



W A Lee Lecture
Introduction of Professor Malcolm Cope
Banco Court, Thursday 27 October 2005, 6pm

Chief Justice Paul de Jersey AC

I welcome you all to the Banco Court.

The W A Lee lecture was inaugurated in the year 2000, primarily as an initiative of Queensland Community Foundation, although the other partners should also be recognized: Queensland Law Society, Proctor, The Bar Association of Queensland, Thomson Law Book Co, STEP and Chandon.

Queensland Community Foundation is a public charitable trust, chaired by the Hon Mike Ahern and managed by the Public Trustee.

The Foundation was set up to serve the State's communities by providing a permanent funding source for charity. Its Board of Governors comprises leaders from a variety of fields, all working voluntarily. The Foundation is enjoying outstanding success.

My years of involvement with the Queensland Cancer Fund and the Anglican Church have impressed upon me how the community depends on and can be enhanced by, not only a substantial voluntary effort on the part of citizens, but also by private philanthropy. The taxes we provide to governments go only so far. We are fortunate in Queensland to be developing, through this Foundation, a much surer, broader, and vibrant, coordinated charitable push, especially through bequests, and the work of the Foundation is to be warmly applauded.

As a lecturer in succession and trusts, Tony Lee was a source of great inspiration to his students, many of whom are now Judges of the Supreme and District Courts. He remains a dynamic contributor to the academic landscape here and elsewhere. The eminence of those who have delivered the eponymous lecture over the past five years reflects that tribute: following Tony himself, Hubert Picarda QC, Justice Gummow, Justice White, and Mr Justice McPherson.

This evening's lecture will be delivered by Professor Malcolm Cope, Professor of Law at the Queensland University of Technology.



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Professor Cope is a distinguished thinker, author, teacher and scholar. His students would I am sure confirm, that for stimulating presentation in otherwise complex fields, he in fact resembles Tony Lee.

Last year Professor Cope was honoured by an invitation to join the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law.

Following Professor Cope's admission in the year 1976, he lectured at the University of Queensland, rising to the position of Senior Lecturer, and since 1991 has held pivotal positions in the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology, including as Dean from 1997 to 2003.

In that year he spent some time at the University of London researching and writing a new book due for publication by Thomsons next year. It is to be entitled "Equitable Obligations: Duties, Remedies and Defences": we may look forward to enlightenment over a broad field. I actually in passing saw Malcolm in London then, though he was in a coffee shop not at the University. That is not to say he didn't spend almost all of his time at the University.

Professor Cope is a much respected leader in a fascinating and sometimes intricate field. His national and international reputation is a much welcome enhancement of the legal heritage of this State, where we proudly claim him as one of our own. It is with great pleasure that I invite him to deliver the 2005 W A Lee Lecture.