

RECENT EVENTS

South Australian Event for 2019

An audience of approximately 120 heard The Hon Justice Stephen Gageler AC deliver a most interesting lecture at the University of Adelaide on Thursday 28 February 2019.

The topic was: *A Tale of Two Ships: the Tampa and the Afghan*

As the synopsis promised, the lecture compared and contrasted little remembered events in the late nineteenth century with well-known events of the present century.



From Left: Professor John Williams, Dr Lorne Neudorf, the Hon Justice Stephen Gageler and the Hon Kevin Lindgren.

The former concerned the unwelcome arrival of Chinese on board the *Afghan* in Melbourne and Sydney in 1888, when anti-Chinese sentiment was at its height, and the responses of Victorian and New South Wales Governments and of individual politicians.

The arrivals of both ships sparked tension between the courts and executive governments.

A particularly interesting feature of Justice Gageler's lecture was the slides of photographs of the *Afghan* and the *Tampa* and of contemporary documents, including relevant New South Wales legislation of the late nineteenth century.

First New South Wales event for 2019

The first of what will be two or three events in New South Wales for 2019 was held at the Federal Court in Sydney on Monday 25 March.

It was in the nature of a panel discussion on *The Hayne Royal Commission: Implications for Lawyers*.

The Chair was Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, and the panellists were: Phillip Boulten SC, former President of the New South Bar Association and a very experienced criminal lawyer; Dr Simon Longstaff AO, Executive Director of the St James Ethics Centre; Professor Dimity Kingsford-Smith of the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales; and Michelle Levy, a partner at Allens in Sydney.

The theme of the event was the lessons to be learned from the Commission's report by practising lawyers.

Among other issues touched upon were the need for lawyers to be fearlessly independent in the advice that they give to the boards and executives of large corporations, and the effect that time and other pressures may have on the practising lawyer in leading to a compromise of that standard.

There was an audience of about 60 who attended the event and the refreshments which followed.



From left: Dr Simon Longstaff, Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, Mr Phillip Boulten SC, Ms Michelle Levy and Professor Dimity Kingsford-Smith.

First roundtable for 2019 in Canberra

On Tuesday 2 April 2019, Justice Alan Robertson, Deputy President of the Academy, led a roundtable discussion on “What judges do”, including practical issues relating to the work of the Federal Court.

As has become a feature of these roundtables, there was much interaction throughout between the speaker and the audience (of thirteen).



Deputy President, President and ACT AAL Fellows

Issues touched on included the Federal Court’s jurisdiction, the composition of the Bench, the National Practice Framework, the phenomenon of document-laden litigation, discovery/ disclosure of documents, and fact-finding, including deciding whether the evidence of a witness is to be accepted.

FUTURE EVENTS

Patron’s Address for 2019 to be delivered by the Hon Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC

The Patron’s Address for 2019 will be delivered by Chief Justice Kiefel at the Banco Court, Supreme Court of Queensland, Brisbane on Thursday 31 October 2019.

The Chief Justice’s topic will be: *The Academy and the Courts: what do they mean to each other today?*



Not only is Chief Justice Kiefel the Patron of the Academy: she was a Founding Fellow when the Academy was established in 2007. At that time the Chief Justice was a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

The event will also be the Queensland event for 2019 and promises to be “huge”.

A flyer for the event is [attached](#).

The Northern Territory - the Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance

The Annual Austin Asche Oration in Law and Governance, which is sponsored jointly by Charles Darwin University and the Academy, will be held on Monday evening 19 September 2019.

The speaker will be Elizabeth Broderick AO, former, and Australia’s longest serving, Sex Discrimination Commissioner.

As usual, the event will be held in the Nitmiluk Lounge, Level 4, Parliament House Darwin.

Immediately the title of the address is known, the flyer for the event will be distributed.

BREAKING NEWS—DGR STATUS GRANTED

It was disclosed in the Budget papers last Tuesday night, 2 April, that the Academy has been successful in its application to be listed in the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* as a “deductible gift recipient” (DGR).

By being listed the Academy will join the other four learned Academies.

Taxpayers may claim a tax deduction for gifts of money or property of \$2.00 or more to DGRs.

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.

Professor Miranda Stewart
Professor and Director, Tax Studies, University of Melbourne Law School.

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Anzac Day 25th April – Lest We Forget