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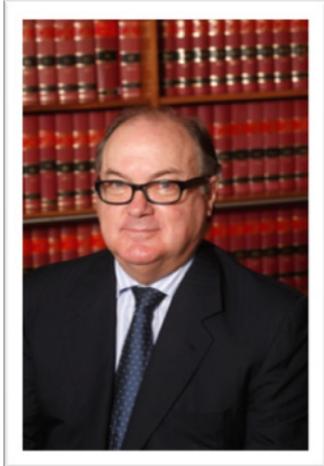
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hon Patrick Keane

This is my first report to members as President having been appointed to that role somewhat prematurely in February 2010 consequent upon the resignation of Justice Christine Wheeler as a judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and her consequent resignation as AIJA President. A presentation was made to Christine at the AIJA Council meeting held in Auckland on 20 February 2010. I thank Christine for her considerable work as President, and previously as a most active member of the AIJA Council. I note, particularly, her important contribution, together with Deputy-President Laurie Glanfield, in relation to the Framework for Court Excellence. At the International Organisation for Judicial Training Conference held in Sydney in October 2009, Christine was presented with an Award by the National Center for State Courts acknowledging her work in relation to the Framework for Court Excellence.

In relation to the Framework for Court Excellence, there has been significant ongoing work by Deputy President Laurie Glanfield AM and others in relation to the implementation of the Framework and, in particular, the simplification of the questionnaire for use in developing countries. A successful conference was held in Singapore from 4-6 October 2010 in relation to the Framework. That conference was organized by the Subordinate Courts of Singapore with whom the AIJA has had a long and close relationship. The AIJA assisted in relation to the program and otherwise in relation to the organization of the conference. The conference provided an opportunity for those attending to be updated in relation to the Framework and its implementation. It is pleasing that tribunals have expressed an interest in adopting the Framework and tailoring it for their particular needs.

In her President's Report last year, Christine Wheeler referred to the work being undertaken by the Institute in relation to current statistical measures for courts maintained by the Productivity Commission. A Working Group established under the auspices of the AIJA has met during the year and a report was provided to the Council of Chief Justices at its meeting on 27 October 2010. Chief Justice Marilyn Warren AC chairs the Working Group. The Working Group has been assisted by consultants, Ms Mary Duckett and Mr Bryan O'Connor. I am grateful to the Working Group for its work.

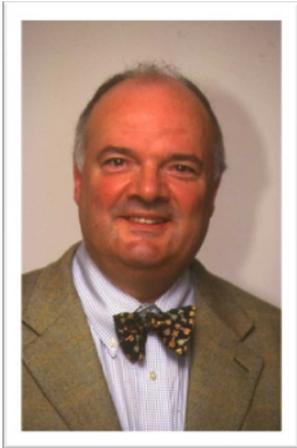
In May 2010 the AIJA Council conducted a Planning Day. At the Planning Day there was discussion over a wide range of issues relevant to the activities of the Institute with a view to ensuring the need to develop a core identity for the Institute in relation to education, research and otherwise. I am confident that the matters identified at the Planning Day will be kept under constant review by Council with a view to ensuring the ongoing role of the AIJA in judicial administration in Australia, New Zealand and neighbouring countries.

Educational activities during the year include a further Indigenous Courts Conference held in Rockhampton from 5-7 August 2009, the Family Violence Conference held in Brisbane from 1-3 October 2009, the Mental Health Issues and the Administration of Justice Conference held in Auckland from 18-20 February 2010, a further Public Information Officers' Conference held in Melbourne on 30 April 2010, the Non-Adversarial Justice: Implications for the Legal System and Society Conference held in Melbourne from 4-7 May 2010 and the 13th AIJA Annual Tribunals Conference held in Brisbane from 10-11 June 2010. Full details of those conferences appear elsewhere in the Report.

Justice Michelle May has assumed the role of convenor of the Project and Research Committee and there are several projects currently nearing completion and others which are well advanced.

I wish to record my gratitude to all the staff of the Secretariat for their work during the year. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the Executive Director, Professor Greg Reinhardt.

