**Australian Institute of Administrative Law**

**National Executive and ACT Chapter**

**Annual General Meeting**

**14 November 2018**

**Summary of events**

# Seminars

Since the last AGM on 15 November 2017, the following events have been held in Canberra:

**27 February 2018 (lunchtime seminar):** Jenny Duxbury, Research Fellow and PhD Candidate, Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra, *“See and Avoid": exploring the role of government legal advisers in tricky policy and politics*

**17 April 2018 (evening seminar):** Dr Nick Seddon, Counsel, Ashurst and Honorary Professor, ANU College of Law and Mr Athol Opas, Barrister, Blackburn Chambers, *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Bill 2017*

Thank you also to The Hon Hilary Penfold QC PSM, former judge of the ACT Supreme Court, who delivered the Michael Will Address on the topic *Legislation in the courts* immediately before the commencement of the meeting today.

Some further seminars are planned to be held in Canberra in early 2019. Topics for these include the implications of the High Court’s decision in *Burns v Corbett* and the Productivity Commission review of the veterans’ affairs review system.

**2017 AIAL National Administrative Law Conference**

A very successful 2018 conference was held on 27 and 28 September 2018 at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. The theme of the conference was *Administrative Law in the 21st Century and Beyond*.

The conference incorporated the 2018 AIAL National Lecture which was delivered by The Hon Margaret Beazley AO, President, NSW Court of Appeal.

Many thanks to the organising committee in Sydney 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 2019 conference by the National Executive and ACT Chapter, which will be held in Canberra the Hotel Realm, Barton on 18 and 19 July 2019. Work has recently been undertaken to update the Essay Prize Guidelines and decisions have been made that the prize money for the written essay category will be $5,000 and that the prize money for the multi-media category will be $1000. It is anticipated that a call for papers for the 2019 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. Volume 92 has recently been issued with the redesigned cover and work has been undertaken to update the style, format and layout of the journal pages. These changes will be reflected in upcoming Volumes, probably in 2019.

**AIAL website**

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

The AIAL Twitter account remains active – AIAL@AIALpubliclaw.

**Conference sponsorship**

The National Executive Committee agreed to the AIAL co-sponsoring the ANU Public Law Weekend, which was held in Canberra on 2-3 November 2018.