for the festive season and thank her for her services to the Academy.



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