



The Francis Forbes Society invites members to attend the joint presentation with the Ngara Yura Committee of the Judicial Commission of NSW on **Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 5.30 pm, in Banco Court, Level 13 Law Courts Building**. This year's joint event will be a panel discussion exploring the history and personalities of the District Court's Walama List. The List, commenced as a pilot in February 2022, provides a therapeutic and holistic approach to the sentencing of eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, bringing elements of community into the process creating a culturally responsible court. This panel discussion will follow the historical path that led to the establishment of the List and hear from many involved in the process and the List itself.

The Hon Justice Dina Yehia, chair of the Ngara Yura Committee, will introduce the panellists:

- Her Honour Judge Sarah Hopkins, District Court of NSW
- Ms Edwina Crawford, Director, Aboriginal Services Unit, DCJ
- Ms Vanessa Edwige, Psychologist and Board-approved Supervisor
- Auntie Marcia Ella Duncan OAM, Elder, Trailblazer
- Ms Emma Hudson-Buhagiar, Wiradjuri woman, Senior Solicitor, Walama team, ALS (ACT/NSW)
- Mr Anthony Brookman, Senior Solicitor, Walama List, Office of the DPP NSW

Please [register](#) for this event – for **in person attendance** – follow this [2024 Joint Presentation with Ngara Yura Committee - In Person \(5.11.24\)](#) to “register now.”

If you are unable to attend in person, to receive details for **online viewing** please follow [2024 Joint Presentation with Ngara Yura Committee - Online \(5.11.24\)](#) – the emailed confirmation will contain the viewing link.

If you have any queries, please email secretariat@forbessociety.org.au.

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

ANZLHS Conference 2024 – updates regarding the ANZ Law & History Society Conference 17th - 19th November 2024 at the Faculty of Law & Justice at UNSW Sydney from the organizers, Prue Vines, Henry Kha, John Page, and Kate Bond, UNSW Law & Justice:

Registration is now open and the conference program is available: [43rd Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society](#) ANZLHS website <https://anzlhs.org/join-us/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: A reminder, if you have not already renewed, that membership of the Francis Forbes Society for the 2024/2025 financial year is now due. Memberships are renewed annually and will run to 30 June 2025: please see [Forbes Society Membership](#). We look forward to your continuing membership of the Francis Forbes Society. Please feel free to forward to others who might be interested in membership of the Society.

Donating to the Francis Forbes Fund: Members know that one of the Society's objects is to encourage and promote research into Australian legal history, and it maintains a fund for that purpose to which donations may be made. The membership renewal form makes provision for donating to the Fund

A previous grant from the Fund supported digitisation of letters from solicitors, barristers and law students to the University of Sydney Law School Comforts Fund during the Second World War, a project of Tony Cunneen's. See the story here: [Law School Comfort Fund](#)

Forbes Fund grants: Grants were made from the Fund for 2024 to support the following projects:

- Inma Conde (PhD candidate, University of Sydney Law School): A historical interpretation of Article 7(1) of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods
- Dr Jeffrey Gordon (Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney Law School): Free speech moments in Australian legal history
- Dr Henry Kha (UNSW Law & Justice): Ne Temere and the Marriage Law of New South Wales: Religious Sectarianism in the 1920s

Upcoming dates

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| 5 Nov | Forbes Society & Ngara Yura Committee 2024 joint presentation - a panel discussion exploring the history and personalities of the District Court's Walama List |
| 17 – 19 Nov | ANZLHS Conference 2024 at the Faculty of Law & Justice at UNSW Sydney |

