**Australian Institute of Administrative Law**

**National Executive and ACT Chapter**

**Annual General Meeting**

**15 November 2017**

**Summary of events**

# Seminars

Since the last AGM on 21 November 2016, the following event has been held in Canberra:

**25 October 2017** (evening seminar convened jointly with the ANU): *The boundaries of administrative law – some recent cases* – presented by Professor James Stellios, ANU College of Law, Associate Professor Leighton McDonald, ANU College of Law, Kristy Katavic, Barrister, Blackburn Chambers, Cain Sibley, Partner, Clayton Utz and Robert Orr, QC, Special Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor

Thank you also to Graeme Neate AM, President of the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal, for his presentation on *Procedural fairness and the price of just outcomes: a non-economic rationalist perspective on the work of tribunals* immediately before the commencement of the meeting today.

Given planning activities for the 2017 National Conference, it was not possible to host any other seminars in Canberra in 2017.

Some further seminars are planned to be held in Canberra in early 2018. Topics for these include the role of government lawyers and judicial review of procurement decisions.

**2017 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference**

A very successful 2017 conference was held on 20 and 21 July 2017 at the Hotel Realm in Canberra. The theme of the conference was *Ripples of affection – Administrative law and communities*, with the sub-themes of *Meeting community expectations – ensuring engagement and participation – achieving just and correct outcomes*.

The conference incorporated the 2017 AIAL National Lecture on ‘Administrative law and welfare rights’ which was delivered by Peter Hanks QC.

Many thanks to the organising committee in Canberra and the AIAL Secretariat for their efforts in arranging such an interesting and well-attended event.

**2018 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference**

Planning is currently underway for the 2018 conference by the NSW Chapter, which will be held in Sydney in September 2018. The date for the 2018 conference has been shifted from July to September because the third biennial Public Law Conference, co-organised by the University of Melbourne and the University of Cambridge, is being held in Melbourne from 11-13 July 2018. It is anticipated that a call for papers for the 2018 conference will be sent out by mid-December.

**AIAL Forum**

The Editorial Board continues to be made up of Robin Creyke, Geoff Airo-Farulla, Tara McNeilly and Peter Woulfe.

Volumes 88 and 89 have recently been issued with a redesigned cover, reflecting the new AIAL branding. Options for updating the typesetting styles for articles and other journal text are also being considered as part of the rebranding project.

**AIAL website**

Robert Orr, Cain Sibley and the AIAL Secretariat have continued to work on the development of the website and on the rebranding project, in consultation with Voodoo.

The website and the AIAL Twitter account (AIAL@AIALpubliclaw) are used regularly to promote upcoming events organised by the National Executive and the State Chapters. There is also an AIAL Facebook page (@AIALpubliclaw).