



### **Welcome**

Welcome to the sixth edition of the *Melbourne University Law Review* Alumni Association Newsletter. In this edition, we reflect on some of the major *Review* events over the past year.

### **About the Alumni Association**

Established in 2001, the Alumni Association's principal functions are to maintain a database of alumni's contact details, publish this Newsletter and host a biennial alumni social event.

All former Members of the *Review* (collectively almost 900 people) are automatically Members of the Alumni Association.

### **Continued Call for Contact Details**

Thank you to the many alumni who contacted us to confirm or update their details last year. If you are yet to contact us, we would greatly appreciate it if you would provide us with your current occupation, place of work, postal address, email address and your preferred method of contact.

In addition, if you are aware of any former Members who have not received a copy of this Newsletter or an invitation to the 2011 Alumni Cocktail Evening, please advise us of their contact details (with their permission) or encourage them to contact us directly.



*Guests enjoy the 2011 Alumni Association Cocktail Party*

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## EDITORS' REPORT

This year the *Review* comprises 61 Members, including 30 General Members, 13 Section Editors and Assistant Editors, 16 Non-Editorial Members and three Editors. The *Review* also has three Faculty Advisers — Associate Professor David Brennan, in his sixth year in the position, Professor Jenny Morgan, in her fifth year, and Associate Professor Matthew Harding, who joined us in Semester 2 of 2011.

for Members this year, including pizza lunches, Members' Dinners, and a joint trivia night with the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*.

The *Review's* 2011 events calendar also featured the very successful 2011 Annual Dinner at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne, where Debbie Mortimer SC gave the keynote address on *Momcilovic v The Queen*



2011 Editors: David Foster, Julia Wang and Timothy Lau

One key focus for 2011 has been preparing for the *Review's* transition to a JD Editorial Board, which has progressed very successfully. The *Review* recruited 12 new first-year JD students at the start of Semester 2, and the Editorial Board now consists of 34 JD students and 27 LLB students — that is, for the first time, the majority of *Review* Members are JD students. Further, in another first, the *Review* will have three JD Editors in 2012: Thomas Bland, Natalie Burgess and Christopher Loo.

Another key focus this year has been building a strong collegiate atmosphere in the *Review*. Our hope is that Members will form friendships whilst on the *Review* that will last beyond their time at the Melbourne Law School. To this end, we have run regular social events

(2011) 280 ALR 221 and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (Vic); the Alumni Cocktail Evening at the Sofitel, which reunited over 100 former *Review* Members; and the Sponsors' Cocktail Party at Seamstress where *Review* Members mingled with representatives from our four sponsor firms: Allens Arthur Robinson, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Freehills and Mallesons Stephen Jaques.

On the editorial side of things, we have been pleased at the number of quality of submissions received for volume 35 of the *Review*. Issue 1 of volume 35 has been published and can be viewed online at our website (<http://www.mulr.unimelb.edu.au>). Editorial work for issues 2 and 3 of volume 35 is currently underway.

## ***ANNUAL DINNER 2010***

Each year, the *Review* holds an Annual Dinner in recognition of the diverse contributions of its Members, authors, referees, sponsors and others to the success of the journal. The *Review's* 53rd Annual Dinner was held at The Windsor Hotel on 11 November 2010.

We were fortunate enough to secure two guest speakers to address the Dinner. Traditionally, the *Review* invites one external speaker and one representative of the Melbourne Law School. Our external speaker at the 2010 Dinner was The Honourable Chief Justice Patrick Keane of the Federal Court of Australia. His Honour addressed the audience on the thought-provoking topic of 'Academic

Lawyers and the Courts.' Faculty-representative Professor Camille Cameron addressed the audience on developments in class actions. The dinner was also addressed by the three 2010 Editors of the *Review*, Rudi Kruse, Kathryn Tomasic and Christopher Tran.

The 2010 Annual Dinner was attended by over 100 guests. These included current Editorial and non-Editorial Members of the journal; authors and referees of articles published in the past year; representatives from our four sponsor firms, Allens Arthur Robinson, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Freehills and Mallesons Stephen Jaques; our Faculty Advisers; Melbourne Law School staff; and other friends of the *Review*.



