

# 2024 AIJA Program

## Program Overview

### Friday 2 August

1600 – 1800	<b>Registration</b>
1700 – 1800	<b>Conference Opening</b>
	Conference Welcome <b>The Hon Justice Murray Aldridge</b> <i>President AIJA</i>
	Welcome to Country <b>Uncle Allan Murray</b> <i>Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council</i>
	Keynote Opening Speech <b>The Hon Virginia Bell AC</b> <i>Former Justice of the High Court of Australia</i>
1800 – 2000	<b>Welcome Reception   Banco Court</b>

### Saturday 3 August

0800 – 1630	<b>Registration</b>
0900 – 1015	<b>Session 1</b> <b>Overview of process in relation to sexual assault complaints</b> <i>Before and after trial – locating the trial process as part of the broader ecosystem.</i>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Judge Meryl Sexton</b> <i>County Court of Victoria</i>
	<b>Sharyn Hall SC</b> <i>NSW Bar Association</i>
	<b>Sarah Quick</b> <i>Victims of Crime Commissioner South Australia</i>
1015 – 1115	<b>Session 2</b> <b>Understanding of national consent laws</b> <i>Representatives will discuss consent laws from perspectives of different jurisdictions.</i>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>The Hon Justice Julie Ward</b> <i>President – Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales</i>
	<b>Gabrielle Bashir SC</b> <i>NSW Bar Association</i>
	<b>The Hon Lindy Jenkins</b> <i>Chair of the WA Law Reform Commission</i>
	<b>Kate Eastman AM SC</b> <i>Barrister at New Chambers, Commissioner of the NSW Law Reform Commission</i>
1115 – 1145	<b>Morning Tea</b>

<b>1145 – 1300</b>	<p align="center"><b>Session 3</b> <b>Trial process</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Focussing on initiatives in sexual assault trials; trauma-informed practice and its application in court processes (for example, witness intermediaries, recorded evidence, closed court, aspects of language used to identify participants in trials); court craft in managing trials.</i></p>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Judge Meryl Sexton</b> <i>County Court of Victoria</i>
	<b>Hon Justice Mathew Downs</b> <i>Auckland High Court Criminal List Judge</i>
	<b>Her Hon Judge Kate Traill</b> <i>District Court of NSW</i>
	<b>Rukiya Stein</b> <i>Accredited Witness Intermediary, NSW</i>
<b>1300 – 1400</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1400 – 1500</b>	<p align="center"><b>Session 4</b> <b>Trauma neurobiological impacts of sexual violence / myths and misconceptions</b></p>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>Dr Brenda McGivern</b> <i>Principals Registrar, District Court of Western Australia</i>
	<b>Professor James Scott</b> <i>Children's Health Queensland and the University of Queensland</i>
	<b>Professor Kim Felmingham</b> <i>Chair in Clinical Psychology, Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences, University of Melbourne</i>
<b>1500 – 1530</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
<b>1530 – 1630</b>	<p align="center"><b>Session 5</b> <b>Criminological, psychological and social perspectives</b></p>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>The Hon Justice Sarah Huggett</b> <i>Chief Judge, District Court of New South Wales</i>
	<b>Dr Rachael Burgin</b> <i>CEO of Rape and Sexual Assault Research and Advocacy and Lecturer of Law at Swinburne University of Technology</i>
	<b>Professor Julia Quilter</b> <i>School of Law, University of Wollongong</i>
<b>1830 – 2200</b>	<b>Conference Dinner   Hyde Park Room, Sheraton Grand, Sydney</b>
	<b>Keynote Speaker: Suzie Miller</b> <i>Multi-award winning Australian/International playwright and screenwriter, and former defence lawyer</i>
<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	
<b>0900 – 1245</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>0930 – 1100</b>	<p align="center"><b>Session 6 – Panel Session</b> <b>Issues impacting those population groups in Australia which have an increased susceptibility to experiencing sexual violence</b></p>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>Dr Brenda McGivern</b> <i>Principals Registrar, District Court of Western Australia</i>
	<b>The Hon Justice Lincoln Crowley</b> <i>Supreme Court of Queensland</i>
	<b>Dr Amanda-Jane George</b> <i>Central Queensland University Lead, AIJA and Australian Government commissioned project: Specialist Approaches to Managing Sexual Assault Proceedings</i>
	<b>Thecla Hartree</b> <i>Aboriginal Interpreter Service, Northern Territory Government</i>
	<b>Jezebel Moketarinja</b> <i>Interpreter Support and Development Officer, Aboriginal Interpreter Service</i>

1100 – 1130	<b>Morning Tea</b>
1130 – 1245	<b>Session 7 – Panel Session</b> <b>Vicarious trauma</b> <i>Well-being of those involved in sexual assault matters</i>
<b>Session Chair:</b>	<b>The Hon Justice Sarah McNaughton</b> <i>Supreme Court of New South Wales</i>
	<b>Amani Haydar</b> <i>Award-winning author, visual artist, and advocate for women’s health and safety</i>
	<b>Dr Carly Schrever</b> <i>Lawyer, psychologist, and researcher into judicial wellbeing</i>
1245 – 1250	<b>Conference Close</b>
	<b>The Hon Justice Julie Ward</b> <i>President – Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales</i>