

ALA National Conference

Hamilton Island, 20-22 October 2011



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Welcome Function (L-R): Emily Price, ALA Legal & Policy Officer; Justin Harper, QLD Director; The Hon Justice Peter Applegarth, Supreme Court of QLD; Greg Barns, National ALA President.

ALA members attended from all over the country to participate in workshops and panel discussions and to listen to leading speakers. Topics included the National Disability Insurance Scheme and an assessment of no-fault schemes; dangerous recreational activities; choice of jurisdiction in workers' compensation; bullying and harassment claims in the Federal Court; national regulation of health professionals; calculation of life expectancy in catastrophic injury claims; an update on ComCover; commercial and consumer litigation; and an established favourite – the annual case review.

There were also presentations on Australian terrorism laws; unpublicised ASIO determinations; and an annual update on ALA policy and media activities.

Delegates enjoyed social activities such as dinner and drinks beside the ocean; snorkelling; golf; and dancing the night away at the Annual Conference Dinner. ■

ALA Civil Justice Award 2011

This year's Civil Justice Award was awarded to Colin McDonald QC for his commitment to social justice and human rights; in particular, his assistance to Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory over the course of the last 30 years. Colin has also been extensively involved in death row cases around Asia, and has represented one of the Bali Nine, Scott Rush.

Conference Dinner (L-R): Colin Mc Donald QC, Civil Justice Award Recipient; Mandy Wyer, ALA Public Affairs Manager and Emily Price, ALA Legal & Policy Officer.



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