

### New Members of the Academy

I am delighted to announce that upon the Board's invitation, the following individuals have become Fellows of the Academy since the issue of Newsletter No 10 on 10 August 2012:

The Hon Justice Michael Barker

Professor Stuart Kaye

The Hon Michael Murray QC

I am sure that all members of the Academy join me in welcoming these new members. We look forward to seeing them at Academy activities and to the contribution that they will be able to make to them.

### Inaugural Patron's Address by Chief Justice Robert French AC on Tuesday 30 October 2012

Members of the Academy will have received recently a letter from me giving details of this important event in the life of the Academy. The title of the Chief Justice's Address will be 'Judges and the Academy---Dialogue of the Hard of Hearing?'

The address will be delivered in the No 1 Court of the Federal Court of Australia, Level 21, Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney.

The event will start at 5.30 pm and conclude at 6.30 pm and will be followed by refreshments.

All Fellows, particularly those who live in Sydney, are encouraged to attend and to register with the AAL Secretariat without delay. The event will be widely advertised and registrations are already being received.

To register please advise Sarah Hull at the AAL Secretariat of your intention to attend. Sarah's contact details are as follows: [aal@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:aal@law.anu.edu.au).

The Chief Justice has provided the following more detailed description of his topic:

'The things that Judges do and that academics do are different in kind. There is nevertheless a 'dialogue' of sorts as Judges refer to academic work and academics review, analyse and criticise the work of the Court and offer syntheses and extrapolate doctrinal developments good and bad. This presentation offers a judicial perspective on the interaction between legal academic writing and the judicial function.'

### Australian Academy of Law/ Australasian Law Teachers Association Roundtable to be held in Perth on Wednesday 19 September 2012

Members of the Academy have previously been advised of this 'glittering' event to be held in the No 1 Court of the Supreme Court of Western Australia on Wednesday 19 September 2012 from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Enclosed is a brochure. As members of the Academy will see, the Roundtable will be opened by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and chaired by the Chief Justice, The Hon RS French AC.

As is obvious from the brochure, the speakers and commentators are highly qualified to address the topic, 'Trends in Legal Education for Practice'

Fellows, particularly those who reside in Western Australia, are encouraged to register as indicated on the brochure.

### Tomorrow's Law: Future of Animal Law—a Conference to be held on Thursday 18 October 2012

Details of this conference to be held at The Mint, Macquarie Street, Sydney, were supplied in Newsletter No 10 of August 2012.

The organisers of the Conference are Macquarie University and the RSPCA. The Academy is supporting the event by sponsoring the reception to be held at 5.00 pm. As well, some members of the Academy will be speaking and chairing sessions.

The topic is one which has commanded considerable academic attention in recent times; see, for example, the ALRC's *Reform* entitled 'Animals' (issue 91).

Details of the registration procedure can be found in the brochure enclosed.

### 'Think tank' meetings of members in each capital city

These meetings have now been held in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne (in date order). I think it fair to say that those Fellows who have attended these meetings have found them worth while. Once the meetings have been held in the remaining capital cities, the ideas generated will be assembled in a document which, it is expected, will provide the basis of the future direction of the Academy. The convenors in the other capital cities are reminded of the desirability of holding these informal gatherings



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