

Honours

I am sure that all members of the Academy join me in congratulating the following Fellows of the Academy on the Honours awarded to them in the Australia Day Honours List:

The Hon Sally Thomas AC

Professor Rosemary Owens AO

Professor Stephen Parker AO

The Hon Michael Murray AM, QC

Mr Tim Bugg AM

Professor Kate Warner AM

Visit by Professor Richard ("Ricky") Revesz

Members of the Academy living in Sydney will be fortunate to have the opportunity of meeting Professor Richard (Ricky) Revesz of New York University Law School, the incoming Director of the American Law Institute, during a short lecturing visit that he will be making to Australia from 24 to 1 April 2014. He will be landing in Sydney on 24 March 2014.

Professor Revesz will be succeeding, as Director of the ALI, Professor Lance Liebman of Columbia University Law School, who has been its Director for fifteen years. Professor Revesz has been Dean of the Law School at NYU for eleven years, finishing last year.

Fellows will be aware that the Academy has concluded a collaborative arrangement with the ALI and it is very opportune that we can meet the incoming Director to discuss in person the various forms that the collaboration between the ALI and the AAL might take.

What is proposed is that as many Fellows as wish to do so meet Professor Revesz in an informal setting over drinks and savouries at Herbert Smith Freehills, Level 34, ANZ Tower, 161 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, starting at 5.00 pm on Monday 24 March 2014. The Academy is indebted to Don Robertson of HSF and his partners for offering to host this event.

If you would like to attend please advise the Secretariat as soon as possible by email (aal@law.anu.edu.au) or telephone (02 6125 3487).

Arrangements for the Sydney event have only just now been concluded and I am hoping that it may be possible also for an event in Melbourne to be arranged. Watch this space!

Website

I had hoped to be able by now to report that work on revamping the Academy's website was complete but unfortunately it is not.

The Chair of the Website and Publications Committee, Professor Michael Adams, and Ms Ainsley Freeman, of the firm Digerati Solutions which has been engaged to revamp the website, are working on this project, and inform me that they expect that it will be brought to a conclusion within the next fortnight. The people from Digerati will be providing training to Sarah Hull of the Secretariat this week.

Academy events for 2014

In some States and Territories, planning has begun for the local Academy event for the year.

Professor Les McCrimmon advises that the 2014 Austin Asche Oration for 2014, an event which the Academy co-sponsors with Charles Darwin University, has been arranged. The time and date are 5.00 pm on 4 September 2014 and the speaker will be The Hon Frank Vincent AO, QC.

Likewise, in Tasmania Professor Kate Warner reports that the Tasmanian event will be held on the evening of Wednesday 19 March 2014, when The Hon Paul Finn will speak on "Reflections on Fiduciary Law".

For both of these events, of course flyers will issue in due course.

In Queensland, Justice Margaret McMurdo has kindly agreed to chair the Organising Committee, and in South Australia, Professor Rosemary Owens has agreed to do so.

Northern Territory Bar Association and Charles Darwin University— Conference in Dili, Timor Leste

Alistair Wyvill SC and Professor Les McCrimmon, both Fellows of the Academy in Darwin, bring to notice this Conference to be held in Dili from 10 to 14 July 2014. The program which is attached suggests that it will be a very interesting and significant Conference. It will be noted that Professor Hilary Charlesworth, another Fellow of the Academy, will be delivering the keynote address

Nominations of individuals to become members of the Academy

Again, I encourage Fellows to nominate individuals satisfying the requirements for membership to be invited to become Fellows of the Academy. Enclosed is the document prepared by the Membership Committee which provides some guidance in this respect.

It does not take much thought to realise that there are distinguished lawyers who have simply been overlooked over the years. A particular category of lawyer that is not well

represented among our members is that of solicitors. I would ask Fellows to give special consideration to nominating from this category.

New Fellows

Since the last Newsletter ([2013] No 10 of December 2013) the following have become members of the Academy:

The Hon Justice Ann Ainslie-Wallace

Professor Heather Douglas

Professor John Farrar

Dr Ruth C A Higgins

Mr David Jackson AM, QC, FCI Arb, FACICA

The Hon Justice Duncan Kerr Chev LH

Professor Harold Luntz

Mr James Merralls AM, QC

The Hon Acting Justice Dean Mildren RFD, QC

Mr Mark Moshinsky SC

Dr Sarah Pritchard SC

Professor Neil Rees

Professor Anne Twomey

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



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