

# Annual Report 2011



The Australasian Institute of  
Judicial Administration Incorporated

for the year ended 30 June 2011



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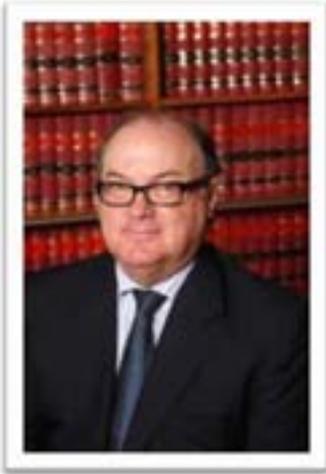
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **The Hon Patrick Keane**

This is my second and final report as President in view of my retirement from that role at the Annual General Meeting in September 2011.

I would like to put on record that, during my term as President and before that, as a member of Council, I have come to understand that the Institute, uniquely, brings together the perspectives of all those who are involved in the administration of justice, whether judges and magistrates, court administrators, academic lawyers or those from the practising profession. Involvement with the work of the AIJA, particularly through membership, provides an opportunity to see the justice system from several vantage points, to get a much clearer picture of its strengths and weaknesses, to understand the areas where vigilance is required and most importantly, where the system can do better.

In last year's report I mentioned the work that had been undertaken in relation to the Framework for Court Excellence. That work continues and it is particularly encouraging to see the "roll out" of the Framework in the Victorian courts and the work undertaken by tribunals. The work undertaken by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal through Justice Iain Ross AO was presented at the Tribunals Conference in June. At an international level, I noted in last year's report the conference held in Singapore and organised by the Subordinate Courts of that country. Judge Tan Siong Thye, the Chief District Judge of the Subordinate Courts of Singapore and Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director of the AIJA, were jointly invited to speak about the Framework and its implementation at a conference in Kyiv in the Ukraine in late June 2011. There is a great deal of work being undertaken in the Ukraine through USAID and it is expected that there will be ongoing liaison with the AIJA.

Work in relation to the statistical measures currently employed by the Productivity Commission in the Report on Government Services has continued. A report has been prepared and presented to the Productivity Commission and meetings are to take place with representatives of the Commission, including Mr Gary Banks AO, Chairman of the Commission and of the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision, with a view to the implementation of the recommendations made in that report. I am indebted to Chief Justice Marilyn Warren AC and Chief Justice John Doyle AC for their input and also to the other members of the Working Group who have progressed work on the measures.

Details of educational activities throughout the year are contained elsewhere in the Annual Report. I will retire as President immediately after the conference on Criminal Justice in Australia and New Zealand in Sydney in September 2011 which will be preceded by an Oration to be given by the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, the Rt Hon the Lord Judge. I am pleased that the AIJA has been able to identify a number of significant issues in the administration of criminal justice for that conference which might be discussed and improved.

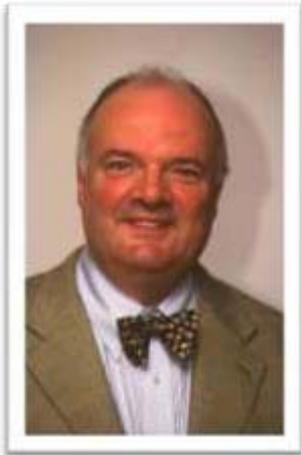
Justice Mark O'Regan, President of the Court of Appeal, New Zealand, is to take over as President at the Annual General Meeting on 10 September 2011. The fact that a New Zealander will assume the role of President represents a culmination of work over a number of years to make the AIJA truly Australasian. It is proposed that a major educational event take place in New Zealand in the early part of 2013 during Mark's presidency.

I would like to thank Justice Michelle May for her work as convenor of the Project and Research Committee, Dr Andrew Cannon AM for his work in relation to the Education Committee and to Justice Mark O'Regan for his work in relation to the Communications Committee.

There will be a Special General Meeting of the AIJA to coincide with the Annual General Meeting and at the Special General Meeting members will be asked to approve a number of minor but important changes to the Rules of the Institute.

