



19TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF

The Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

21-23 September 2001

*Hotel Grand Chancellor
1 Davey Street, Hobart, Tasmania
Australia*

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

This Conference will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the AIJA. The particular focus of the conference will be on the development and refinement of potential research topics consistent with the AIJA Council's concern to emphasise the importance of the Institute's research program in the administration of justice.

FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

6.00 pm **Opening Reception.**
Government House, Hobart.
Hosted by His Excellency, the Hon Sir Guy Green, KBE, Governor of Tasmania

SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

8.00 am **Grand Chancellor Hotel**
Registration and Tea/Coffee

9.00 am **Conference Welcome.**

SESSION ONE

9.15 am **Keynote Address: ‘United Nations Human Rights Treaties’**
Speaker: Her Excellency, The Rt Hon Dame Silvia [Cartwright](#) DBE, Governor-General of New Zealand.
Her Excellency was, until her recent appointment as Governor-General, a judge of the High Court of New Zealand and has a long involvement with the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women.
Convenor: The Hon Justice Murray Kellam, President VCAT, President AIJA.

10.15 am *Morning Tea*

SESSION TWO

10.45 am **Interpreters for Indigenous People Before the Courts**
Speakers: Dr Michael [Cooke](#), Intercultural Communications and Ms Barbara Weis, Aboriginal Interpreter Service.

Convenor: Her Hon Judge Mary Ann Yeats, District Court of Western Australia.

The AIJA Project and Research and Indigenous Cultural Awareness Committees have identified this area for future research. Dr Cooke has published his doctoral thesis on this topic and Ms Weis heads the recently-established Northern Territory Interpreting Service.

The question of interpreters and, in particular, interpreters for indigenous people, provides challenges for judicial administration which the Institute wishes to address.

12.45pm *Lunch*

SESSION THREE

2.15 pm **Evaluation of New Case Processing Regimes in District Court of NSW and County Court of Victoria.**
Speaker: Dr Ann [Eyland](#), [PPT](#), Justice Research Centre, Law and Justice Foundation, NSW
Convenor: Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA
The AIJA Project and Research Committee has under consideration a proposal for research on the evaluation of case management. The Committee has been keen to consider the important work conducted by the Justice Research Centre in this area to assist in identifying directions for that research. This session will report on the success of efforts by two courts to reduce costs and delay in civil litigation.

3.30 pm *Afternoon Tea*

SESSION FOUR

4.00 pm

The Effect of External Review Decisions on the Bureaucratic Process

Speakers: Ms Robin [Creyke](#), Reader in Law, Center for International and Public Law, Faculty of Law, Australian National University.

Convenor: The Hon Justice Robert Nicholson, Federal Court of Australia.

The AIJA Project and Research Committee has had under discussion a possible research project on the effect of tribunal decisions on bureaucratic processes. The Committee has considered the work conducted to date at the Australian National University and suggested that a presentation of that research might widen the debate on this important question.

5.00

Close

7.30 for 8.00 pm

25th ANNIVERSARY AIJA DINNER

Hobart Function & Conference Centre

Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart.

The venue is within five minutes walk of the Hotel Grand Chancellor, situated right on the waterfront. The dinner will feature Tasmanian foods and wines. Accompanying guests are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

SESSION FIVE

9.00 am

Comparative Styles of Judging: 'Judicial Configurations: Permutations of the Court and the Properties of Judgement.'

Speaker: Dr Roderick Munday, University of Cambridge

10.00 am

Morning Tea

SESSION SIX

10.30 am

Contemporary Issues in the Law of Contempt

Speaker: Professor Michael [Chesterman](#), [PPT](#) Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales.

Convenor: Ms Prue Innes, Courts Information Officer, Supreme Court of Victoria.

Panellists: The Hon Justice Peter Evans, Supreme Court of Tasmania and the Hon Justice Murray Kellam, President VCAT, President AIJA.

Professor Chesterman, one of the authors of the recent report on *Managing Prejudicial Publicity* by the Justice Research Centre in New South Wales, will speak on that research and other current issues in the law of contempt. A commentary from the judicial and prosecution perspectives will be provided.

12.00 pm

CONFERENCE CLOSE

12.00 pm

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