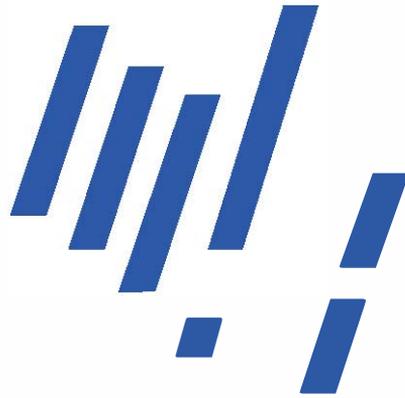


Annual Report 2018



The Australasian Institute of
Judicial Administration Incorporated

for the year ended 30 June 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hon Justice Robert Gotterson AO

I am pleased to provide my first report as President of the AIJA. In doing so I extend my thanks to Justice Robert Mazza for his work as President which, as will be seen later in this report, has been recognized by the award of life membership.

AIJA COUNCIL

At the Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne on 14 October 2017, Justice Michael Elkaim, Justice Susan Kenny and Justice Helen Winkelmann were re-elected in the Judicial Members' category on Council and Mr Clive Elliott QC was re-elected to Council in the Professional Members' category. Professor Sarah Derrington was elected to replace Professor Kathy Mack in the Academic Members' category consequent upon Professor Mack's retirement from Council.

At the Council meeting which followed the Annual General Meeting, Justice Duncan Kerr *Chev LH* was appointed to replace the Hon Marilyn Warren AC, former Chief Justice of Victoria, in the Appointed Members' category, Ms Julie-Anne Burgess, State Courts Administrator/Chief Executive of the South Australian Courts Administration Authority was appointed to replace Ms Jane Reynolds as a casual vacancy in the Court Administrators' category, Justice Robertson Wright was appointed to fill the position vacated by Justice Duncan Kerr in the Tribunals category and Justice Lindy Jenkins of the Supreme Court of Western Australia was appointed to fill the position in the Judicial Members' category created by the retirement of Justice Robert Mazza.

At subsequent meetings of Council in February and May 2018, several positions on Council needed to be filled as casual vacancies, namely:

1. A vacancy in the Professional Members' category created by the resignation of Mr Grant Donaldson SC which was filled by Mr Mal Varitimos CBE QC and the vacancy created by Mr Varitimos' resignation from the Appointed Members' category which was filled by Justice Sarah Derrington, newly appointed to the Federal Court of Australia, President, Australian Law Reform Commission who had resigned from the Academic Members' category;
2. A vacancy in the Academic Members' category which was filled by Dr Brenda McGivern, Associate Dean (Community and Engagement), Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education, University of Western Australia.

I note that Justice Mazza extended thanks in his last Annual Report to Kathy Mack, Jane Reynolds and Marilyn Warren and I join with him in recognising their assistance to the Institute over many years.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

At the Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting, it was resolved that the Board of Management be constituted as follows:

Justice Robert Gotterson AO- President
Mr Laurie Glanfield AM- Deputy President
Justice Steven Rares- Deputy President
Justice Jenny Blokland
Justice Malcolm Blue (Treasurer)

Justice Julie Ward
Justice Helen Winkelmann

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

During the year, Council resolved to confer life membership on Ms Jane Reynolds, of the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia, former Council and Board member, Justice Robert Mazza, of the Court of Appeal of Western Australia, former AIJA President and Professor Greg Reinhardt long-time Executive Director of the AIJA.

Ms Reynolds became a member of Council in October 2007. She became a member of the Education Committee in May 2008, a member of the Board of Management in July 2013, and Education Committee Convenor in July 2013.

Ms Reynolds has provided significant service to the AIJA in her various roles within the AIJA and particularly in coordinating the Non-Adversarial Justice Conference in April 2017.

Justice Mazza was appointed to Council in May 2010. He became a member of the Board of Management on 6 September 2011. He was a member of the AIJA's Project and Research Committee (Research Committee) from 6 September 2010 and the Convenor of the Committee from 24 October 2013 until he became President of the AIJA on 17 October 2015.

