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AIJA News

Justice for Young People — AIJA 2019 Conference

The AIJA's next major conference will tackle the crucially important issue of justice for young people. Its program is available online, see: http://www.justiceforyoungpeople.com.au/program

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.

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

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

AIJA Membership Renewal for 2019/2020

Members are advised that renewal of AIJA membership for the year 2019/2020 is due. Failure to renew before 30 September 2019 will result in a lapse of membership.

Reminder emails have been sent regularly since late June. If you have not received such an email, or would otherwise like to check the currency of your membership, please login to https://aija.org.au/wp-login.php or email the Secretariat at aija@monash.edu. The Secretariat may also be emailed regarding any other queries or concerns regarding membership matters.

We thank all members who have renewed for 2019-20 for their continuing support.

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New AIJA Members

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

Dr Jacoba Brasch QC, Barrister

His Honour Judge George Georgiou, County Court of Victoria

His Honour Judge Arushan Pillay, County Court of Victoria

AIJA Award for Excellence Nominations close 27 September

Nominations are now open

The AIJA invites community members to submit nominations for the 2019 Award for Excellence in Judicial Administration.

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

The deadline for nominations has been extended to 27 September 2019

Make a Gift — Supporting the AIJA

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

Donations can be made on the AIJA website: https://aija.org.au/support-aija-research/

Thank you for your support

Mentoring

The AIJA has been looking at the question of mentoring for newly-appointed judicial officers and tribunal members. Some suggested standards have been developed which, at this stage, are very much in draft form. Greg Reinhardt would be very happy to make these available to any member who would like to look at them and provide input. Greg can be contacted at gregory.reinhardt@monash.edu.

Brain Injury Australia invites you to the 7th National Brain Injury Conference held at the Melbourne School of Design on The University of Melbourne's campus in Parkville on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October, 2019.

This year's conference builds on Brain Injury Australia's findings from Australia's first research into domestic and family violence and brain injury, funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, and launched last May by 2015's Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, in front of 250 people at Melbourne Town Hall. 2 in every 5 of the 16,000 victims of domestic and family violence attending Victorian hospitals over the last 10 years have sustained a brain injury. And nearly 1 in every 3 of the victims of domestic and family violence were children. Of those children, 1 in every 4 have sustained a brain injury.

✦ As many as 60 per cent of adult prisoners report histories of Traumatic Brain Injury - the result of external force applied to the head. Corrections Victoria recently commissioned neuropsychological assessments of 120 prisoners. 2 in every 5 men and 1 in every 3 women had a brain injury. The leading cause was alcohol and other drug abuse.

✦ A Panel Discussion on the challenges brain injury presents to the criminal justice system, between The Honorable Judge Eugene Hyman from the Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara - whose Juvenile Domestic Violence and Family Violence Court he helped establish received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2008 - Victorian Magistrate Pauline Spencer - a founding Board member of International Society of Therapeutic Jurisprudence - and Associate Professor Molly Townes O'Brien from the Australian National University's College of Law - whose lived experience of severe Traumatic Brain Injury gives her the unique insights into 'lawyer as client'.

✦ The Conference will include presentations by the lead researchers on the Hunter Forensic Health Injury Project - a study of 200 prisoners from the Hunter region of New South Wales' experience of Traumatic Brain Injury: neuropsychiatrist Professor Peter Schofield, from the University of Newcastle, will deliver a Keynote Address on "Violence Following Traumatic Brain Injury: What Do We Know?"; and Professor Tony Butler from the Kirby Institute at UNSW Sydney will report on the world's first randomised controlled trial in the use of antidepressants to reduce violent offending behaviour.

✦ Professor Paul van Donkelaar from the University of British Columbia and Karen Mason, Executive Director of the Kelowna Women's Shelter in Canada will co-deliver a Keynote Address on their work with women who have experienced brain injuries the result of domestic and family violence - as co-founders of SOAR (Supporting Survivors of Abuse and Brain Injury through Research). SOAR was recently awarded Can$1 million in Canadian Government funding.

For more information about the Conference, and to register, please visit:

www.braininjuryconference.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to come in contact with police and the justice system than non-Indigenous people.

The reasons are many, ranging from institutional racism, poverty, unemployment, intergenerational offending, flawed legal processes, and many more, trauma.

Currently Indigenous people make up 28% of Australia's adult prison population. However, the statistics could be turned around if more efforts were put into prevention and early intervention programs.

The National Indigenous Justice Forum will provide delegates with an insight into the history of Indigenous over-representation in prison, as well as practical tools on how to implement early intervention and prevention models, improve court processes, support inmates in correctional facilities, and provide pathways and support post-release.

Attend the forum to learn how to:

- Develop prevention and early intervention models to stop Indigenous people from coming in contact with the justice system
- Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in correctional facilities
- Provide mentoring and pathways post release
- Improve court processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Develop collaborative partnerships between governments and communities

View the brochure and agenda by clicking here.

Register by clicking here.

Visit https://akolade.com.au/events/national-indigenous-justice-forum/ for more information.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration Inc. will be held at 9.00am Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT) on
Saturday 12 October 2019
Radisson at Flagstaff Gardens
380 William Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Melbourne on 13 October 2018.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
4. President's Report.
5. Report on Membership.
6. Annual Financial Report.
7. Appointment of Auditor.
8. Appointment of Public Officer.
9. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Council Members.
10. Election of Council Members (see below).
11. Location of Next Annual General Meeting.
12. General Business.

Council Elections – Item 10:

The following is a list of Council vacancies to be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting:

CATEGORY	VACANCIES	RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS
Judicial Members	2	The Hon Justice Lindy Jenkins Her Honour Judge Dina Yehia
Appointed Members	2	The Hon Justice Jenny Blokland The Hon Justice Steven Rares
Tribunal Member	1	The Hon Justice Lea Armstrong
Professional Members	3	Mr Michael Colbran SC Ms Susan Cox OAM QC Mr Mal Varitimos CBE QC
Member in Government Service	1	Mr Laurie Glanfield AM
Court Administrator	1	Ms Julie-Anne Burgess
Academic Member	1	Professor Bryan Horrigan

Retiring members of Council are eligible for re-election.

Written nominations should be sent to the Executive Director, AIJA, Ground Floor, 555 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000 by mail or facsimile transmission to (+61 3) 9606 0366 or by e-mail to gregory.reinhardt@monash.edu so that they are received no later than Tuesday 8 October 2019.

If you are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting personally, you may wish to give a written proxy to another member attending to vote on your behalf.