

The last month has been a very busy one for the Academy

### Academy event in Darwin

As foreshadowed, on Thursday evening 12 September the AAL co-sponsored with Charles Darwin University the Austin Asche Oration for 2013 which was delivered by (Academy Fellow) Chief Justice Diana Bryant of the Family court of Australia.

The Chief Justice's subject was "The Big Picture: responding to challenges in international family law".

The Oration was delivered at Parliament House, Darwin to an audience of about 100.

A measure of the interest of those present was the number of questions that members of the audience asked.

The Academy is indebted to Chief Justice Bryant and also to Les McCrimmon, a director of the AAL for co-organising the event with CDU as well as for chairing it.

### Academy event in Brisbane

Again as foreshadowed in an earlier Newsletter, on Monday evening 16 September, the AAL's Queensland event for the year took place.

Justice Patrick Keane of the High Court (and Academy Fellow) delivered a lecture on "The Public/Private Divide, and its implications for the extent of judicial intervention in civil disputes".

The lecture was given in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Queensland. The event was very well attended---the audience numbered some 180 people.

Chief Justice Paul de Jersey introduced the speaker and Professor Bee Chen Goh, a director of the Academy, thanked him. The lecture was followed by refreshments in the foyer of the Court.

The Academy is indebted to the local organising committee of Justice John Byrne, Professor Bee Chen Goh and Mr Glenn Ferguson.

Justice Margaret McMurdo, President of the Queensland Court of Appeal, hosted a small informal meeting of interested Fellows prior to the lecture at which I brought those present up to date on the activities of the Academy.

### Forthcoming Patron's Address for 2013

Fellows are reminded that at 5.30pm on Friday 4 October the second annual Patron's Address will be delivered by The Hon JJ Spigelman AC QC (a Fellow of the Academy) in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Level 13, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

See the flyer attached.

As advised in the last Newsletter, Mr Spigelman's topic will be "Lions in Conflict: Ellesmere, Bacon and Coke---the Prerogative Battles".

The speaker's interest and expertise in this and other topics of legal history are well known.

The lecture will be the third in a series, of which the earlier two are as follows:

"Lions in Conflict: Ellesmere, Bacon and Coke---the Years of Elizabeth" (2007) 28

*Aust Bar Rev* 254, and "Lions in Conflict: Ellesmere, Bacon and Coke---Treason and Unity" (2008) 30 *Aust Bar Rev* 144

Mr Spigelman has recommended that we come to the lecture having read the two published articles. All three form a chronological series and he will speak on the assumption that we have a general familiarity with the background.

Links to the earlier articles are on the Academy website:  
<http://www.academyoflaw.org.au/events.html>

The event will be followed by refreshments to be served in the foyer of the Court.

For catering purposes please RSVP by 1 October to: [aal@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:aal@law.anu.edu.au)

### Annual General Meeting

Preliminary notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Academy was given in Newsletter [2013] No 6 and subsequently formal notice was sent out to all Fellows.

This is therefore in the nature of a reminder that the AGM will be held at 4.05 pm on Friday 4 October at the Federal Court Conference Room, Level 18, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

As happened last year, the AGM will precede the Patron's Address referred to above, which is also to be held in the Law Courts Building.

### Report on Transnational Insolvency: Global Principles for Cooperation in International Insolvency Cases

Fellows may recall that the Academy funded research by Professor Rosalind Mason and her team at Queensland University of Technology into the question what benefits, if any, might be achievable in Australia by adoption of any of the recommendations of the report entitled as above by Professors Ian Fletcher and Bob Wessels to the American Law Institute.

The genesis of this undertaking by the AAL was a request made of the AAL by the Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand.

A small committee of Fellows Bob Austin, Ros Mason and myself had a general supervisory role on behalf of the AAL in relation to the project.

I am happy to say that the report of Ros Mason and her team has now been received by the Academy and has been forwarded on to Chief Justices Allsop, Bathurst and Warren for initial consideration of it on behalf of the Council of Chief Justices.

### Tomorrow's Law Conference

Fellows may recall being notified in Newsletter No 6 of this Conference. It is organised by Macquarie Law School's Centre of Legal Governance and is supported by the Academy.

There has been a change in the arrangements. In place of a conference in The Mint there will be a symposium at the Macquarie City Campus on the same date which will still be supported by the AAL.

Professor Brian Opeskin has supplied the following announcement of the revised arrangement:

'The Academy will co-host a symposium with Macquarie Law School on "*Reparations and Reconciliation for Victims of Historical Injustice*" on Friday 25 October 2013. The symposium examines the way in which victims of historical injustice are being heard and recognised in a variety of institutional fora, such as truth commissions and national and international tribunals, opening the door to reconciliation and reparations. The venue for the conference has been changed to the Macquarie City Campus, at 11 York Street Sydney, behind Wynyard Station. Fellows of the Academy are encouraged to attend. Registration is only \$50 per person.'

Details can be found in the attached brochure.

## New Fellows

I am delighted to report that since the last Newsletter, the following have become Fellows of the Academy:

Professor Stephen Bottomley

The Hon Tim Carmody QC

Mr John Corcoran

Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce AO

The Hon Justice John Mansfield AM

Ms Raelene Webb QC

The Hon Justice James Douglas

and

Mr Alistair Wyvill SC.

On behalf of all members of the Academy I extend a warm welcome to these new Fellows.



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