Justice Mazza has provided significant service to the AIJA in his various roles within the AIJA. He provided great assistance to the AIJA at the time of the fraud committed on the Institute. He also provided great service in ordering the AIJA's accounts during the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Professor Reinhardt has been Executive Director of the Institute for more than 20 years now. The Institute's achievements over that period have in large measure been due to his energy, intellect and diplomatic skills. He is highly respected by both the judiciary, his academic colleagues and members of the Institute's other constituencies. Life Membership is a fitting tribute to Professor Reinhardt's invaluable contribution.

AIJA PERSONNEL

During the course of the year, Ms Delwyn Gillan, Executive Assistant to Greg Reinhardt, gave notice of her intention to retire as and from 31 July 2018. Delwyn leaves the AIJA with my best wishes and those of the Board after many years of meritorious service. Kathy Jarrett has been on personal leave since early June. The AIJA Board of Management is conducting a review of the structure of the AIJA Secretariat and staffing.

EDUCATION

Detail in relation to the Education program for the year will be found elsewhere in the Annual report. The principal conference for the year was the Forces of Change Conference held in Brisbane in May attended by some 120 delegates. Other conferences during the year were the Court Media Officers' Conference held in Sydney in 31 August-1 September 2017, the Court Librarians' conference held in Sydney in October 2017, and a Probate Workshop held in Adelaide on 30 October 2017. Planning took place during the year for the Appellate Judges' conference to take place on 2 November 2018 in Brisbane.

RESEARCH

The Guide to Judicial Conduct (3rd edition) was published and distributed during the year. This is a valuable resource for judicial officers and tribunal members.

As Justice Mazza noted in last year's report, this was commissioned by the Council of Chief Justices and was overseen by the Hon John Doyle AC, former Chief Justice of South Australia and a Consultative Committee drawn from the AIJA constituency. The third edition of the Guide includes a chapter on social media as it

impacts upon the work of judicial officers. It was made available to the Council of Chief Justices at its meeting in October 2017 which approved its publication.

Several other pieces of research were at the stage of completion at the end of the year and will shortly be available for publication, namely, 25 Years of Public Information Officers (Jane Johnston), Jury Project (Jonathan Clough and others) and the Impact of Self-represented litigants (Australian Centre for Justice Innovation).

AIJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

This was awarded to the District Courts of New Zealand in respect of those who forged the establishment of the districtcourts.govt.nz website which publishes judicial decisions online, namely,

- Publications Unit Director Karen Harvey
- The then General Manager of District Courts at the Ministry of Justice, Tony Fisher, (now Director of Maori Strategy, Ministry of Justice).

The award was presented at the dinner held in conjunction with the Forces of Change conference in Brisbane in May.

INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR COURT EXCELLENCE

The Institute continues to be actively involved in the promotion of the Framework and to host the Secretariat with assistance from the National Center for State Courts. I extend my thanks to Dr Liz Richardson for her work in relation to the Framework throughout the year. This involves dealing with a wide and diverse constituency. Deputy President, Mr Laurie Glanfield AM, who has been involved with the Framework from the outset is also to be thanked for his ongoing work and interest in it.

FINANCE

The AIJA sustained a loss of \$90,864 during the year. A great part of this is attributable to the move from rent-free to user pay accommodation and to salary costs. It becomes more difficult to attract delegates to conferences as courts and tribunals themselves are under budgetary pressures. The Board is conscious of the needs to apply fiscal discipline. I have referred earlier to the review of the Secretariat structure. An application is to be made for additional Government assistance.

I would particularly like to extend my thanks to the staff in the Secretariat and to Professor Greg Reinhardt for the considerable work during the year.

Finally, I wish to thank Council and Board members for their service to the AIJA during my first year as President.

*The Hon Justice Robert Gotterson AO
President, AIJA*



REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Professor Greg Reinhardt

For many years now the AIJA has sought to develop a close relationship between its education and research activities. Educational events will often inform research and may benefit from an educational activity.

