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## JUSTICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE — AIJA 2019 CONFERENCE

The AIJA's next major conference will tackle the crucially important issue of justice for young people. To be held on November 8-9 in Melbourne at the Rendezvous Hotel, this conference will be a forum to identify all current issues of concern in the area of youth and children's justice, with particular reference to Indigenous communities and ethnic groups.

The aim is to then focus on finding practical solutions for them.

In particular, the conference will aim at identifying ways in which courts and tribunals can help provide a more effective and responsive youth justice system. Many sessions will also focus on the complex medical and psychological issues that are relevant in this area.

Session topics will include:

- "Sad" kids or "bad" kids? Who are the children swept up by the youth justice system?
- Is punishment a relevant consideration in youth justice? If rehabilitation is primary focus, how is that achieved when children are locked up in extremely onerous conditions?
- The role of education for young people in custody
- The pathway from "out of home care" to youth prison
- Raising the age of criminal responsibility

Registration at <http://www.justiceforyoungpeople.com.au/registration>

More details at <http://www.justiceforyoungpeople.com.au/>

## NEW AIJA MEMBERS

The AIJA Council is pleased to welcome the following AIJA Members:

Her Honour Judge Elizabeth Brimer

Her Honour Judge Jo-Anne Deuter

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## THE ALRC WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Australian Law Reform Commission is asking: where next for law reform in Australia? What areas of law should be the subject of an ALRC Inquiry?

The ALRC has initiated a national conversation about priorities for law reform over the next three to five years. We will consider all suggestions and then submit to the Commonwealth Attorney-General a proposed programme of law reform projects for consideration. To stimulate discussion, we have outlined some potential law reform topics on our website, including a specific paper contemplating potential reform of the Australian Constitution. For more information, see: <https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiries/where-next-law-reform>.

The ALRC is keen to hear from as many people as possible. You can tell us your views by completing our online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lawreformpriorities> (until 30th June) or attending a public seminar. At this stage, seminars are planned for Sydney on 29<sup>th</sup> May, Canberra on 12<sup>th</sup> June, Melbourne on 18<sup>th</sup> June and Brisbane on 20<sup>th</sup> June – some seminars will include video-links to other cities. Details will be added to our website as they are confirmed.

Any queries about the project can be sent to [reformpriorities@alrc.gov.au](mailto:reformpriorities@alrc.gov.au). We look forward to your participation.

## AIJA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019/2020

Members are advised that renewal of AIJA membership for the year 2019/2020 will be invited in the coming weeks.

Subscription information will send via email and hard copy. Members who have paid for a two-year subscription will not be affected.

## AIJA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS

### Nominations are now open

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

Information about the Award can be found on the AIJA Website at <https://aija.org.au/about/awards/>

*Nominations close 20 September 2019*



This international conference, hosted by Professor James Ogloff AM (Swinburne University, Australia) and Professor Rosemary Sheehan AM (Monash University, Australia), brings together policy contributors, lawyers, clinicians, legal decision makers, advocates, and researchers to explore the phenomenon of violence from a cross-disciplinary perspective, focusing on clinical, welfare, and legal strategies to explore effective responses to addressing, intervening and preventing violent behaviour.

The conference will give particular attention to the following themes:

- Understanding violence and offending
- Exploring youth violence and anti-social behaviour
- Family violence and child welfare
- Gender and cultural effects
- Legal reforms for managing violent offending
- Advances in offending programs and

approaches to desistance from violence

- Mental illness, trauma, personality dysfunction, substance misuse and violence
- Risk, intervention, diversion and decarceration approaches and policy

The conference will offer considerable opportunity for cross-national dialogue. Keynote speakers, presented papers and roundtable forums will address the conference aims.

**Post Conference workshops** will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of October:

- AM workshop – Prof Mark Olver. Evidence, Issues, and Current Practices in the Treatment and Management of Violent Offenders with Psychopathic Traits
- PM workshop – Dr Stefan Luebbers & Prof Rosemary Sheehan. Working with children and adolescents who have been sexually abused

See the [conference website](#) for details.