*2010 Editors: Christopher Tran, Kathryn Tomasic, Rudi Kruse*

## Past Member Profile

# DR CATHERINE BUTTON

Dr Catherine Button was a Member of the *Review* from 1995–97. In 1997, she served as Editor of the *Review* (with Andrew Mitchell and Paula O'Brien). She recalls that some of the 'highs and lows' of her time at Melbourne Law School were associated with her time on the *Review*. Checking footnotes late into the night was one of the low points, but a definite high point was the experience of working with 'a dedicated and talented group of students' and seeing the journal in print after all of their hard work. She also acknowledges the support provided by members of the faculty, in particular Professor Ian Malkin (who has been a longstanding friend of the *Review*, and addressed the Annual Dinner as Faculty Speaker in 2009). Catherine has remained in touch with several past *Review* Members, including her co-Editors Andrew and Paula.

After graduating from The University of Melbourne in 1997, Catherine completed her articles at Minter Ellison. She was subsequently awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to undertake postgraduate studies in law at Oxford University. During her time at Oxford, Catherine completed a BCL and a PhD. The experience of studying at Oxford was very rewarding, although it was also a significant challenge. Catherine recalls that one of the most interesting aspects of studying at Oxford was 'coming to terms with the Oxford method of teaching' — where students might be called on to read their essays out during one-on-one tutorials whilst seated in an armchair in front of an open fire. As a student in Professor Colin Tapper's Evidence class, she recalls being initially taken aback by the lack of formal syllabus or lectures to cover the course 'from start to finish'. However, after getting used to this teaching style, she came to regard it as 'more like teaching for the real world'. Catherine also tutored in Contract during her time at Oxford, where — in the Oxford tradition — she recalls giving tutorials from

her 'rooms', which consisted of a bed sit flat at the time. She completed her doctorate in international trade law, focusing on the approach to adjudicating competing national claims on quarantine and free trade, the way in which judicial decision-makers should engage with scientific evidence, and the role of the precautionary principle in this context.

Catherine worked for the Law Commission in London after completing her studies at Oxford, before returning to Minter Ellison as a Senior Associate in Commercial Disputes. She remained at Minter Ellison for three years, before deciding to leave the firm for the Bar. She recalls that she 'didn't think too hard about the risks of coming to the Bar, but just did it', recognising in retrospect that this was probably a good thing, since the risk of giving up secure employment weighs heavily on many solicitors thinking of going to the Bar. She practices predominantly in commercial law, and has appeared in broad range of matters. She recently acted for the non-executive directors in *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Healey* (the Centro case), led by Alan Archibald QC and Philip Crutchfield QC. Catherine enjoys the variety of work at the Bar — noting that many barristers have the opportunity to practice much more widely than solicitors at large firms. She also appreciates the collegiality of the Bar and fact that there is usually someone close at hand to discuss intriguing legal issues. However, practicing as a barrister also entails challenges in managing workload.

Catherine is married with two children.

**Past Member Profile**

## **LINDSAY TANNER**

Lindsay Tanner (General Member 1979–81) is a former Member of the House of Representatives for the seat of Melbourne (1993–2010). In that capacity he was also the Minister for Finance and Deregulation.

Lindsay was born in Orbost, East Gippsland, and was educated at Gippsland Grammar School, where he graduated as dux in 1973. He graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws and later a Masters of History in 1981. Lindsay was a co-editor of the student union magazine *Farrago* in 1977.

Beginning his legal career as an articled clerk at Holding Redlich, in 1985 Lindsay became an electorate assistant to ALP Senator Barney Cooney. He was Assistant State Secretary of the Federated Clerks' Union from 1987 and then its State Secretary from 1988–1993 whereafter he was elected as a Federal Member of Parliament.



After Labor's success in the 2007 federal election, something he cites as the highlight of his political career, Lindsay Tanner was appointed Minister for Finance and Deregulation. He remained in this position until his retirement in July 2010.