This was brought home to me in a couple of ways this year. At the Probate Workshop held in Adelaide in late October (referred to elsewhere in this report) mention was made of the fact that a grant of probate or letters of administration needs to be resealed in each jurisdiction in which assets of the deceased are to be found. This comes at considerable cost and inconvenience to the Estate. Should there not be statutes or rules which provide for automatic recognition of grants made in one Probate jurisdiction in all others? The matter was considered by the AIJA Research Committee and a referral made to the Council of Chief Justices which has asked the Harmonisation of Court Rules Sub-Committee to make recommendations in relation to the matter.

Further, the Court Media Officers' Conference referred to elsewhere in the report recommended that research be conducted in relation to the impact that Court Media Officers have had on the administration of justice in Australia. This has resulted in a very useful report by Associate Professor Jane Johnston.

I am pleased that the work initiated by a forum on Social Media last year has resulted in the third edition of the Guide to Judicial Conduct with important references to social media and judicial officers. This is yet another instance of the close connection between educational activities and research.

The next major AIJA conference will be held on 24-25 May 2019 in Melbourne with a focus on young people and justice with particular reference to Indigenous youth and children.

I extend my thanks to members of the AIJA Council and, more generally, all members of the AIJA for their ongoing support in relation to the work of the Institute. I think this is now my 22nd year as Executive Director and I have enjoyed it all immensely.

I extend my thanks to Ms Delwyn Gillan, Ms Kathy Jarrett, Ms Liz Porter, Dr Liz Richardson and Ms Mary Young for their work throughout the year.

*Professor Greg Reinhardt
Executive Director, AIJA*

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR COURT EXCELLENCE (ICCE)

The AIJA hosts the Secretariat for the ICCE. Much has been achieved during the year. I would like to thank Dr Liz Richardson for her work in relation to the Framework. Funding has been received over the last two years from the National Center for State Courts in the United States to assist in relation to the Secretariat. Future funding is under discussion with the National Center for State Courts.

I would invite you to look at the AIJA website in relation to the ICCE and, particularly, to read the newsletters produced in relation to the Framework.

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 three regular Council meetings each year, all Council members are expected to serve on at least one Committee. A list of Council members from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 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 Helen Winkelmann.

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 KBE 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 Research Committee and the Membership and Communications Committee. The Board can also co-opt other members of Council to serve on the Board.

As at 30 June 2018, the members of the Board of Management were the, the Hon Justice Bob Gotterson AO, President, Deputy Presidents Mr Laurie Glanfield AM and the Hon Justice Steven Rares, the Hon Justice Jenny Blokland, the Hon Justice Malcolm Blue, the Hon Justice Robert Mazza retired 14 October 2017, Ms Jane Reynolds retired 14 October 2017, the Hon Justice Julie Ward appointed 14 October 2017 and the Hon Justice Helen Winkelmann appointed 14 October 2017.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PROGRAMMES

The AIJA's education programme 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 Convenor of the Education Committee is the Hon Justice Julie Ward who has succeeded Ms Jane Reynolds from October 2017.

All AIJA education programmes 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.

2017-2018 PROGRAMMES

AIJA Court Media Officers' Conference, 31 August- 1 September 2017, Sydney

The conference was attended by 38 delegates. Topics discussed were:

- Interpreters and courts
- Raising the profile of your media and communications team within your court/tribunal/organisation
- Communicating with the more challenging 'stakeholders' in the justice system: litigants in person and litigants with hearing issues, mental health problems or intellectual disabilities
- Working with journalists in a world where expert law reporters are a dying breed. What should change? And what do journalists want from the court that they are not getting?
- Working with judges: What do you need to know/what are the potential difficulties

10th Court Librarians' Conference, 6 October 2017, Sydney

The conference was attended by 26 delegates. Topics discussed were:

- Supporting Judicial Officers in Embracing the Digital World - eBooks, apps – technology, platforms, ownership, format and content issues
- Collaboration in Collection Building and Retention
- Winds of Change in Academic Libraries
- Roundtable discussion: Court library valuations and rare books collections
- Legislative Drafting
- High Court of Australia Judgments database and additional content
- Inter-Library Loans: Email/Phone, Priorities, Charges, Loan periods, Restrictions placed on sharing by electronic licence agreements and The Court Libraries Directory
- Court updates / Recent developments from the Courts

AIJA Probate Workshop, 30 October 2017, Adelaide

The conference was attended by 27 delegates. Topics discussed were:

