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INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN COURTS 2017 CONFERENCE

The Supreme Court of Victoria, in collaboration with the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, is hosting the Innovation and Excellence in Courts Conference 2017 in Melbourne on **27-28 March 2017**.

Further information about the conference, including registration details can be found on the conference website: www.courtinnovationconference.com.au

International Framework for Court Excellence

Ms Liz Richardson continues to develop a number of initiatives in relation to the International Framework for Court Excellence (IFCE). The current IFCE newsletter is available on the website: http://www.courtexcellence.com/news

2017 AIJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

Nominations open 1 May 2017

The AIJA invites community members to submit nominations for the 2017 Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration.

On-line nominations will be made available via the AIJA Website on 1 May 2017

Information about the Award can be found at www.aija.org.au

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MAKE A GIFT – SUPPORTING THE AIJA

The AIJA is an approved research Institute for the purposes of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997. In addition to supporting the work of the AIJA, a donation to the fund will facilitate research by the AIJA. Donations of $2 or more to the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration (AIJA) in Australia are tax-deductible for Australian tax payers: ABN: 13 063 150 739. Your support will be greatly received and acknowledged.

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AIJA 2016 and beyond

The AIJA Council has worked over the last six months on a new Strategic Plan. This was completed at the October meeting of Council. Thanks are due to Council members Jane Reynolds, Julie Ward and Helen Winkelmann for their work in relation to the Strategic Plan.

Reproduced below are the Vision statement and Mission statement developed by Council.

Vision (or aspiration) statement

AIJA is recognised as Australasia's foremost judicial administration institute for its excellence in legal and judicial policy, research and education.

Mission statement

AIJA brings together lawyers, judges, court administrators, tribunal members and staff, academics and policy makers with an interest in the work of courts and tribunals, to promote excellence in the administration of justice in Australia, New Zealand and across the Pacific.

It does so principally by:

◊ initiating, funding and communicating innovative research

◊ promoting the exchange of ideas and information on current and emerging issues which affect courts and tribunals

◊ advancing the International Framework of Court Excellence

Full details of the Strategic Plan are available from the AIJA Secretariat

WOMEN & LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA

FUNDING GRANTS FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across Australia's legal sector.

The initiative is providing women with grants to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs.

The leadership development programs are part-time and delivered nationally via WLA's blended learning model. Scholarship funding is strictly limited and will be awarded based on a set of selection criteria being met.

Expressions of Interest
Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to March 30, 2017: http://www.wla.edu.au/associations.html

This opportunity will not be extended past **March 30 2017**.

Should you wish to discuss the initiative in more detail, please contact Alistair Young at the office of the National Industry Scholarship Program, WLA on (03) 9270 9032 or via ayoung@wla.edu.au.