
QCs Burnside, Johnston, Nelson and SA AG – part of Australian Lawyers Alliance SA conference on Friday

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Australian Living Treasure and barrister, Julian Burnside AO QC, will present 'A Tale of Two Cultures' – The Trevorrow Case at the Australian Lawyers Alliance SA conference on Friday as part of a packed, influential legal program.

South Australian attorney-general, John Rau, will also attend and present the civil justice award to retired judge, human rights stalwart and nonagenarian Elliott Johnston QC.

The Australian Lawyers Alliance Civil Justice Award recognises people who go beyond the call of duty in promoting and preserving justice, freedom and the rights of the individual.

Mr Johnston's outstanding contribution to justice includes: tireless pursuit of justice and equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, most famously as National Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

It is appropriate that he shares centre stage with a man who has been declared an 'Australian Living Treasure' by the National Trust also for significant work in redressing the human cost of the Indigenous stolen generation, with the ground breaking Trevorrow case, which he will examine in detail at the conference.

Other events on the program include: Plaintiffs, Politicians, Parolees and Reflections on a Life in the Law being presented by barrister Frances Nelson QC; Analysis of White v The State of South Australia by barrister Andrew Collett; and the Future of the Workers' Compensation Scheme, presented by University of South Australia, academic researcher, Kevin Purse.

Also a WorkCover Update – Including Section s43, medical Panels and Other Changes will be presented by barrister Jarrod Warren; barrister David Hirsch will discuss causation and the popular, Annual Case Update will be hosted by barrister Jo-Anne Deuter.

The Australian Lawyers Alliance South Australian Conference is an important annual, legal event that brings together some of the most influential legal minds in the country to update and share knowledge in their specialist practice legal areas.

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