- Discussion on ACT Registrar's Project re accepting Scanned Copies of a Will
- Presentation by the New South Wales Supreme Court on its new eProbate system
- A Portal for Probate Files

22nd AIJA Oration in Judicial Administration - The Adaptability of the Common Law to Change, 24 May 2018, Brisbane

Some 150 attended the Oration which was delivered by the Honourable Susan Kiefel AC, Chief Justice of Australia

Forces of Change - Defining Future Justice, 25-26 May 2018, Brisbane

The conference was attended by 124 delegates. Topics discussed were:

- Keynote presentation: The Next Billion Seconds: A State-of-the-World Report from 2050
- The use of technology in dispute resolution and litigation – the experience in England and Wales. Lord Thomas examined the consequences for dispute resolution and litigation of the move to modern digital technology, including the potential for radical procedural reform and the better use of data and other information to assist in earlier dispute resolution
- The End of Lawyers? Will AI Terminate the Legal Profession? "Lawyerbot" inventors show how their programs work and explain the consequences for the Law and the Legal System
- Substantive law disrupted by new technologies
- R U OK? Mental Health for those working in Courts and Tribunals
- Technology – Does it offer synergies or a threat to justice and the rule of law
- Criminal Law special session one: Future forensic developments, such as DNA phenotyping and the use of virtual reality in evidence
- Criminal Law special session two: Brave New World: Are the whole raft of modern efficiency and

- “management” measures affecting the quality of justice?
- The Way Forward: An interactive discussion to come up with ideas for the future
- Does the legal profession still have a future?
- Management of Change – Early Adoption or Maintain the Rage?

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 2016-2021 which identifies several themes to guide the AIJA's activities:

- ❖ Cost of litigation
- ❖ Innovating for the future, including simplification and harmonisation of civil, criminal and appellate procedure and case-flow management
- ❖ Court performance and accountability
- ❖ Disadvantaged & self-represented litigants
- ❖ Appropriate approaches to justice, including alternative dispute resolution and problem-solving justice
- ❖ Technology and the justice system

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

In the President's report there is reference to the strategic planning exercise commenced in February 2016 which will result in a new strategic plan to be considered by Council at its meeting in October.

RESEARCH

The AIJA Project and Research Committee (now 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 Malcolm Blue of the Supreme Court of South Australia, 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**

The Sub-committee of the Council of Chief Justices has proceeded with work in relation to the harmonisation of rules in relation to service out of Australia and commercial arbitration. The Sub Committee is chaired by Justice Jayne Jagot of the Federal Court of Australia who succeeds Justice Nye Perram of that Court. It continues to monitor the harmonised rules adopted throughout Australia as the result of its work and to undertake new projects for harmonisation. It reports to the Council of Chief Justices.

The establishment of the Sub-committee was the result of the initial work undertaken by the Institute almost 20 years ago and it is represented on this Sub-committee by the Executive Director, Greg Reinhardt.

- **Public Perceptions of Sentencing**

The AIJA has approved financial assistance, through an Australian Research Council grant for Professor Kate Warner's research on "Gauging informed public opinion on sentencing sex offenders: a national study". The project will look at:

- Do informed members of the public think sentencing is too lenient for sex offences (for all sex offences, for specific types of sex offences and for sexual offences compared with non-sexual violent offences)?
- Are informed members of the public more likely to believe sentencing for sex offences is too lenient when responding to abstract questions about sentencing compared with real cases (i.e.

is there a perception gap, that there is a difference between abstract views of sentencing severity and the severity of the actual sentence in their case)? If so, what factors may explain this?

- Are there jurisdictional differences in perceptions of leniency in sentencing for sex offences?
- What are the perceived wrongs of sexual offences and what factors affect offence seriousness from the perspective of informed members of the public? Do their views differ from the views of judges?
- How does the jury method compare with a vignette methodology in terms of measuring informed public opinion?

This project, conducted by Professor Kate Warner of the University of Tasmania and a team of researchers, has now concluded. Many juror interviews have been conducted in Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales. The research has resulted in a number of articles one of which will be published in the *Journal of Judicial Administration* in November 2018.

