

The Forbes Society is pleased to inform members of the upcoming **joint presentation with the Ngara Yura Committee** of the Judicial Commission of NSW on **Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 5.30 pm, in Banco Court, Level 13 Law Courts Building**. This year's joint event will explore the "Towards Truth" Research Project. [Towards Truth](#) is a partnership between the Indigenous Law Centre and the Justice and Equity Centre (formerly the Public Interest Advocacy Centre). The project is researching the vast body of laws and policies that have impacted First Nations people since 1788, broken down into four main 'themes' – Country, Kinship, Law and Culture, and People.

Her Honour Judge Sarah Hopkins (Ngara Yura Committee) will facilitate the presentation and introduce **Anna Harding** (Project Director of Towards Truth) and **Elizabeth Clark** (Research Lawyer with the Towards Truth Project).

Please register for this event – for **in person attendance** register at [Ngara Yura Presentation - Towards Truth - 3.6.25 \(in person\)](#) – see **register now**

If you are unable to attend in person, to receive details for **online viewing** please register at [Ngara Yura Presentation - Towards Truth - 3.6.25 \(online\)](#) – the emailed confirmation you will receive contains the viewing link.

The annual **Forbes Lecture** will be given on 22 July 2025 by [Professor Kathy Bowrey](#) of the Faculty of Law UNSW in Banco Court (Level 13 Law Courts Building 184 Phillip Street). Professor Bowrey's title is "The Diva, her Lover and the Recording Company scheme to "get Melba": Introducing Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931), the business woman."

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **Plunkett Lecture** will be delivered by the NSW Solicitor General, Michael Sexton SC on 23 October 2025, in Banco Court.

Legal history tutorials will be presented in Court 13A, Level 13 Law Courts Building by number of recipients of grants from the **Francis Forbes Fund** including:

- Inma Conde (Sydney Law School) on 29 July 2025;
- Associate Professor Alecia Simmonds (University of Technology Sydney) in October;
- Associate Prof Marina Nehme (University of New South Wales) on Thursday 18 October 2025; and
- Associate Professor Gabrielle Wolf (Deakin University) – on Thursday 30 October (online courtesy of the Law Society of NSW)

Registration details for these events will follow. Other legal history tutorial presenters include the Hon Joe Campbell KC (on the History of Equity) and the Hon Arthur Emmett AO KC (on "The significance of Roman Law in the Western Legal Tradition") and dates for these tutorials will be announced shortly.

The Society is very grateful to the Chief Justice of NSW, the Hon. Andrew Bell, for his permission to use Supreme Court facilities.

If you have any queries, please email [secretariat@forbessociety.org.au](mailto:secretariat@forbessociety.org.au).

We also inform members that the 44<sup>th</sup> **Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society** will be held in the week commencing 24 November 2025 at The University of Melbourne, with the Conference Theme: 'Currency'. See the Call for Papers [CFP – ANZLHS Conference](#).

Through the Francis Forbes Fund the Forbes Society supports a prize awarded for the best presentation by a higher degree research student or an early career researcher at the Annual ANZLHS conference. This paper may be published in *law&history*.

#### **Upcoming dates**

3 June 2025 Ngara Yura Presentation – “Towards Truth Project” (Banco Court)

22 July Forbes Lecture – Professor Kathy Bowrey of the Faculty of Law UNSW (Banco Court)

29 July Legal history tutorial – Inma Conde (Sydney Law School) (Court 13A)

October Legal history tutorial – Associate Professor Alecia Simmonds (UTS) (Court 13A)

18 October Legal history tutorial – Associate Prof Marina Nehme (UNSW) (Court 13A)

23 October Plunkett Lecture – NSW Solicitor General, Michael Sexton SC (Banco Court)

30 October Legal history tutorial – Associate Professor Gabrielle Wolf (Deakin University) (online)

Week of 24 Nov - ANZLHS Conference 2025 at The University of Melbourne