I would like to express my thanks to the staff of the Secretariat for all of their work during the year and in particular to thank Professor Greg Reinhardt for his ongoing support and assistance.

*The Hon Justice Patrick Keane  
President, AIJA*



## **REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **Professor Greg Reinhardt**

The President in his report has referred to the broad constituency of the AIJA. I would like to endorse his comments, but to refer particularly to the work done by the Institute with court administrators and the assistance which they give to its work. In this regard, I attend the regular meetings of the Australasian Court Administrators' Group. The court administrators now have strong ties with the International Association of Court Administrators. I attended a meeting of the Asia Pacific Regional Conference of that body in Jakarta from 11-15 March. The Conference was attended by a number of Chief Justices and Judges of the Asia Pacific region, including Chief Justice Robert French AC.

The Australasian Court Administrators' Group provides ongoing dialogue with the Institute in relation to the work of courts and tribunals and, in particular, in relation to the Framework for Court Excellence and the Institute's work in relation to statistical measures which is also referred to in the President's report. The AIJA will convene the next Australasian Court Administrators' Conference in Sydney in September.

During the year Council approved a partnership between the AIJA and a body to be known as the Australian Centre for Court and Justice System Innovation (ACCJSI) developed under the auspices of Monash University. It is proposed that the Centre be Australia's leading academic centre in the fields of court administration, operation, innovation and non-adversarial justice. The ACCJSI will engage in three core streams of activity:

1. **Research** to provide the intellectual underpinnings for increased court efficiency and effectiveness, support improved governance, the continued development and implementation of court innovations and the adoption of non-adversarial justice approaches.
2. **Research consultancy** in the areas of program design, piloting, monitoring and evaluation of court innovations and non-adversarial justice approaches.
3. **Education and training** involving the delivery to law students, legal practitioners, court and justice system administrators, judicial staff and to allied professionals to achieve innovations in the court system and in non-adversarial justice concepts and practice.

There is a similar body in the United States of America. The AIJA is pleased to be associated with Monash University in the new Centre. It is to operate Australia-wide and will also involve academics in universities throughout the country.

Chief Justice Keane has referred to work being done in relation to the “roll out” of the Framework for Court Excellence. I have had discussions with the Victorian Supreme Court Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Ware, in relation to the roll out of the Framework in that court and I am aware of the work being done in relation to the Framework in the other Victorian courts and VCAT. It is particularly pleasing that the implementation of the Framework has extended to a country such as the Ukraine and I was pleased to be involved in the conference which took place in Kyiv in June in relation to the implementation of the Framework in the Ukraine.

In relation to the Institute’s research activities, there is a full report elsewhere in the Annual Report, however, I would like to note that there are several projects which are drawing to their conclusion and the results of that research will be available to members later in 2011 or early in 2012.

I continue to be involved in speaking engagements and to edit the *Journal of Judicial Administration*. There is some research which is initiated by the Institute which in fact has been published in that Journal and I commend it to members.

I extend my thanks to Ms Delwyn Gillan, Ms Kathy Jarrett, Ms Heather Sevald, Ms Mary Young for their work throughout the year and also to Mr Paul Bourke who joined the Secretariat in July 2010 as Assistant Director.

*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 2011 appears at the front of this report.

## **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 2011, the members of the Board of Management were Chief Justice Patrick Keane, AIJA President, Justice Mark O'Regan, President Elect 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. This year Life Membership was awarded to Magistrate Megan Greenwood, former Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

## **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.

2010-2011 programs included:

### **Asia Pacific Courts Conference (APCC) - Singapore, 4-6 October 2010, in association with the Subordinate Courts of Singapore**

The conference was attended by 210 delegates.

The Conference discussed several important issues, namely:

- Journey Towards Court Excellence & The International Framework for Court Excellence (IFCE)
- Court Planning Policies
- The seven areas of court excellence
- Promoting Access to Justice
- Judicial Training
- What is a quality judiciary?
- Court Leadership: Judicial Reform & Improving Judicial Administration Around The World.