*The Hon Justice Patrick Keane
President, AIJA*



REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Professor Greg Reinhardt

Several significant conferences took place during the year with a focus on important aspects of contemporary judicial administration. Details of those conferences will be found elsewhere in the report. Both family violence and mental health raise important issues and challenges for the judicial system. Family violence has been the subject of several significant reports. The conference identified the possibility of the AIJA conducting research leading to the establishment of a National Centre of Excellence in Judicial

Training and Education in Violence against Women. That matter is to be considered by the Project and Research Committee.

In the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009, I referred to cost as a significant challenge in contemporary judicial administration. The Canadian Forum on Civil Justice has undertaken a research project concerned with cost in civil litigation and the AIJA has agreed to support that research. Details of the Canadian project are to be found at the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice website: <http://cfcj-fcjc.org/>. The cost of justice relates to access to justice. The Institute has been pleased to work with the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department in relation to its Access to Justice Report.

The Non-adversarial Justice Conference was a significant event for the AIJA. I commend the papers from the Conference. A select number of the papers is to be published as a monograph by Monash University. Professor Arie Freiberg AM, Dr Michael King and I will edit that volume. Several other papers will be published in the *Journal of Judicial Administration*.

During the year the Institute published the Solution-Focussed Judging Bench Book authored and compiled by Dr Michael King. The Bench Book was launched by the Victorian Chief Justice, the Hon Marilyn Warren AC, on 23 November 2009. The Bench Book for Children Giving Evidence in Australian Courts prepared by an Advisory Committee chaired by Judge Helen O'Sullivan of the Queensland District Court, was launched by former AIJA President, the Hon Justice Virginia Bell, on 7 October 2009. The Criminal Conferencing Report authored by Dr Fiona Hanlon was published in April 2010. Details of these publications appear elsewhere in the report.

I have been involved in a number of speaking engagements during the year and continue to edit the *Journal of Judicial Administration*.

Ms Delwyn Gillan, Ms Kathy Jarrett, Ms Heather Sevald and Ms Mary Young are to be thanked for their work during the year without which my task would be much more difficult.

Professor Greg Reinhardt
Executive Director, AIJA

COUNCIL

The AIJA is governed by its Council, which has 29 elected and appointed members. They are drawn from a broad spectrum across the field of judicial administration, including representatives of the judiciary (including the magistracy), tribunals, court administrators, the legal profession, academia and government service. In addition to attending four regular Council meetings each year, all Council members are expected to serve on at least one Committee. A list of Council members as at 30 June 2010 appears at the front of this report.

This year the former President, the Hon Justice Christine Wheeler, the Hon Justice Kevin Lindgren and Her Honour Judge Christine Trenorden have all retired from the Council to be replaced by the Hon Justice Robert Mazza, Federal Magistrate Christine Mead and the Hon Justice Steven Rares.

OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL

As a reflection of the close ties between the Australian and New Zealand judiciaries, there is a permanent position on the AIJA Council set aside for a judicial representative from New Zealand, nominated by the Chief Justice of that country. That position is currently held by Justice Mark O'Regan.

Under a special provision in the AIJA Rules, Council has also granted observer status on Council to the Papua New Guinea judiciary, another country with which the Institute has close ties. The current PNG representative is Justice Gibbs Salika CSM OBE, Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Supervision of the day-to-day management of the Institute is the responsibility of the AIJA Board of Management. The Board consists of the President and two Deputy Presidents, or the President Elect and Deputy President, together with the Convenors of the AIJA's three Standing Committees – the Education Committee, the Project and Research Committee and the Communications Committee. The Board can also co-opt other members of Council to serve on the Board.

As at 30 June 2010, the members of the Board of Management were Chief Justice Patrick Keane, AIJA President, Justice Mark O'Regan, Deputy President and Convenor of the Communications Committee, Mr. Laurie Glanfield AM, Deputy President, Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Convenor of the Education Committee, Justice Michelle May, Convenor of the Project and Research Committee and Senior Judge Mary Ann Yeats .

