

September and October will have been particularly eventful months for the Academy.

[AAL/AALTA Roundtable held in Perth on 19 September 2012](#)

As expected, this Roundtable, held in the Banco Court of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, was an outstanding success.

The topic was "Trends in Legal Education for Practice". The Roundtable was opened by his Excellency, Malcolm McCusker, AC, CVO, QC, the Governor of Western Australia, and was chaired by The Hon Robert French AC, Chief Justice of Australia and Patron of the Academy.

The speakers were The Hon James Edelman of the Supreme Court of Western Australia; Associate Professor Mary Anne Kenny of the School of Law Murdoch University; and Dr Chris Kendall, President of the Law Society of Western Australia.

The Panel of Commentators comprised The Hon Wayne Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia; Dr Alison Gaines, Global Practice Leader-Board Consulting, Gerard Daniels; and Professor Paul Fairall, Inaugural Head of School and Foundation Dean, Curtin Law School.

The formal part of the evening was followed by canapés and refreshments in the Main Foyer of the Supreme Court.

The AAL is indebted to the Organising Committee which comprised Professor Dale Pinto of Curtin University who is the Deputy President of AALTA; Her Honour Judge Gillian Braddock SC, a Fellow of the Academy; The Hon Robert Nicholson AO,

KCSJ, a former President of the Academy; and Ms Erika Beazley, Special Projects Organiser, Curtin Business School. They are to be congratulated on having organised an outstandingly successful educational activity.

The well and downstairs public gallery of the Banco Court was full and the upper gallery partly so.

Following the Roundtable, Professor Jeanette Hackett, Vice Chancellor of Curtin University, hosted a dinner for all participants in the event and the members of the Organising Committee.

[‘Tomorrow’s Law: The Future of Animal Law’—Conference to be held this Thursday 18 October 2012 at The Mint, Macquarie Street, Sydney.](#)

This Conference has been mentioned in previous Newsletters. It is being organised jointly by Macquarie University and the RSPCA. The Academy is hosting the drinks and savouries at 5.00 pm following the end of the formal part of the day's events. Several Members of the Academy will be participating. For example, Dr Melissa Perry QC, a Fellow and Director of the Academy, is one of the speakers. The Hon Justice Michael Slattery, a member of the Academy's Board of Directors will speak on behalf of the Academy at the post-Conference drinks.

A brochure and registration form relating to the Conference was enclosed with previous Newsletters and although little time now remains to register a copy is again enclosed with this Newsletter.

Inaugural Patron's Address on Tuesday 30 October 2012

As previously advised, the Inaugural Patron's Address will be delivered by the Academy's Patron, The Hon Robert French AC, Chief Justice of Australia at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 30 October 2012 at Court-room 1 of the Federal Court of Australia, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney. The interesting title of the Chief Justice's address will be: "Judges and the Academy--- Dialogue of the Hard of Hearing"

A feature will be the attendance, by invitation, of a limited number of law students from the Universities. Law students were referred to in the ALRC report that recommended the establishment of the Academy and this will be the first time that we have attempted to involve them in any of our activities.

Following the address there will be drinks and savouries in the foyer outside the court-room.

Registration is necessary for name tag and catering purposes. In view of the considerable interest that has been expressed in the event Fellows are encouraged not to delay in registering. Registration is effected simply by notifying the AAL Secretariat of your intention to attend. The email address is aal@law.anu.edu.au and if you prefer to register by telephone, Sarah Hull's telephone number is (02) 6125 3487.

For those Fellows unable to attend in person, the event will be made available online at <http://services.choruscall.edu/links/fca111030.html>. This is a first for the AAL and I trust will be the beginning of establishing a broader reach and more permanent record of Academy proceedings.

This first in what will be an annual event promises to be well attended and members of the Academy, particularly those who live in Sydney, are encouraged to attend.

Annual General Meeting of the Academy

Members will have already been notified that the annual general meeting of the Academy is to be held on Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 4.15 pm (prior to the Patron's Address at 5.30 pm) on Level 18, Federal Court of Australia, Law Courts Building Queen's Square, Sydney.

The agenda for the AGM is on the Notice of Annual General Meeting that has been sent out. Supporting papers for the meeting are in the course of being sent out too.

New Fellows

I am delighted, on behalf of the Academy, to welcome the following new members:

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