

**THE FRANCIS FORBES SOCIETY  
FOR AUSTRALIAN LEGAL HISTORY  
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**THE ANNUAL FORBES LECTURE:**

**Silent Leges Inter Arma? The History of Military  
and Martial Law in Australia**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>Lecturer:</b>	<b>Robert Turnbull, Solicitor, Clayton Utz</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Justice Michael Slattery, A Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW and Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Forces</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, 19 November 2014</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5.15pm – 6.30pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Common Room NSW Bar Association 174 Phillip Street Sydney</b>

**CONTEXT:** The Forbes Society, and the annual Forbes Lecture sponsored by the Society, are named for Francis Forbes (1784-1841), the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of NSW, 1824-1837. He was knighted in 1837.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

1. **WELCOME** by Justice Michael Slattery
2. **PRESENTATION OF THE LECTURE**  
by Robert Turnbull
3. **VOTE OF THANKS** by Wendy  
Robinson QC, Junior Vice President of  
the Forbes Society.

### THE FORBES LECTURER

Robert Daniel Turnbull is a graduate of the University of Sydney. He is a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Latin. He has a first class honours degree in law.

While at University he participated in the Forbes Society's Australian Legal History Essay Competition. His essay, highly commended, examined the abdication of King Edward VII and how it affected, and was effected in, Australia.

He has served as Tipstaff to Justice PA Bergin, Chief Judge in Equity, and, on secondment from her Honour, as Tipstaff to Acting Justices PW Young AO, WV Windeyer AM and WH Nicholas.

He has presented a tutorial on the historical development of the law of negligence in the Society's Legal History Tutorials programme in each of 2013 and 2014.

He is currently a solicitor in the International Arbitration and Product Liability and Commercial Litigation Section of Clayton Utz.

He is a contributor to the Australian Law Journal.

### LEGAL HISTORY NEWS

All Lectures, Tutorials and Discussion Group Meetings convened by the Forbes Society are open to the public, without charge.

**LEGAL HISTORY TUTORIALS:** The Forbes Society's annual programme of tutorials, entitled "Understanding Australian Law through Legal History", has included presentations by senior judges, academics, members of the Bar and Court staff.

This year's programme has concluded. Another programme will be conducted in 2015, if there is sufficient demand.

If you would be interested to attend, either as a presenter or in the audience, please advise the Associate to Lindsay J: Shari\_Williams@courts.nsw.gov.au.

All tutorials commence at 5.10pm and conclude no later than 6.10pm.

The venue for all tutorials is Court No. 1, Hospital Road Court Complex, with entry *via* the chambers of Lindsay J.

Light refreshments are generally served.

**THE LEGAL HISTORY DISCUSSION GROUP:** Throughout 2014 Professor Shaunnagh Dorsett of UTS Law School has convened several meetings of the Legal History Discussion Group, providing a forum in which people interested in legal history can learn of recent developments, present papers and exchange ideas. These meetings are generally held in the Common Room of the NSW Bar Association or an adjoining conference room.

The last meeting for this year will be held on Wednesday 26 November 2014, Professor Dorsett will lead discussion on the NSW Court of Claims, 1833-1835 (in the Bar Common Room).

Meetings of the Discussion Group commence at 5.30pm and conclude no later than 7.00pm.

### **VALE CHRISTOPHER HOLT**

Christopher Holt, founder and publisher of The Federation Press, died suddenly on 4 September 2014. He, along with Kathryn Fitzhenry and Diane Young, founded Federation Press in 1987, building it into one of Australia's leading legal publishers. His focus was always on quality works which stimulated debate and encouraged the development of the law.

The passing of Christopher Holt is a significant loss to the world of legal publishing in Australia, and to honour his lasting achievements and contributions to publishing, Federation Press is announcing the biennial **Holt Prize**.

The Holt Prize will be awarded every two years to an unpublished manuscript that is a legal work of an academic or practical nature. It must be the author's first published book. The winner of the Holt Prize will receive a \$12,000 cash prize and a publishing contract with The Federation Press.

Named in honour of the late Christopher Holt, co-founder of The Federation Press, the award aims to foster emerging authors and in doing so continue the legacy of a man who gave many notable academic authors their first publishing opportunity.

The award will be made public on the Federation Press website Wednesday 26 November 2014, when full conditions of entry can be viewed.

**THE ANZ LAW AND HISTORY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** The 33rd Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society will be held at the BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort, Coffs Harbour, on 10-13 December 2014. The theme of the Conference is "Law's Empire or Empire's Law?: Legal Discourses of Colonies and Commonwealths".

The Conference's keynote speakers will be Professor Paul Mitchell of the Faculty of Laws, University College, London, and Professor Mike Grossbreg, Sally M Reahard Professor of History and Professor of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA.

Enquiries should be directed to Professor Mark Lunney: [mlunney@une.edu.au](mailto:mlunney@une.edu.au).

**BRITISH LEGAL HISTORY CONFERENCE:** The 22nd British Legal History Conference will be held at the University of Redding on 8-11 July 2015. In celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta, the theme of the Conference is "Law: Challenges to Authority and the Recognition of Rights".

The Conference email address is: [BLHC2015@reading.ac.uk](mailto:BLHC2015@reading.ac.uk).

**GHANA LEGAL HISTORY CONFERENCE:** The second international conference on Comparative Commonwealth and British Empire Legal Histories will be held at the University of Ghana on 2-4 July 2015, providing a further opportunity, *en route*, for legal history buffs attending the British Legal History Conference.

The Conference theme is "Traditions, Borrowings, Innovations & Impositions: Law in the Post-Colony and in Empire".

Inquiries should be directed to Professor David Williams at [dv.williams@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:dv.williams@auckland.ac.nz).

### **THE 2014 AUSTRALIAN LEGAL HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION**

The Forbes Society's Annual Essay Competition is open to all students enrolled in an Australian secondary school or an Australian undergraduate university course (including courses leading to a qualification for legal practice). Separate prizes are available for Junior Secondary Students, Senior Secondary Students and Tertiary Students. Essayists are invited to address a theme, topic or question of their own choice on "Australian Legal History". Sample questions are published, together with Guidelines, on the Society's website: [www.forbessociety.org.au](http://www.forbessociety.org.au). The deadline for entries is 5.00pm on Monday, 8 December 2014.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORBES SOCIETY**

Membership of the Forbes Society is open to everybody. Membership application forms can be downloaded from the Society's website: [www.forbessociety.org.au](http://www.forbessociety.org.au). Benefits of membership include timely notification of events organised by the Society and ready access to the Society's quarterly newsletter, the *Forbes Flyer*, edited by David Ash of the NSW Bar.

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