ILC : OPEN FORUM SERIES

Recognition of Indigenous People in the Constitution - What will it take to bring about Change?

Thursday 17 March, 2011 6.30pm Law Faculty, UNSW

We are delighted to have among our panel members:

- **Associate Professor Megan Davis**, Director, Indigenous Law Centre, Faculty of Law, UNSW and a member of the Federal Government’s Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians
- **Mick Gooda**, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission
- **Professor George Williams**, Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow, Faculty of Law, UNSW
- **Les Malezer**, Chairperson of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) and 2008 AHRC Human Rights Medal recipient
- **Paul Kildea**, Co-Director of the Referendums Project at the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, Faculty of Law, UNSW.

Event is open to all and is free. RSVP by email to ilc@unsw.edu.au

ILC NEWS

Federal Government’s Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians

Associate Professor Megan Davis was appointed in December to the Federal Government’s Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians. The Expert Panel has been appointed to consult with the Indigenous community and Australian people about the appropriate way to recognise Indigenous peoples in the Constitution. The Expert Panel will consult with constitutional experts. The Terms of Reference are available here: [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/Pages/communique_expert_panel_indig.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/engagement/Pages/communique_expert_panel_indig.aspx).

Speeches/seminars/conferences

Megan Davis was keynote speaker at National Indigenous Law Conference in Canberra, 1 October 2010.

Kyllie Cripps presented at the [Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference](http://example.com) in Hawaii, 3 – 10
September 2010.

Megan Davis delivered the 11th Vincent Lingiari Memorial Lecture in Darwin, 19 August 2010.

Megan Davis spoke on UN and UNDRIP at Black History Month in Brisbane, 12 August 2010.

Megan Davis taught for UN Institute of Training and Research on Conflict Resolution and Peace Building Capacities of Indigenous Peoples in Cartigny, Switzerland, 19 July 2010.


Megan Davis was keynote speaker at UNSW Nura Gili Winter School dinner, 7 July 2010.

**ILC Publications for 2010**

**Refereed**


**Book chapters**


**Non-refereed**


**ILC Research briefs**
In the next general edition of the ILB, we consider a wide range of issues affecting Indigenous people in Australia. Robyn Ayres, the Executive Director of the Arts law Centre of Australia, provides us an update on the Art Law Centre that includes a discussion of the Indigenous Wills project and the need for law reform to the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972 (WA). Jason Behrendt shares his views on the interpretation of s.36(1)(b1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 NSW. Peter Billings looks at income management for social welfare recipients in Queensland, New South Wales and prescribed parts of the Northern Territory. Amanda Alford and Rosalind Croucher form the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) discuss and reflect on the ways in which the Commission engaged with Indigenous stakeholders and outline the ways in which indigenous people can be more actively involved in the process of law reform. Priscilla Collins and Ruth Barson examine the Northern Territory New Era in Corrections Policy and question whether the policy is responsive to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. Moving abroad this edition also includes an extract of the President of the United States of America, Barrack Obamas speech supporting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the ILB and to celebrate the occasion a special edition will be released. The special edition includes commentary from MP Linda Burney, former High Court Judge; the Hon. Michael Kirby AC CMG, Professor Garth Nettheim and Indigenous Law Centre Director Megan Davis. The Indigenous Law Centre (ILC) and Faculty of Law will be hosting a launch of the special edition on the 27th July 2011 at the Law Faculty in the evening, check our website for updates ilc@unsw.edu.au

In an effort to ensure that the ILB is a valuable resource to the community the ILB is trialling a new Fact Sheet Project. The first fact sheet will examine tenancy issues for women who are victims of domestic violence. It is hoped that these fact sheet will be of great use to our readers.

The ILB editor and ILC coordinator recently attended Yabun - to celebrate Survival Day and network with community members. The store was well visited throughout the day; everyone received the latest edition of the ILB and latest ILC Research Brief on Constitutional Reform, as well as, information on how to subscribe to the ILB.

April Long – Editor

Daniel Wells & April Long  Dances at Yabun
Volume 14 Number 1 out now

It is an exciting time at the Australian Indigenous Law Review. We have just put out the latest edition, Volume 14(1), which reflects on a diverse range of issues that impact Indigenous people, including: compensation for the Stolen Generations; the new National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples; Indigenous Land Use Agreements; justice re-investment; the Government’s NTER consultation process; and exemptions available from local government rates for Indigenous organisations.

We have also started work on our upcoming edition, which will have more of an international focus. Submissions we have received so far address the use of Maori language in the New Zealand Parliament; racial discrimination against Indigenous peoples in sporting tribunals; legal personality as a vehicle for recognising Indigenous peoples’ relationships to water; and the rights of Indigenous people under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Finally, there has been a change of Editors. Michelle Bradley is graduating and moving on to a position at the NSW Land and Environment Court. Michelle has also been a researcher at the ILC working with Megan Davis for the past 2 years on constitutional reform and the Civics and the Law project. We wish her the best of luck at the Land and Environment Court. Daniel Threlfall and Daniel Wells have taken over as co-editors.