Of his time at Melbourne Law School and on the *Review*, Lindsay recalls that this 'brought him into contact with some impressive people', including Hilary Charlesworth and Tom Reid, who were 'valuable sources of influence' to him. He also believes that his work on the *Review* helped him develop skills

critical to politics, including negotiation, analysis and problem solving, but advises anyone considering a similar career to 'make sure you get a real life first', citing his six years as a union official as 'invaluable' in this respect.

Lindsay is now a special advisor to Lazard Australia and Vice Chancellor's Fellow at Victoria University. He is married to Anthea with two girls aged 7 and 15, with two other children from a previous marriage.

## Past Member Profile

# TANYA JOSEY

Tanya Josev has held diverse roles during her time on the *Review* — beginning as a General Member in 2001, then holding the positions of Production Editor and Book Review Editor — before taking on the role of Editor in 2004 (with co-editors Howard Choo and Liam Gilchrist).

Although her year as Editor was one of the most taxing in terms of time commitment to the journal, Tanya also describes it as ‘one of the most enjoyable’ years of university. Aside from the academic side to the journal, Tanya also enjoyed the social aspects of the *Review*, recalling the many friendships made through the journal. She is still in touch with other Members of her *Review* cohort, and attended the recent alumni event in July 2011.

Membership of the *Review*, and the role of Editor in particular, helped Tanya to develop a range of skills. It sharpened her editorial and writing skills — which would prove useful not only as a law student, but also in future as a solicitor and a judge’s associate. More broadly, Tanya’s experience on the *Review* gave her a valuable insight into the dynamics of collaborative work. It has assisted her to develop a range of ‘transportable’ skills that are applicable to a diverse range of settings involving team work and organisation.

After graduating from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws (Hons),



Tanya completed her articles at Allens Arthur Robinson, where she subsequently practiced as a solicitor in commercial litigation. She also served as associate to Justice Alan Goldberg AO of the Federal Court in 2007–08 (also a former Editor of the *Review*). Tanya was keen to pursue further studies, and began an LLM at the Melbourne Law School before converting her studies into a cross-disciplinary PhD thesis, in the fields of law and political history. In 2010–11 she was appointed a Hauser Global Fellow at New York University’s School of Law. She enjoyed the researching and writing part of her thesis at New York University, as well as living in downtown Manhattan during that period. She was also appointed as one of the Melbourne Law School’s inaugural PhD teaching fellows in 2009, and lectures several subjects in the Law School.

# ANNUAL DINNER 2011



*The 2011 Editorial Board*



*Clockwise from top left: David Foster and Professor Carolyn Evans, Debbie Mortimer SC and the Hon Justice Ashley, Associate Professor Ann O'Connell, Rowan Minson and Alexandra Whelan, guests enjoying the dinner at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne*



*Clockwise from top left: Debbie Mortimer SC, Professor Adrienne Stone, Timothy Lau and The Hon Philip Cummins QC, William Leung and Cassandra Marsh, David Foster, Timonthy Lau, Julia Wang, Natalie Burgess, Christopher Loo and Thomas Bland*



## ALUMNI COCKTAIL EVENING 2011

The *Review's* biennial Alumni Association Cocktail Evening was held at Atrium on 35 at the Sofitel Hotel on 28 July 2011. We were delighted to see so many attendees, with over 85 alumni and 20 Members of the 2011 Executive turning up on the night to enjoy fine wine, canapés and the company of old and new friends.

We were fortunate to host members of the Bench and Bar, academics, entertainers and civil servants. Representatives from our four sponsor firms were in attendance, along with the Dean of the Melbourne Law School, Professor Carolyn Evans.