### **16<sup>th</sup> AIJA Oration - Melbourne, 4 November 2010**

The 2010 AIJA Oration was delivered by The Hon Mrs Justice Susan Denham, Senior Judge, Supreme Court of Ireland, in the Banco Court, Supreme Court of Victoria. The title of the Oration was "The evolving role of judges in the administration of courts and the judiciary, with special reference to Ireland".

### **5<sup>th</sup> AIJA Appellate Judges' Conference - Melbourne, 4-5 November 2010**

The conference was attended by 35 delegates.

The Conference discussed several important issues, namely:

- Practical matters limiting the scope and time of appeal
- Best Practice in applications for leave to appeal
- Handling stress and burnout

- Guideline sentencing
- The role of the presiding judge in an appellate court

**Public Lecture - The Honourable Justice Ian Binnie, Supreme Court of Canada, 'Science and the Courtroom' - Melbourne, 1 December 2010**

Justice Binnie spoke about:

- Understanding the role of the expert witness - how much objectivity is it reasonable to expect?
- Are judges credible assessors of complex technical evidence?
- Is it realistic to impose on judges a 'gatekeeper' role to vet questionable expert testimony before it is allowed into the record — the chequered history of the US Daubert approach
- The contribution made by 'quack' practitioners of legitimate science to wrongful convictions and what to do about it
- Potential modifications to the adversarial system to reduce abuses associated with expert testimony

*This is available to view on the AIJA website at <[www.ajja.org.au](http://www.ajja.org.au)>*

**7<sup>th</sup> AIJA Court Librarians' Conference - Melbourne, 1 April 2011**

The conference was attended by 36 delegates.

A number of issues were identified for the conference namely:

- Retrospective anonymisation of court judgments
- Budgets, including consortium purchasing
- Collection development and resource sharing
- Authorized versions of legislation
- Handling of Authorities for sittings
- Judgment production and distribution
- Current awareness services provided to clients
- Dealings with major publishers and consortia
- Access to electronic sources

*The program is available on the AIJA Website at <[www.ajja.org.au](http://www.ajja.org.au)>*

**Child Protection in Australia and New Zealand Conference - Brisbane, 5-7 May 2011**

The conference was attended by 187 delegates.

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

- Jurisdictional Issues in Child Protection: moving towards a unified system of child protection
- Indigenous Issues in Child Protection

- ADR in Child Protection Matters
- National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 (NFPAC)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Out of Home Care
- Information for Children and Young People at Risk
- A Continuum of Care
- Information sharing and exchange between agencies
- Case management in child protection
- Child representation in protective proceedings

*Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at <[www.ajja.org.au](http://www.ajja.org.au)>*

### **14th AIJA Annual Tribunals Conference - Melbourne, 9-10 June 2011**

The conference was attended by 130 delegates.

Issues covered by the conference included:

- Framework for Tribunal Excellence
- Member Appraisal – What it means for you?
- Essential Ingredients for a Super Tribunal – Does one size fit all?
- Oral decision masterclass
- Professional and disciplinary bodies
- Anti discrimination
- Consumer Law Issues (new Commonwealth Law)
- Inquiry powers – how do you exercise these powers when resources are so limited?

*Papers and presentations are available on the AIJA Website at <[www.ajja.org.au](http://www.ajja.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 2011-2013 which identifies several themes to guide the AIJA's activities:

- ❖ Cost of litigation
- ❖ Procedure (including caseload 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 2010 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 was the result of initial work undertaken by the Institute and it is represented on this sub-committee by its Executive Director, Greg Reinhardt.

- **Proportionality**

In 2010 Council 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. The report has been completed and a draft presented to the Committee for review.

- **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 took place 4-6 October 2010 in Singapore.

- **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.