LIFE MEMBERS

The AIJA award of Life Membership is given to members or others in the judicial administration community who are judged to have made a significant contribution to the AIJA's work or to the administration of justice generally. There have been no Life Memberships awarded this year.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PROGRAMS

The AIJA's education program includes conferences, workshops, lectures and seminars designed for judges, magistrates, tribunal members, court administrators, lawyers and others with an interest in judicial administration. It includes regularly scheduled events and additional seminars and conferences on particular topics. The program is overseen by the AIJA's Education Committee, convened by Dr Andrew Cannon AM, Deputy Chief Magistrate, South Australia.

All AIJA education programs are conducted on a fee-paying basis, which requires registration fees to be set at a level that covers costs. The Institute also attempts to achieve a 20% profit on each education activity which is channelled to its Research Fund used to fund research into judicial administration.

2009-2010 programs included:

AIJA Indigenous Courts Conference - Rockhampton, 5-7 August 2009

The conference was attended by 212 delegates.

The Conference had several important features, namely:

- To focus on courts with specific procedures for dealing with Indigenous offenders throughout Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere;
- To involve Indigenous Elders, members of Indigenous communities, judicial officers and court administrators who sit on, or are involved in, Indigenous courts;
- To provide an opportunity for an exchange of information, experiences and views about the operation of specialist Indigenous courts;
- To provide a forum for the publication and dissemination of the results of research into the effectiveness of such courts so as to encourage the conduct of such research in the period before the conference;
- To consider issues relevant to Indigenous children and the courts;
- To provide a forum for Aboriginal legal and liaison officers; and
- To place restorative justice and adult conferencing in an Indigenous Courts context.

Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at www.aija.org.au

Family Violence Conference - Brisbane, 1-3 October 2009

The conference was attended by 130 delegates.

The conference sought to address a broad range of issues confronting those who are involved in responding to domestic and family violence, including:

- Recent developments and best practice in the area family violence at both state and federal level, and internationally, including the National Council's Report: Time for Action: 2009-2021
- Opportunities and challenges of a establishing a more collaborative and integrated responses to family violence across jurisdictions, including police, community services, parental rights groups and others.
- Recent experience with the Victorian domestic violence legislation from the perspective of practitioners, medical professionals, community services and others.
- Best practice and recent experience where family violence is alleged in parenting disputes, including in the Family Court and Family Relationship Centres.
- The use and limitations of alternative dispute resolution in relation to family violence.
- Judicial ethics in domestic violence, including the implications of a more collaborative or participatory judicial role for judicial officers.
- Education in relation to family violence, including for the judiciary, perpetrators and community.
- Responding to family violence in indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- The impact of domestic violence on children, including family homicide.
- Sharing information between courts and tribunals
- Best practice in violence intervention programs for offenders and effective support for victims.

Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at <www.ajja.org.au>

Mental Health Issues and the Administration of Justice Conference - Auckland, 18-20 February 2010

The conference was attended by 133 delegates.

The organising committee for the conference identified several issues facing courts and tribunals relevant to the conference, namely:

- Mental health and criminal proceedings
- Guardianship and administration
- Sentencing of offenders with mental illnesses
- Loneliness and other social problems related to mental illness
- Mental health issues in prisons
- Querulous and vexatious litigants

- Mental health courts
- Risk assessment and management for courts and tribunals including the role of health professionals
- Compulsory treatment of persons with mental illnesses
- Substance abuse and mental illness

Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at <www.aija.org.au>

Courts Interacting with the Public: AIJA Public Information Officers Conference - Melbourne, 30 April 2010

The conference was attended by 25 delegates.

Issues covered by the conference included:

- The Journalist's perspective
- Filming court proceedings – the recent experience in New South Wales
- Filming court proceedings – the recent experience in Western Australia
- Current issues affecting PIOs

Non-Adversarial Justice: Implications for the Legal System and Society Conference - Melbourne, 4-7 May 2010

The conference was attended by 324 delegates.

