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Members of the Academy will already be well aware of the following important appointments.

It has been announced that the Hon Justice Susan Kiefel AC will become Chief Justice of Australia, succeeding Chief Justice Robert French AC who retires upon reaching the mandatory retirement age.

Both are longstanding Fellows of the Academy, and Chief Justice French has been our (very supportive) Patron throughout his Chief Justiceship.

The Hon Justice James Edelman's appointment to the High Court of Australia has also been announced. Justice Edelman is a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and was formerly a Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

The appointments of Justice Kiefel as Chief Justice, and of Justice Edelman as a Justice, of the High Court have both been rightly widely acclaimed.

On behalf of all members of the Academy I extend to them our very warm congratulations.

The Academy thanks Chief Justice French for his strong endorsement of the Academy in its activities over the years.

Another recent appointment is that of Academy Fellow Dr Stephen Donaghue QC as Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth to succeed Academy Fellow Mr Justin Gleeson SC.

Again, I am sure that all Fellows join me in congratulating Stephen on his appointment to this important role and in wishing him well in it.

Meeting of Fellows in Perth on 22 January 2016

Deputy President Justice Alan Robertson has organised a reception and dinner meeting of

Fellows and their partners in Perth on Sunday 22 January 2017 at 7 PM.

Many Fellows will be in Perth for the annual conference of Judges of the Supreme and Federal Courts to take place the following week. The function will be an opportunity to make and renew acquaintances amongst Fellows resident in Perth or elsewhere.

The dinner will be held at the Oak Room, Sandalford Winery, 3210 West Swan Rd, Caversham Western Australia and Academy Fellow the Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM has agreed to give a short address in the course of the dinner.

The financial arrangements are that the Academy will pay for the reception while those attending will pay for their dinner and individually for any extra drinks at dinner. That cost will be \$85 plus those drinks.

There will be transport by bus from the Conference Hotel, namely the Pan Pacific Hotel, and return, departing at approximately 6.30pm.

There has been a very strong response to the proposed function but the point needs to be made that it is for all Fellows who will be in Perth on that date.

If you would like to attend, and the numbers presently stand at approximately 40, please advise the Secretariat ASAP.

Ethics "Hypothetical"

Following a suggestion made at a meeting of Fellows in Sydney earlier this year, planning has been proceeding on a series of three events with an ethics theme to be held in Sydney during 2017.

The first of these will be in the nature of a "hypothetical" to be moderated by John Sheahan SC.

It will be held in the ceremonial court of the Federal

Court of Australia, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 5.30 pm.

The members of the panel who will respond to John's questions will include:

Cathie Armour of ASIC;

Dr Ruth Higgins of the New South Wales Bar;

Professor Peter Cashman of the University of Sydney;

The Hon Ray Finkelstein QC, formerly a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia;

Mr Michael Lavarch AO, Commissioner of the Australian Skills Quality Authority; and

Professor Uwe Dulleck of the QUT Business School.

It is appreciated that the event will be mainly of interest to Sydney residents. Sydney Fellows are encouraged to note the date in their diaries for 2017.

But all are welcome. Fellows in other cities may wish to make use of the "hypothetical" as a precedent for a similar event in their city.

Other events scheduled for 2017

Remember that dates have been fixed for the following other events of the Academy in 2017:

11-13 August: National Legal Education Conference sponsored by the Academy and the Australian Law Journal and supported by the Law Council of Australia.

25 September: Patron's Address to be given by Professor James Crawford AC, SC, FBA, a Judge of the International Court of Justice at the Hague (and Overseas Fellow of the Academy)

August or September: (precise date yet to be fixed): Seventh Austin Asche Oration sponsored jointly by the Academy and Charles Darwin University to be delivered in Darwin by Emeritus Professor David Weisbrot AM, Chair of the Australian Press Council and former President of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

New Fellows

On behalf of the Academy and its members, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to the following lawyers who, at the Board's invitation, have become

members since the distribution of the last Newsletter:

The Hon Justice Robert Gotterson AO
Mr Stephen Lloyd SC

Christmas Greetings

The Secretariat, Claire Hammerton, and I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Academy the compliments of the Season and best wishes for 2017.



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