- **Jurors and Expert Evidence**

A fourth and fifth phase of this project concerned with jurors and expert evidence was put by Professor Ian Freckelton and Dr Jacqui Horan in April 2011. This was approved by the Australian Research Council and work 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 involving Professor Stuart Macintyre from the History Department at the University of Melbourne has met regularly to monitor progress.

Dr Waghorne has completed a draft structure of the history and a number of draft chapters have been submitted to the Committee for review. He has also commenced interviews with key individuals associated with the Institute for background information.

- **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 and this project was a product of discussions at that conference.

In April 2010 it was agreed that Dr Don Fleming should produce a report which would form the basis for a future conference on the subject. A draft of the structure of the report with an introductory chapter has been produced as well as a list of chapter contributors. At present Dr Fleming is in the process of collecting and collating contributions.

- **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 completed the report. After review by the Project and Research Committee and the Council it was agreed that further work should be undertaken. Dr Adam Tomison, Director, Australian Institute of Criminology is currently engaged in this work.

- **Research for a Glossary of Technology Terms for Use by Judicial Officers**

Professor Jill Slay and her team from the University of South Australia have commenced research work on this project which involves the production of a wiki-style website with a draft expected in January 2012.

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

Professor Sandra Hale, University of Western Sydney, was 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.

In June of this year Professor Hale submitted the final report of this project which has now been released by the AIJA and is available on the website. The report received coverage in both print and electronic media.

- **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.

- **Self-represented litigants with regard to Access to Justice and the Administration of Justice**

Ms Maria Twomey of the National Pro Bono Resource Centre, University of New South Wales, proposed this project which was approved in February 2011.

Recently the Federal Court of Australia approached the National Pro Bono Resource Centre asking for advice in establishing a pilot project, providing on-the-day legal advice (but not representation) to self-represented litigants in the Federal Court. This project will conduct an evaluation of the Federal Court pilot program and a larger study of available assistance schemes and their effect on access to justice.

- **The effect of court and tribunal costs on decision-making by entities considering appealing against an Australian Tax Office assessment**

Dr Miriam Goodwin from the University of New South Wales proposed this project which was approved in May 2011.

The project will analyse trends across Court and tribunals over time to show how changes in fees and associated costs influence ATO appeals. As tax is one of Australia's most litigated areas of dispute this research will have wider national and international significance.

- **Australian Centre for Court and Justice System Innovation (ACCJSI) project on pre action protocols and obligations to attempt to resolve disputes before commencing civil proceedings**

Professor Tania Sourdin and ACCJSI will conduct research into existing pre action requirements that exist within Australia and an evaluation of the new approaches to pre action protocols that have now been introduced in Victoria, New South Wales and at the Commonwealth level.

## **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 during its existence, 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.

At the Council meeting of 7 May 2011 the future of the Communications Committee was discussed given the near completion of its strategic plan and it was decided that due to its importance in relation to membership the committee be renamed the Membership and Communications Committee.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Each year, the AIJA issues a number of publications. These include published reports from research projects and papers from conferences and seminars.

As previously mentioned in the research section, the Institute released *Interpreter Policies, Practices and Protocols in Australian Courts and Tribunals: A national Survey* by Professor Sandra Hale in June 2011.

## **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.

Information about recent publications, and general information about the Institute's work, is available on its web site <[www.aija.org.au](http://www.aija.org.au)>.

### **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 now annually audited by Mr Henry Perlen of Agostinelli Perlen Chartered Accountants. Copies of the Annual Financial Statements are available on request.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2011 was 839. The membership was made up as follows:

MEMBERSHIP	By State/ Territory	MEMBERSHIP	By Category
New South Wales	196	Judges	312
Victoria	202	Magistrates	69
Queensland	119	Tribunal Members	70
South Australia	73	Court Administrators	44
Western Australia	83	Legal Practitioners	114
Tasmania	39	Academics	36
Northern Territory	13	Librarians	15
Australian Capital Territory	35	Corporate	78
Overseas	83	Others	46
		Retired Judicial Officers	34
		Gov't Officers	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b>

## 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](http://www.aija.org.au) and provides information about the Institute and its research and education programs.