The conference sought to explore the theory and practical application of more comprehensive and psychologically attuned approaches by legal actors such as judges and lawyers to the operation of the law, legal processes and to the resolution of disputes and remedies. It included discussion of:

- non-court dispute resolution and processes used by courts which do not necessarily involve judicial determination
- theories of non-adversarial justice emanate from multiple disciplines and include alternative dispute resolution (and its component processes such as mediation, evaluation, negotiation, conciliation and arbitration),
- participatory justice,
- therapeutic jurisprudence,
- preventative law,
- restorative justice,
- collaborative law,
- diversion,
- problem-solving courts,
- managerial justice and
- multi-door courthouse theory.

13th AIJA Annual Tribunals Conference - Brisbane, 10-11 June 2010

The conference was attended by 145 delegates.

Issues covered by the conference included:

- Conflict of interest– considering applications to disqualify for bias
- Solution-focused Judging Bench Book
- Practical hints for editing judgments
- Dealing with difficult parties
- Fluctuating capacity and how it affects tribunal decision making
- Use of expertise by expert tribunal members
- Current issues facing tribunals in relation to fact finding, e transactions and remedies
- Working with interpreters

Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at <www.aija.org.au>

Other Education Activities

During the past year, the AIJA also contributed to a number of other education events run by other organisations including the National Judicial Orientation program.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND PROJECT THEMES

The AIJA Strategic Plan provides for the AIJA Council to set the themes that will direct the Institute's work. Council has approved a strategic plan for 2008-2011 which identifies several themes to guide the AIJA's activities:

- ❖ Cost of litigation
- ❖ Procedure (including caseflow management):
 - civil
 - criminal
 - appellate
- ❖ Court performance and accountability
- ❖ Disadvantaged & self-represented litigants
- ❖ Alternative approaches to justice, including alternative dispute resolution and problem-solving justice
- ❖ The impact of technology on the justice system

Council reviews these themes on a regular basis to ensure that new or emerging issues are quickly accommodated.

RESEARCH

The AIJA Project and Research Committee considers proposals for funding research projects from the AIJA Research Fund and makes recommendations to Council for approval of new projects. The Committee, convened by Justice Michelle May, has met

regularly throughout the year. The Research Fund consists of profit earned on AIJA conferences and seminars.

Current research projects on hand or concluded during the year include:

- **Harmonisation of Court Rules**

In addition to the matters referred to in the 2009 report, the sub-committee of the Council of Chief Justices continues to monitor the harmonised rules adopted throughout Australia as the result of its work.

The sub-committee has had under consideration rules in relation to litigation funding and funders.

The establishment of the sub-committee resulted by initial work undertaken by the Institute is represented on the sub-committee its Executive Director, Greg Reinhardt.

- **Proportionality**

Council has approved as a suitable area of research proportionality as it affects litigation in the area of family provision or testators' family maintenance. Professor Prue Vines, Law School, the University of New South Wales and colleagues from that University are conducting this research. The Institute acknowledges the assistance of the Hon Marilyn Warren AC, Chief Justice, Victoria and the Hon Justice Paddy Bergin, Chief Judge in Equity, New South Wales, in relation to research in their respective courts.

- **International Framework for Court Excellence**

The Framework for Court Excellence was initially presented at a Forum in Sydney held on 21-23 September 2008. A link has been established from the AIJA website to the Framework document.

A further conference on the Framework is to take place 4-7 October 2010 in Singapore.

- **National Survey of Australian Judges**

Associate Professor Kathy Mack and Professor Sharyn Roach Anleu have conducted the survey and are currently analysing the data which will be released through articles and conference presentations. They have also completed the second National Survey of Australian Magistrates, and are in the midst of checking the data from that survey as well.

It has been suggested that similar work be conducted in relation to Tribunals.

- **Juries and Interactive visual evidence: impacts on deliberation processes and outcomes**

The AIJA was approached by Canberra University (Court of the Future Network) to join as an industry party in an ARC Linkage Grant application for this project. This application was successful and work on the project has now commenced.

- **AIJA History Project**

A project to write a history of the AIJA is being undertaken by Dr. James Waghorne, at the Australia Centre, the University of Melbourne.

An advisory committee has been set up involving Professor Stuart Macintyre from the History Department at the University of Melbourne.

