



Justice Open and Shut: A workshop on suppression orders and open justice in Australia and the UK.

Wednesday 4 June 2014

VENUE: Maryann House, Level 3, 645 Harris St Ultimo

10.00am – 4.30pm 4 June 2014 at Mary Anne House, Level 3, 645 Harris St, Ultimo

“There is one hell of a fight going on in Australia to preserve our free press. We are increasingly seeing the rich and powerful resort to litigation to pursue journalists’ sources or lodge defamation writs purely to stop the publication of stories and scare off the rest of the media.”

Nick McKenzie, Fairfax Media, 2014 Press Freedom Australia Address

The increasing use of suppression orders undermines fair and accurate reporting of the courts and the fundamental principle of open justice. This workshop will explore the operations and impact of suppression orders on reporting in Australia and the UK.

Keynote address: 'Open Courts: Who Guards the Guardians?'

Keynote speaker: Hon. Philip Cummins - former Supreme Court judge and Chair of the Victorian Law Reform Commission, Chair of the Victoria Law Foundation and Chair of the Protecting Victoria's Vulnerable Children Inquiry.

Other speakers include:

Peter Bartlett, Partner Minter Ellison, Chair of the Advisory Board at the Centre for Advanced Journalism at Melbourne University, legal advisor to Fairfax.

Miiko Kumar: Barrister, Jack Shand Chambers and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

Judith Townend: Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism, City University, London.

Tom Morton: Director of Australian Centre for Independent research, UTS and journalist

Elissa Hunt: Court and legal affairs reporter with the Herald-Sun in Victoria for more than 13 years.

Cost

\$50 (inc GST) - concessional rates are available on contacting Jan McClelland

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