

Saturday 21 February 2004

**Opening Address – The Honourable Chief Justice Jim Spigelman, NSW Supreme Court – ‘Our Common Law Heritage’**

The Honourable Justice Spigelman is Chief Justice of New South Wales, a position he has held since 1998. He received the Companion of the Order of Australia, for services to law and to the community in 2000. He has held positions in a number of organisations, including President of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Governor, Ascham School, Council of the National Gallery of Australia and many more. In practice as a barrister, Chief Justice Spigelman worked in a wide range of areas, including Constitutional and Administrative Law, Commercial, Corporate Crime and Fraud, Defamation and Media Law.

**Rob Watt, School of Law, University of Technology, Sydney – ‘Australia’s Legislative and Judicial Processes’**

Robert Watt is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) Law School and has been associated with law libraries most of his adult life, initially establishing the first comprehensive collection in Sydney's main prison in late 1960s, then as Secretary of the NSW Law Reform Commission in early 1970s, before entering academic life at UTS in 1977. Has been a teacher of Legal Research and Federal Constitutional Law practically ever since. He has taught in Canada, India and UK, and published 'Concise Legal Research' (4th ed, Legal Books) and 'Introduction to Federal Constitutional Law' (with Booker and Glass, 2nd ed, Butterworths).

**Her Honour, Judge Caren Wickliffe, Maori Land Court, New Zealand – ‘Customary Law of New Zealand’**

Judge Caren Wickliffe is the kaiwhakawā of the Tai Rawhiti Māori Land Court based at Gisborne. She has been a law lecturer at the University of Waikato and at Victoria University of Wellington. A specialist in international human rights, Judge Wickliffe was a Harkness Fellow to the USA in 1991-2. Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Wickliffe also acted as legal counsel for Treaty claimants. Judge Wickliffe was appointed to the Tribunal in 2000. She is currently presiding officer for the Rotorua, Taupo and Kaingaroa inquiries which cover the central North Island.

**Graeme Neate, President, National Native Title Tribunal – ‘Speaking for country and speaking about country: some issues in the resolution of Indigenous land claims in Australia’**

Mr Graeme Neate has been President of the National Native Title Tribunal since 1999 and is based in Brisbane. He was a part-time member of the Tribunal from 1995 up until he became President. Before joining the Tribunal, Mr Neate was the Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lands Tribunal in Queensland and a member of the Land Court of Queensland. From 1988 to 1991, he was a senior solicitor in commercial property and environmental law at Freehill Hollingdale & Page, Sydney, and from 1986 to 1988 was the Principal Legal Officer with the Constitutional Commission. Mr Neate worked with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Canberra from 1982 to 1986 on a range of Aboriginal heritage and land matters. He became Director of the Legal Advising Section and assisted Justice Toohey with a comprehensive review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cwlth).

Mr Neate also chaired a panel of lawyers assisting the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and the Aboriginal Steering Committee with proposals for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (Cwlth). Mr Neate has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) from the Australian National University in Canberra. He is admitted to practise as a legal practitioner in the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory, and as a solicitor in New South Wales and Queensland. He is also on the roll of barristers and solicitors in the High Court.

**Clare O'Reilly, Senior Lawyer, Consumer Protection Directorate, Australian Securities and Investments Commission – ‘Regulators and Law Enforcement in Australia’**

Clare O'Reilly is a Senior Lawyer within the Consumer Protection Directorate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Clare's role includes providing advice on consumer protection regulation, enforcement and policy. Her responsibilities include participating in ASIC's liaison with other regulators and consumer protection agencies, investigating issues of concern for consumers and conducting research projects on retail financial services issues. ASIC's Consumer Protection Directorate also works intensively with industry organisations and individual firms in the finance sector on consumer protection matters. Clare's background with ASIC also includes supervising enforcement matters involving breaches of the consumer protection laws and involvement in law reform and policy development. Prior to joining ASIC, Clare was a Senior Lawyer with the Consumer Credit Legal Centre, an organisation, which provided representation and advocacy for consumers and education about consumer rights. Clare has contributed to a number of publications about consumer issues and rights and been involved in education initiatives, especially in the Aboriginal community.'

**Shirley Fitzgerald, City Historian, City of Sydney Council – ‘Writing local history in a global world ‘or ‘Christ Almighty, there’s a lot of Chinese in bloody Sydney tonight’**

Dr. Shirley Fitzgerald is the City Historian, City of Sydney Council. She is Chair of the NSW Board of State Records and Past President of the History Council of New South Wales. Her current work involves researching and writing about the history of the City, providing historical advice to the organisation and supervision of the City's ongoing historical publications program. She gives radio interviews, lectures and talks and answers endless historical questions from the public who think she knows a lot more than she does. Shirley is the author of a number of books on aspects of the history of Sydney.

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**Andrew Mowbray, AustLII, University of Technology, Sydney – ‘WorldLII’**

Professor Mowbray is Associate Dean of the University of Technology Law School, and Co-Director of the Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII). He researches and writes in the areas of legal applications of information technology and information technology law. He has specific expertise and interest in the areas of text processing and legal artificial intelligence systems, and his research has been funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC), Law Foundation of New South Wales and the World Bank. In 2000 Andrew was awarded an ARC (RIEF) Grant of \$155,000 for AustLII: Creating National and Regional Infrastructure for all Legal Research, in collaboration with researchers from the University of New South Wales. He is also the author of a number of publications.

