

Recent Honours, Recognitions and Acknowledgments

The Australia Day Honours list again includes Fellows of the Academy but before coming to them, I am delighted to note that on 12 December 2014 the Senate of the University of Queensland conferred on the Honourable Paul Finn the degree of Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa*. Members of the Academy will have knowledge to varying extents of Paul's very illustrious academic and judicial career. The citation for the degree can be found at:

<http://www.law.uq.edu.au/honorary-doctorate-awarded>.

Members may be interested to know that the citation includes the fact that Paul Finn came to the University of Queensland in the mid-1960s, studying for a Bachelor of Arts with a literature major, followed by a Bachelor of Laws, winning the Virgil Power Prize and the John Hughes Wilkinson Prize, after which he proceeded to the University of Cambridge where he completed his PhD degree, earning the prestigious Yorke Prize for his essay on Fiduciary Obligations. As is said, "the rest is history".

I am sure that all Fellows would wish to congratulate Paul on this recognition of his outstanding contribution to Australian legal scholarship.

Three Fellows have been recognised in the Australia Day Honours list. They are as follows with the summary of the citations for their awards as published in the press.

The Honourable Justice Roslyn Gay Atkinson, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for "distinguished service

to the judiciary and to law reform in Queensland, through contributions to the legal profession and to promoting awareness of issues of injustice and inequality in Australia and internationally".

Professor Rosalind Frances Croucher, President of the Australian Law Reform Commission, has been made a Member of the Order of Australia, for "significant service to the law as an academic, to legal reform and education, to professional development, and to the arts".

Glenn Wayne Ferguson has been made a Member of the Order of Australia for "significant service to the law and to the legal profession, both nationally and in the Asia-Pacific region, and to the community".

Again, I am sure that all Fellows would wish to extend warm congratulations to these three members of the Academy on this important recognition of their service to Australia.

Comings, goings and doings

A purpose of the "Member Forum" section of the Academy's website is to enable members to bring to attention current activities of Fellows.

If you will go to the website you will find material relating to the following Fellows that has just been posted:

The Honourable Justice James Edelman

Professor the Honourable George Hampel QC and her Honour Judge Felicity Hampel SC
Professor Heather Douglas

In order to access the Member Forum you do the following:

- (1) Hover above "Fellows" in the bar at the top of the screen and click onto "Member Login"
- (2) On the screen that will then open up, type in your email address as you have supplied it to the AAL Secretariat;
- (3) On the same screen type in your "Password";
- (4) You will then see a link to the Member Forum, once in the Forum, click on "Doings, Comings and Goings" and you will be able to read entries that have been made to date.

In order to post information on the Member Forum you just click on the button 'New Topic'

If you do not think you have a password for login, please contact the Secretariat at aal@anu.edu.au.

ACT Academy event on Wednesday 25 March 2014 at 5.30 pm

Registrations to date indicate considerable interest in this event.

Members may recall from the last Newsletter that the speakers will be Professor Hilary Charlesworth and Henry Burmester AO QC, who were respectively a Judge ad hoc and Australian counsel in the Whaling case in the International Court of Justice.

Attached is the flyer for the event. All Fellows in the ACT are encouraged to attend and to make the event known to others.

Patron's Address for 2015

As noted in the last Newsletter ([2014] No10) Professor Paul Brand of Oxford University will deliver the Patron's Address for 2015 on Monday 18 May 2015 in the Ceremonial Court of the Federal Court of Australia on Level 21 of the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

Attached is a brief CV of Professor Brand and the following is a summary of the subject of his proposed address:

"The main focus will be on what *Magna Carta* has to tell us about the development of the Common Law prior to 1215 and what contribution it then made in the short and medium term to the subsequent medieval development of the Common Law.

The lecture will also address how it came over the longer term to be seen throughout the Common Law world as a foundation document of the Common Law as a family of legal systems."

Fellows may be interested to know that a book on Magna Carta was published last year by Penguin Classics. It is by David Carpenter and is called simply *Magna Carta*. The book is recommended to those who may wish to do some reading on the subject in advance of hearing Professor Brand's lecture on 18 May.

New Fellows

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

Mr Stuart Clark
The Hon P.D. Cummins AM
Emeritus Professor Regina Graycar

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



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