- **Online National Family Violence Bench Book**

Work has been completed on the National Family Violence Bench Book and can be viewed at: <http://dfvbenchbook.aija.org.au/>

This project has been funded by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

- **Seed Funding for a pilot project on Improving Sentencing Processes through the provision of Aboriginal Pre-Sentencing Reports**

This research has been undertaken by Dr Thalia Anthony of the University of Technology, Sydney with seed funding for the research provided by the AIJA. She spoke on her research at the Indigenous Justice Conference in Alice Springs (see above) and see Thalia Anthony, Elena Marchetti, Larissa Behrendt and Craig Longman, "Individualised Justice through Indigenous Community Reports in Sentencing" (2017) 26 *Journal of Judicial Administration* 121-140. It is proposed to develop this further. The AIJA has agreed to provide financial and in-kind assistance to Dr Anthony in relation to an ARC application which she is to make in relation to Indigenous Justice Reports and Sentencing.

- **The Jury Project: A survey of Australian and New Zealand Judges** – Professor Jonathan Clough and Professor James Ogloff

The AIJA has assisted Professor Clough and Professor Ogloff in a further survey of Australian and New Zealand judges which aims to increase understanding of how judges communicate with juries. This project was begun in 2004 with a large-scale survey of over 185 judges from both Australia and New Zealand. The aim of the current survey is to provide an updated picture of judicial practice in communication with juries and to see what, if anything has changed since 2004. A report has been received and will be published on the AIJA website in November 2018.

- **Guide to Judicial Conduct (third edition)**

The Council of Chief Justices of Australia and New Zealand at its meeting held in October 2016 resolved to ask the AIJA to revise the Second Edition of the Guide. The third edition of the Guide has been completed and published.

- **The Impacts of Self-represented Litigants on Civil and Administrative Justice: Environmental Scan of Research, Policy and Procedure**

This report was funded by the AIJA and written by Dr Liz Richardson, Dr Genevieve Grant and Dr Janina Boughey of the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation.

In civil and administrative justice policy and practice, there is increasing interest in the impacts and experiences of self-represented litigants (SRLs). At the same time, the justice sector recognises the need for evidence based programs and interventions to improve access to justice and system performance. These developments make this an opportune time to review recent evidence of the impact of SRLs on the civil and administrative justice systems and the suite of policy responses.

The report will be available on line in November 2018.

- **A History of Public Information Officers in Australian Courts: 25 Years assisting Public Perceptions and understanding of the Administration of Justice**

This report by Associate Professor Jane Johnston of the University of Queensland, funded by the AIJA, is to be published in November 2018.

- **Obstacles to Parole and Community Corrections Orders for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Prisoners**

This report by Dr Clarke Jones of the Australian National University is to be published in November 2018.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS

The AIJA Membership and Communications Committee were formed as a result of the strategic planning process in 2005.

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 Council member Justice Steven Rares who succeeds Justice Jenny Blokland.

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 2016-2021. These documents are available on the AIJA website.

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 articles, is available on its website at:

<http://www.aija.org.au/JJA/JJA%20Abstracts.pdf>

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. The AIJA 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 Council of Attorneys-General (CAG) and the Justice Department of New Zealand. This is supplemented significantly by the Institute's income from membership fees. The AIJA Research Fund is constituted in part by a contribution levied on its education programmes and by donations which attract tax deductibility.

The Institute's accounts are now annually audited by Mr Heinz Mai. Copies of the Annual Financial Statements are available on request.

MEMBERSHIP

The Institute's membership as at 30 June 2018 was 595. Membership was made up as follows:

MEMBERSHIP	By State/ Territory	MEMBERSHIP	By Category
New South Wales	140	Judges	265
Victoria	151	Magistrates	40
Queensland	114	Tribunal Members	31
South Australia	46	Court Administrators	18
Western Australia	59	Practitioners	73
Tasmania	20	Academics	46
Northern Territory	12	Librarians	14
Australian Capital Territory	28	Corporate/Sponsor	43
Overseas	25	Others	19
		Retired Judicial Officers	28
		Government Officers	16
		Student	2
TOTAL	595	TOTAL	595