



Geelong Law Association

13 December 2019

Opening of the Legal Year 2020 at Geelong

The 2020 Opening of the Legal Year will take place on Wednesday, 29 January 2020.

This event marks the commencement of the new legal year. In past years this event has been celebrated in part by a ceremonial siting of the Supreme Court of Victoria in Geelong and has been attended by members of the judiciary from the Supreme Court, County Court and Magistrates Courts, local members of the legal profession and other community leaders.

In keeping with the theme this year of 'the law in our local community' the 2020 Opening of the Legal Year ceremony will be hosted by Deakin University at its Waterfront campus. The Supreme Court of Victoria joins with us in encouraging representation from across the Geelong community to attend. It is anticipated that the event will commence at 9am and will conclude by no later than 10.30am.

On this occasion, we are led into the upcoming year's celebration by the Honourable Justice Michelle Quigley, who has a long family, educational and arts association with the Geelong community. Justice Quigley has kindly agreed to assist us to continue the Geelong tradition that has been over the past years supported by the Honourable Justice Clyde Croft AM, who retired from the Supreme Court in October 2019.

As we welcome Justice Quigley to our Geelong celebration, we also look to welcome members of the community to celebrate with us as we centre the 2020 Opening on the theme of 'the law in our local community'. The Geelong Law Association encourages your organisation as an important part of the wider Geelong community or one of the key community groups to attend the event and meet some members of the local legal community and representatives of the courts and tribunal so that we can further foster and highlight the important link between the law and the Geelong community.

If you are interested in attending this event, please register your interest by reply email to the Secretary of the Geelong Law Association at info@wjmlawyers.com.au by 18 December 2019. Further details relating to the event will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully

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