- **Courts and the Public**

Courts and the Public was the theme for the Australasian Court Administrators Conference which took place on 14 – 15 May 2009.

As a result of the conference the Project and Research Committee recommended that an advisory committee be formed for the project. This committee met with Dr Don Fleming in April 2010 and it was agreed that a report should be produced which would form the basis for a future conference on the subject. A draft of the structure of the report as well as an introductory chapter has been presented to the committee for comment.

- **Accessibility of Programmes for Indigenous Offenders**

In November 2008 the AIJA Council gave in principle support to a proposal put forward through the Indigenous Justice Committee prepared by Chief Justice Brian Martin and Justice Stephen Kaye to examine the *Accessibility of Programmes for Indigenous Offenders*.

Dr Troy Allard, co-director, Justice Modelling at Griffith Key Centre for Ethics Law Justice and Governance is currently undertaking this work.

- **Research on the Privacy and Publicity Implications of Electronic Lodgment of Pleadings, Affidavits and Other Documents**

This research was undertaken by Ms Judith Bellis, General Counsel and Director, Judicial Affairs, Courts and Tribunal Policy, Department of Justice, Canada. The research paper has been published in the (2010) 19 *Journal of Judicial Administration* 197.

- **Proposed Protocol in Relation to Interpreters and their work in Courts and Tribunals**

Professor Sandra Hale, University of Western Sydney, has been engaged to conduct research towards a protocol which will meet the needs and concerns both of courts and tribunals and those of interpreters. Many of these were the subject of discussion at the Interpreters conference in Fremantle in March 2009.

- **Investigating the Practices of Mediators at VCAT**

Ms Kathy Douglas from RMIT University proposed this project and AIJA Council approved it for funding in 2008.

The project concerns the practice of mediators at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and considers mediator perceptions of procedural justice and best practice in mediation.

The project has collected data from 16 mediators at VCAT and this data is currently being analysed.

- **Other**

The AIJA has contributed to or is involved in research on juries and interactive visual evidence and impacts on the outcomes of deliberations processes.

COMMUNICATIONS

The AIJA Communications Committee was formed as a result of the strategic planning process in 2005. In May 2010 the AIJA Council conducted a planning day to review the activities of the Institute.

The Committee's terms of reference are to:

- Enhance the AIJA's profile in the Asia/Pacific region;
- Develop an international focus through liaison with international bodies sharing common objectives;
- Develop a closer working relationship with court administrators to encourage greater exchange of information and ideas;
- Develop a communications strategy for members and non-members to deliver information about the AIJA, its services and projects;
- Develop strategies to target member groups such as magistrates, court administrators, tribunal members and the legal profession;
- Develop a services strategy that makes effective use of technology and encourages non-members to join the AIJA; and

- Involve members in AIJA activities by:
 - seeking ideas for, or opinions about, AIJA projects;
 - forming interest groups; and
 - holding specific conferences and workshops.

The Committee is convened by AIJA Board and Council member Justice Mark O'Regan, President of the Court of Appeal New Zealand.

This Committee has been very active since it was formed, developing a position statement on the AIJA's role, the revision of the AIJA's media protocol, the formulation of policy in relation to corporate membership, the upgrading of the AIJA website and the formulation of the AIJA Strategic Plan for 2008-2011. These documents are available on the AIJA website.

The Committee has been concerned this year with growing the membership of the Institute and the revamping of the AIJA award for excellence in judicial administration.

PUBLICATIONS

Each year, the AIJA issues a number of publications. These include published reports from research projects and papers from conferences and seminars. Thomson Reuters publication, the *Journal of Judicial Administration*, edited by the Executive Director, also provides an opportunity to publish lengthier articles in the field. Information about recent publications, and general information about the Institute's work, is available on its web site <www.aija.org.au>.

The following is the main publication produced in the year under report:

- **Criminal Conferencing**

The research investigates criminal conferencing, either voluntary or compulsory, that takes place in addition to other forms of pre-trial criminal case management processes and in relation to which the discussions that take place during the conference are 'without prejudice'.