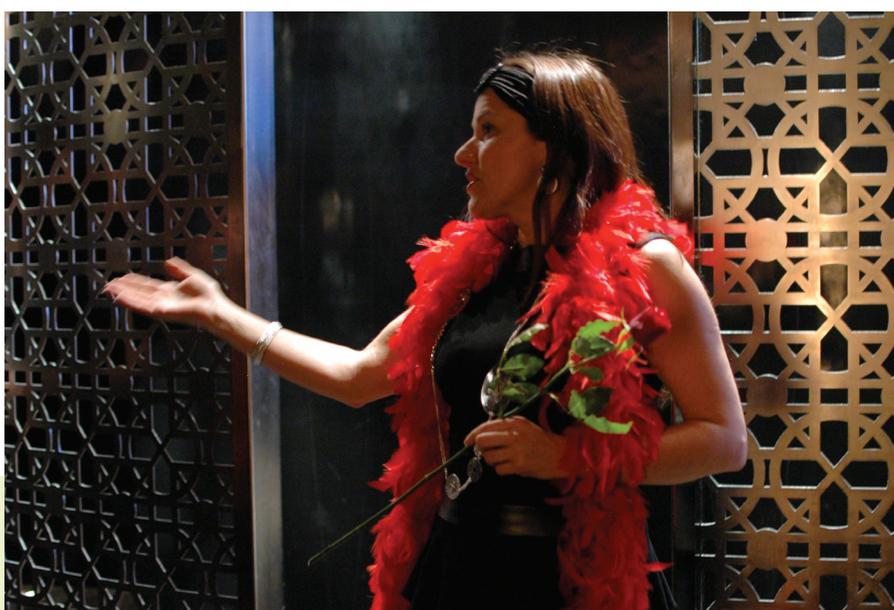
Additionally, attendees were treated to a special opera performance by Tania de Jong (*Review* Member 1985–88). Tania, an Australian soprano and businesswoman, is truly an example of the diverse range of options available to *Review* alumni following the conclusion of their journey at Melbourne Law School.

We have received much positive feedback about the event and would like to sincerely thank all those who responded to the invitation, as well as all attendees.

To those who were unable to attend or whose contact details we have just recently received, a reminder that the next Alumni Association Cocktail Evening will be held in 2013 and we look forward to seeing you then!



*Ian Stewart with friends*



*Tania De Jong*



*Courtney McLennan and Review Members Alexandra Tran, Thomas Bland, Christopher Loo, Jiaying Zhang and Natalie Burgess*



*Terrence O'Connor and Paul Holdenson QC*

### **Amazing Alumni Statistics — Did You Know...**

That the *Review* has 881 alumni?

That there are three fathers whose children have also been *Review* Members?

That 174 former Members are currently solicitors in a range of firms around Australia, the United Kingdom, United States, and Asia?

That 48 former Members currently live overseas? Our alumni can be found in London, New York, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Hong Kong,

Singapore, Toronto, North Carolina, Reading and Cambridge.

That four former *Review* Members went on to careers in Federal Parliament?

That 30 former *Review* Members went on to become judges? *Review* alumni can be found on the High Court, Federal Court and on various appellate and trial courts around Australia.

That one former *Review* Member is currently an ambassador to Poland and the Czech Republic?

### ***Newsletter Contributions and Feedback***

Contributions by alumni for subsequent editions of this Newsletter are warmly welcomed. We also welcome feedback on this Newsletter and alumni events.

### ***Submissions to the Review***

Submissions for Volume 36 Number 1 (2012) are now open and will close on 31 December 2011.

Past Members are warmly invited to submit academic articles, case notes or book reviews for consideration for publication in the *Review*. Information regarding submission dates and processes, as well as the *Review's* Publication Policy, can be accessed on our website. Alternatively, past Members should feel free to contact the *Review* directly for further information.

### ***Accessing the Review***

Since 2010, the *Review* has adopted a policy of open access to past issues. We are currently in the process of uploading freely accessible electronic versions of *Review* articles to our website. Electronic versions of the *Review* can be accessed for free through Austlii (from 1999 onwards), or by subscription from the following service providers: HeinOnline Law Journal Library (from 1957 onwards), Informit Australian Public Affairs Full Text (from 1994 onwards), Informit AGIS Plus Text (from 1999 onwards), LexisNexis Academic (from 1997 onwards), Gale Cengage Expanded Academic ASAP (from 2001 onwards) and Gale Cengage LegalTrac (from 2001 onwards).

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Hardback copies of any issue can be ordered directly from the *Review*. Single issues prior to 1977 can be purchased for \$44 (including GST) and those from 1977 to date cost \$33 (including GST). Postage and handling charges vary according to order size.

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