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No less than six members of the Academy were honoured in the Australia Day Honours list last week.

I am sure that all Fellows join me in conveying warm congratulations to our colleagues on this recognition of their contribution to the law in Australia.

Her Excellency Professor the Hon Kate Warner AM and the Hon Justice Stephen Gageler became Companions of the Order of Australia (AC).

The Hon Stephen Charles QC, the Hon Justice Mark Weinberg and Professor Gregory Craven became Officers of the Order of Australia (AO).

Emeritus Professor Sandford Clark became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Their biographical notes for the purpose of the awards can be read at www.gg.gov.au/australia-day-2017-honours-list

Dinner Meeting of Fellows in Perth on Sunday 22 January 2017

A most successful event was held in Perth on Sunday 22 January 2017.



A total of 33 people, Fellows and their partners, attended a reception, followed by a dinner. Fellows resident in Western Australia were joined by Fellows from five other States and Territories who were in Perth for the Supreme Court and Federal Courts Judges' conference.

The evening was made by the address given by Academy Fellow, the Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM QC.

He spoke about law and literature and illustrated this by reference to the career of AB Piddington, particularly his representation in the 1930s, towards the end of his legal career, of the radical Czech journalist Egon Kisch in his travails under the *Immigration Act* 1901 (Cth). Nicholas Hasluck observed that the Kafkaesque quality of the dispute included the point that at one stage Kisch was no longer free to leave the country that was trying to keep him out.



The Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM QC speaking at the dinner meeting

Fellows should have received by email a PDF copy of Nicholas Hasluck's address. A copy is also to be found in the publications section of the Academy's website: <http://www.academyoflaw.org.au/publication>.

The event was organised by Deputy President Justice Alan Robertson and follows the success of the similar

meeting in Cambridge, England in September 2016.

National Legal Education Conference on 11-13 August 2017

Planning is proceeding apace for the Conference which, members will be aware, is being sponsored by the AAL and the Australian Law Journal, with the support of the Law Council of Australia.

It was encouraging that 40 abstracts were received in response to the invitation, that is to say, 40 people expressed interest in speaking at the Conference on an aspect of legal education.

The Conference Organising Committee met on 16 January and will meet again in early February when it is expected that the Conference Program will be finalised.

Series of three seminars on ethics starting with an Ethics "Hypothetical" on 4 April 2017

Planning of this hypothetical has also been taking place over the holiday period and it is expected that the flyer for the event will issue within the next week or two.

The event will be held on Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 5.30pm in the Federal Court's ceremonial courtroom on Level 21 in the Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

As noted in the last Newsletter, the hypothetical will be moderated by John Sheahan QC.

The panellists will be:

- Cathie Armour of ASIC
- Professor Peter Cashman of the University of Sydney
- The Hon Ray Finkelstein QC, formerly a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia
- Michael Lavarch AO, Commissioner of the Australian Skills Quality Authority
- Professor Uwe Dulleck of the QUT Business School; and
- Professor Bryan Horrigan, Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University

I would encourage all Sydney Fellows and others who may be in Sydney on 4 April to enter this event in their diaries.

It will be open to the public so please encourage all

who may be interested in the topic to attend.

The flyer will accompany the next Newsletter and will be widely distributed.

State and Territory events in 2017

There will be a meeting (by teleconference) in the near future of the chairs of the Organising Committees of the State and Territory events with a view to making the organising of them more efficient and to holding at least some of them in the first half of the year.

Those chairs are as follows:

- New South Wales: Professor Rosalind Croucher
- Victoria: Justice John Digby
- Queensland: Justice James Douglas
- Western Australia: Justices Michael Barker and Ralph Simmonds
- South Australia: Emeritus Professor Adrian Bradbrook
- Tasmania: Professor Don Chalmers
- Australian Capital Territory: Professor Michael Coper
- Northern Territory: Professor Les McCrimmon

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 Ray Finkelstein AO QC
Professor Patrick Keyzer
Professor Andrew Mowbray
Mr Russell Goldflam



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