

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

**Does the criminal trial have an Australian
history? Lessons from the Prosecution
Project**

PROGRAMME

Lecturer:	Professor Mark Finnane, ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of History at Griffith University
Chair:	Arthur Moses SC
Date:	Tuesday, 27 September 2016
Time:	5.15pm – 6.30pm
Venue:	Common Room NSW Bar Association 174 Phillip Street Sydney

CONTEXT: The J.H. Plunkett Lecture is an annual Lecture to honour the memory of one of the State's pivotal Attorneys General. John Hubert Plunkett (1802-1869) arrived in NSW, from Ireland, in 1832. For more than 30 years thereafter he made a major contribution to colonial law and society, serving, *inter alia*, as Solicitor General and Attorney General. In 1835 he published *The Australian Magistrate*, the first Australian legal practice book. He was the first Australian lawyer to be granted a commission as Queen's Counsel. He led Roger Therry, another Irish-born barrister, in the conduct of the Myall Creek Murder trials.

ORDER OF EVENTS

1. **WELCOME** - by Arthur Moses SC
2. **PRESENTATION OF THE LECTURE** -
by Professor Finnane
3. **VOTE OF THANKS** – by Wendy
Robinson QC

THE FORBES LECTURER

Professor Mark Finnane is ARC Laureate Fellow at Griffith University, Professor of History in the School of Humanities, and a member of the Griffith Criminology Institute. He is a former Dean of Humanities and Dean of Graduate Studies at Griffith. He was Director of CEPS in 2009. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities (elected 2001), and of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (2013).

Professor Finnane has published widely on the history of criminal justice, policing, punishment, and criminal law in both Australia and Ireland. His books include *Police and government*: (1994), *Punishment in Australian society* (1997), *When police unionise* (2002), *JV Barry: a life* (2007) and most recently (co-authored with Heather Douglas) *Indigenous Crime and Settler Law: White Sovereignty after Empire* (2012). With the support of an ARC Laureate Fellowship (2013-18) he directs the Prosecution Project, hosted at the Griffith Criminology Institute.

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.

There are three remaining tutorials in this year's programme:

- Justice Black will deliver a legal history tutorial titled, 'The History of Corporations Law' on **26 October 2016**
- Chief Justice Bathurst will deliver a legal history tutorial titled, 'The History of Contract Law' on **9 November 2016**.
- Justice Emmett will deliver the second part of his tutorial on Roman Law on **30 November 2016**.

Each tutorial will commence at 5.15pm in Banco Court.

If you would be interested in attending, either as a presenter or in the audience, please advise the Secretary of the Society, Simon Chapple (secretary@forbessociety.org.au)

THE ANZ LAW AND HISTORY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

The 35th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society (<https://anzlhs.org/>) will be held at Curtin University, Perth, 5-7 December 2016.

The theme of the Conference is "Echoes on the Periphery: The Transformation of British Law in Africa and the Asia-Pacific".

The Conference's keynote speakers will be The Hon. Wayne Martin AC, Chief Justice of Western Australia and Mr Ian Binnie QC, former puisne justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and now counsel at Lenczner Slaght in Toronto.

THE 2016 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". Guidelines, together with sample questions and essay questions set in previous years' competitions, are published on the Society's website: www.forbessociety.org.au. The deadline for entries is 5.00pm on Monday, 5 December 2016.

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. Benefits of membership include timely notification of events organised by the Society and ready access to the Society's newsletter, the *Forbes Flyer*, edited by David Ash of the NSW Bar.

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