The final report of the first stage of this project was released in April 2010. The AIJA is grateful to Dr Fiona Hanlon, the author of the Report, and the Advisory Committee for the project which consisted of Professor Arie Freiberg AM, Mr Chris Craigie SC, Mr David Jones AM, the Hon Justice Richard Refshauge and the Hon Patrick Keane.

- **Bench Book for Children Giving Evidence in Australian Courts**

The Bench Book was launched in October 2009 and has been widely distributed widely.

The AIJA is grateful to Her Honour Judge Helen O’Sullivan, District Court of Queensland and the Advisory Committee for the project which consisted of Her Honour Judge Ann Ainslie-Wallace, Dr Annie Cossins, the Hon Justice Robyn Layton, the Hon Justice Marcia Neave AO, the Hon Justice Richard Refshauge, His Honour Judge Kevin Sleight and Her Honour Judge Meryl Sexton.

The publication is also available on the AIJA website and can be downloaded free of charge.

- **Solution-Focused Judging Bench Book**

Dr Michael King, former Magistrate, Western Australia and presently a member of the Faculty of Law, Monash University has prepared a benchbook to assist new and currently serving judges and magistrates by:

- providing essential information concerning key problems confronting offenders – addiction, mental illness and domestic violence; and
- development of judging skills by providing information and techniques in problem solving judging and therapeutic jurisprudence.

The Bench Book was launched in November 2009 and has been widely distributed.

The AIJA is grateful to Dr King for his work in relation to the Bench book.

The publication is also available on the AIJA website and can be downloaded free of charge

- **Journal of Judicial Administration**

Published by Thomson Reuters, the *Journal of Judicial Administration* (JJA) acts as a focus for the description, discussion and analysis of developments in the field of judicial administration. As editor of the journal, the Executive Director endeavours to include material which focuses on current issues in relation to the role and operation of the judicial system and related institutions. The JJA is now a refereed journal.

AIJA INFORMATION COLLECTION

The AIJA library contains a collection of materials relating to judicial administration from Australian sources, but supplemented by other jurisdictions: mainly the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Canada. Our Librarian, Mary Young, is happy to take reference inquiries from members and researchers.

AIJA FUNDING AND ACCOUNTS

The AIJA receives the major part of its funding from contributions by all Australian Governments through the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG). This is supplemented significantly by the Institute's income from membership fees. The AIJA Research Fund is constituted by means of a 20% contribution levied on its education programs.

The Institute's accounts are annually audited by Ms Alison Brown, of the firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Chartered Accountants. Copies of the Annual Financial Statements will be available for the Annual General Meeting to be held in October.

AIJA AND MONASH UNIVERSITY

The AIJA has an association arrangement with Monash University Law School which enables it to occupy premises in Monash Law Chambers at 1st Floor, Equity Chambers, 472 Bourke Street Melbourne. The arrangement provides the Institute with a range of services and the AIJA is grateful for the assistance provided to it by the university during the year. The Dean of the Law School, Professor Arie Freiberg AM, is a member of the AIJA Council.

MEMBERSHIP

The Institute's membership as at 30 June 2010 was 850. The membership was made up as follows:

MEMBERSHIP	By State/ Territory	MEMBERSHIP	By Category
New South Wales	204	Judges	314
Victoria	203	Magistrates	66
Queensland	121	Tribunal Members	69
South Australia	73	Court Administrators	47
Western Australia	83	Legal Practitioners	117
Tasmania	35	Academics	36
Northern Territory	13	Librarians	15
Australian Capital Territory	35	Corporate	81
Overseas	83	Others	55
		Retired Judicial Officers	29
		Gov't Officers	21
TOTAL	850	TOTAL	850

LOCAL CHAPTERS

The AIJA Rules provide for the development of local chapters. Currently there is an active Local Chapter of the AIJA in South Australia, chaired by Judge Christine Trenorden. The membership of the Local Chapter is 82.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE AIJA

The Institute welcomes and encourages inquiries about its work, about membership and judicial administration generally. Inquiries can be directed to:

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WEB SITE

The AIJA web site is located at www.aija.org.au and provides information about the Institute and its research and education programs.