**David Bitel, Parish Patience Immigration Lawyers – ‘Australian Immigration Law Changes in the Wake of September 11’**

David Bitel is a partner of the long-established Sydney law firm Parish Patience Immigration, specialising in immigration law and administrative law. He is a registered migration agent and an accredited immigration law specialist by the NSW Law Society. Since 1989 he has been a Judicial Member of the Equal Opportunity Tribunal of NSW, now the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal, Equal Opportunity Division. He has been Secretary-General of the Australian Section of the International Commission of Jurists since 1983. He has particular interest in the problems of refugees and has been President of the Refugee Council of Australia since 1995 and chairman of the Australian Refugee Foundation since 1998. He was founding chairman of the Refugee Advice and Casework Service. David received Austcare’s Paul Cullen Humanitarian Award in 2002. He helped to found - and subsequently was Chairman of - the Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC), the Gay and Lesbian Immigration Task Force (GLITF), and the Australian Forum of Human Rights Organisations (AFHRO). David has authored many publications, presented papers at legal conferences and has made many submissions to Parliamentary enquiries on issues relating to human rights, the rule of law and immigration and refugees. He is a consultant author of Butterworth’s Australian Immigration Law Service. He is and has been a member of various committees of the Law Society of NSW, the Law Council of Australia and the International Bar Association, the world body of lawyers. In 2000 he was appointed Vice Chair of Committee 14 (Migration and Nationality) of the Section on Legal Practice of the International Bar Association, and since 2002 he has served as Senior Vice Chair of that Committee. David is also a member of the executive of the I.B.A.

**Paul Rishworth, University of Auckland, New Zealand – ‘The Difference a Bill of Rights Makes? A Comparative Perspective on New Zealand’s Experience with Bills of Rights, 1960-2004’**

Paul Rishworth is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Auckland, New Zealand. His research interests are in the field of human rights law. Recent work includes Rishworth, Huscroft, Mahoney and Optican, *The New Zealand Bill of Rights*, Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 2003. He also practises as a barrister and consultant in the field of public and administrative law. In 2001 he was a Visiting Scholar at the Department of Justice in Ottawa, Canada.

**Kate Eastman, Barrister, Sydney – ‘Human Rights Laws – Recent developments and future challenges for Australia’**

Kate has practised as a barrister in Sydney since 1998. She is a member of St James Hall Chambers. She has been admitted to practice as a barrister in Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. After completing a Master of Laws in International Human Rights Law in London, she returned to work as a solicitor at Allen Allen & Hemsley from 1991 to 1994 and worked in the Commercial Litigation and Corporate groups. During her time at Allens, she acted for asylum seekers detained at the Port Hedland Detention Centre as part of the firm’s pro bono program and was seconded to Kingsford Legal Centre. In 1995, Kate joined the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission as a Senior Legal Officer. She worked on the Commission’s hearings, intervened in Court proceedings involving human rights and advised on a range of discrimination and human rights issues. Since 1995, Kate has been a part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney teaching Human Rights, Australian Civil Liberties Law, and the Jessup International Law Moot. Kate is and has been actively involved in a number of human rights and international law organisations. She was a co-founder of Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR) and is the immediate past President of ALHR. She also sits on a number of New South Wales Bar Association committees. She is the Australian alternate member to the International Human Rights Law And Practice Committee of the International Law Association.

**Margaret Greville, University of Canterbury, New Zealand – *Legal Research in New Zealand***

Margaret Greville, Law Library Manager at University of Canterbury, New Zealand, has a MA (Hons) from the University of Auckland (NZ), and a LLB from the same University. She has been a law librarian for over 30 years, in law firms (large and small), in two academic law libraries, and in a courts library - all in New Zealand and Australia. Most of that time has been spent in academe. She has championed the teaching of legal research skills to law students, and has also taught legal practitioners and non-law librarians. She has participated in teaching the Law Library module offered by the Library & information studies Department at Victoria University of Wellington. She is principal author of *Legal Research and Writing in New Zealand*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, by Margaret Greville, Scott Davidson and Richard Scragg, Wellington NZ, LexisNexis Butterworths, 2004.

**Monday 23 February 2004**

**Panel, Jonathan Gordon-Till (Chair) (BIALL), Margaret Greville, (NZLLG) Vanessa O'Meara (ALLG), Margaret Maes Axtmann (AALL), Rick Leech (CALL) – *'Codes of ethics in law librarians' organisations'***

Jonathan Gordon-Till has been Information Manager for the UK actuarial consulting division of Aon Corporation since 1987. His professional interests include competitive intelligence, private investigation, information ethics and the philosophy of knowledge, information society studies, and indexing. Jonathan is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP), a member of the CILIP Ethics Panel and the UK representative member of the Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals' Ethics Committee. He is an active member of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians and until recently was Chair of the Editorial Board of the journal *Legal Information Management*. His articles on information ethics have appeared in several journals, and he contributes a monthly column on philosophical issues in information to *Information World Review*. Jonathan is a member of the Society of Indexers, City Information Group and many kindred organizations. Jonathan gained his first degree in Geology and Russian and later went on to study advanced commercial Russian. He is now completing an MPhil in Information Models in Hungarian law and researching the early Magyar presence in southern Kazakhstan. He is married to an educational psychologist from Kazakhstan.

Vanessa O'Meara is Manager, Information Services at the New South Wales Law Courts Library and President of the Australian Law Librarians' Group, Inc.

Margaret Greville is Law Librarian, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and principal author of the definitive book on New Zealand legal research.

Margaret Axtmann is a former president of the American Association of Law Libraries and was instrumental in implementing the code of ethics for the association. She is Associate Director for Information Resources at the University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Rick Leech is Manager of the Provincial Court Libraries System, Alberta Justice Department, Canada, and an active member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit.

**The next Institute: where to from here, *'A discussion of the future of the JSI'* (morning tea provided).**