

This short second Newsletter is intended to inform Fellows of the result of the elections at the Annual General Meeting of the Academy held last Friday 18 November. The following Fellows were elected to the following positions:

**President:**

The Hon Kevin Lindgren QC

**Vice President:**

Professor David Weisbrot AM

**Secretary and Public Officer:**

Emeritus Professor David Barker AM

**Treasurer:**

Mr John Digby QC

**Other Directors:**

Professor Paul Fairall  
Professor Bee Chen Goh  
Professor Les McCrimmon  
Professor Brian Opeskin  
Dr Melissa Perry QC  
The Hon Justice Michael Slattery

Several former officers of the AAL had completed three successive terms as directors and were therefore prevented by our Constitution form being considered for re-election. They were:

The Hon Robert Nicholson AO  
Professor Michael Coper  
Professor Rosalind Croucher  
Glenn Ferguson  
Professor Margaret Thornton

I would like to record my personal thanks and, I am sure, those of all Fellows to the outgoing office holders. I trust that the others will not mind if I record in particular our indebtedness to Bob Nicholson for his sterling effort on our behalf in what have been in some ways difficult times. I hope to continue his good work in the interests of the Academy.

With the assistance of my fellow directors and, in particular, our redoubtable Secretary David Barker and the Chairs of the Projects Committee Justice Ralph Simmonds, the Membership Committee Professor Don Chalmers and my colleagues on the Website and Publications Committee, I hope to achieve the following in the year ahead:

Updating of the Website (I am informed that the technical aspects of this are being attended to as I write);  
Publication or re-publication of more papers of Fellows on the website;  
Maintenance of an informative Newsletter;  
Holding of three conferences sponsored or co-sponsored by the AAL;  
And a substantial increase in the number of Fellows of the AAL.

The other matter of report is that the Conference on *Tomorrow's Law: Disclosure of Information--Balancing Public and Private Interests* organised by the Centre for Legal Governance, Macquarie Law School and supported by the Rule of Law Institute and the Academy, and held on the same day as the Annual General Meeting was

favourably regarded by those who attended. The outstanding speakers included Jennifer Robinson, Attorney for Julian Assange of Wikileaks, Richard Ackland and Donald McDonald AC, formerly Chairman of the ABC. In due course the papers presented at the Conference will be available on the AAL Website



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