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The Hon Margaret Beazley AO appointed as Governor of New South Wales

All Fellows will have been delighted to have learned of the appointment of Academy Fellow, The Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, as the next Governor of New South Wales.

Her Honour will succeed His Excellency General The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) in that office.

Justice Beazley said that, as Governor, she would be a supporter of education, community and the rule of law, adding: "It is what makes us such a cohesive society".

Justice Beazley will be the second female Governor in the State, after Dame Marie Bashir AC (2001-2014).

It was as recently as 28 November 2018 that Justice Beazley launched the book, *The Future of Australian Legal Education*, sponsored by the Academy and *The Australian Law Journal*.

I am sure that all Fellows join me in congratulating Justice Beazley on her appointment.

Dr Andrew Bell SC appointed as President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal

Academy Fellow Dr Andrew Bell SC has been appointed as President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal to succeed Justice Beazley on her appointment as Governor (see above).

I am sure that all Fellows join me in congratulating Dr Bell on this very worthy appointment.

Australia Day Honours List

Warm congratulations to the Fellows mentioned below upon their being recognised as follows in the Australia Day Honours List. I have set out the citations under their names.

The Hon Justice Michelle Marjorie Gordon AC

"For eminent service to the judiciary, and to the law, to legal education and judicial administration, as a

role model, and to the community".

Professor Donald Roderick Chalmers AO

"For distinguished service to education, particularly to health law and medical research ethics, and to legal reform".

Emeritus Professor Harold Luntz AO

"For distinguished service to legal education, as an academic and editor, to professional development, and to the community".

The Hon Margaret Ackary Stone AO

"For distinguished service to public administration, particularly to national security, to the judiciary and to legal education".

The Hon Justice Clyde Croft AM

"For distinguished service to the law, and to the judiciary, particularly through commercial arbitration".

AAL Dinner in Hobart on 20 January 2019

The first Academy event for 2019 was a dinner in Hobart on 20 January.

The Academy was again able to take advantage of a conference to hold an event at which Fellows visiting could meet or renew acquaintances with Fellows living locally. The present occasion was the annual Supreme & Federal Courts Judges' Conference, held this year in Hobart.

The dinner was attended by 27 people, being Fellows and partners of Fellows.

Professor Dianne Nicol, who is a Fellow and a Professor of Law and Chair of Academic Senate at the University of Tasmania, was the after dinner speaker. Professor Nicol, who began her academic career as a scientist, reflected on Science and the Law.

The Academy is indebted to Deputy President Justice Alan Robertson for having organised the



Professor Nicol addressing the Hobart dinner

event and, of course, to Professor Nicol for having generously agreed to speak at it.

Those attending found it to be a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

State and Territory Events

South Australia

South Australia has been admirably quick off the mark in organising its public event for 2019.

The Hon Justice Stephen Gageler AC will deliver a lecture on Thursday 28 February on “A Tale of Two Ships: the *Tampa* and the *Afghan*”.

The venue will be at the University of Adelaide Law School with a starting time of 6.00 pm.

The flyer for the event can be found [here](#). The flyer gives details as to how to register.

All Fellows in Adelaide are strongly encouraged to attend and to invite others to do so.

While the lecture theatre has a reasonable capacity, the eminence of the speaker and the nature of the topic make it desirable to register early.

The Northern Territory

This year the annual Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance, which is sponsored jointly by the Academy and Charles Darwin University, will be delivered by Academy Fellow, Ms Liz Broderick AO, who was the Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner for some 8 years from 2007 to 2015.

The precise date and the flyer for the event will be

released in the next Newsletter.

A flyer giving more details will issue in due course.

Queensland

This year the Queensland event will in fact be the Patron’s Address which will be delivered by The Hon Susan Kiefel AC, Chief Justice of Australia, in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland on Thursday 31 October. Chief Justice Kiefel is the Patron of the Academy.

The Queensland event is always a notable one in the legal calendar in Brisbane but obviously this year it will be special.

Fellows are encouraged to enter it in their diaries now.

A flyer will be sent out with a future Newsletter.

Australian Capital Territory

The first ACT roundtable for 2019 will be on the topic of how government should get its legal services—speakers, date and venue to be confirmed.

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.

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Dean, ANU College of Law

Overseas Fellow

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