

PREFACE

The JCULR has traditionally published the Mayo Lecture, an annually delivered public lecture by a distinguished member of the judiciary, of the Federal or a State parliament, of the broader legal profession or of the community more generally in the year in which it is delivered.

In 2017 the Mayo Lecture was delivered by Mr Tony Morris QC who rose to national prominence, at least partly, through his spirited and successful defence of the three QUT students, Calum Thwaites, Alex Wood and Jackson Powell, then being sued under s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) for \$250,000 for alleged ‘racial vilification’. Judge Jarrett comprehensively dismissed those proceedings on 4 November 2016 (see *Prior v Queensland University of Technology* [2016] FCCA 2853) — and the ‘18C three’ and their lawyers were subsequently named by the *Australian* newspaper as its Australians of the Year for 2017 for ‘exposing how a sloppily drafted law against race hate could be exploited to curtail free speech and crush ordinary citizens’.

In the normal course of events Mr Morris’s Mayo Lecture would therefore have been published in the 2017 volume of the JCULR. However, as that volume was wholly dedicated to papers with a direct relationship to the 25th Anniversary of the Mabo decision, publication of Mr Morris’s lecture was deferred to this volume where it appears together with the 2018 Mayo Lecture by the Hon Michael Kirby AC, CMG.

This is Michael Kirby’s second Mayo Lecture and it is a testament to his longstanding association with the university. In 2003 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* ‘to recognise his exceptional achievements, academic excellence and exceptional contributions to the advancement of human well-being, particularly his commitment to human rights, community health and ethical practices in science and research’. He subsequently served as a Board Member of JCU’s Cairns Institute and was also made a Lifetime Honorary Member of the JCU Law Students’ Society in recognition of his longstanding practical support of the University’s Law School.

This volume also departs from its predecessors in that, for the first time in the Journal’s history, it includes peer reviewed papers from the University’s Annual Criminology Mini-Conference, organised through the College of Arts, Society and Education.

Those papers, edited by Dr Mark David Chong from the College of Arts, Society and Education, Mr Jamie Fellows from the College of Business, Law and Governance and Dr Richard Kocsis from the College of Healthcare Services are grouped together in the latter part of this volume. The Editorial Board sees them as a significant contribution to legal commentary in the areas to which they relate and we look forward to a continuing relationship with the Conference organisers.

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