

## The Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration

### Previous Speakers

#### **Inaugural Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2006 (Canberra)**

Honourable Justice John Dyson Heydon AC

*Chief Justice Gibbs: Defending the Rule of Law in a Federal System*

#### **Second Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2008 (Sydney)**

Honourable Ian Callinan AC

*Superior Courts in the Republic of Australia*

#### **Third Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2010 (Perth)**

Bryan Pape

*Stopping Stimulus Spending*

#### **Fourth Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2012 (Brisbane)**

Senator Hon George Brandis SC

*In defence of Liberty: the Attack on Free Speech in Australia today*

#### **Fifth Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2013 (Sydney)**

Honourable John Dyson Heydon AC

*Sir Samuel Griffith as Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia*

#### **Sixth Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2014 (Melbourne)**

Honourable Justice Richard Tracey AM, RFD

*The Constitution Goes to War*

#### **Seventh Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2015 (Canberra)**

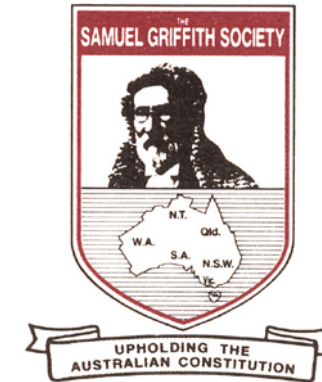
Nicholas Cowdery AM, QC

*The Magna Carta: its History and Enduring Relevance*

#### **Eighth Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration: 2016 (Adelaide)**

Honourable Chief Justice Robert French AC

*Giving and Taking Offence*



## **Ninth Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration**

### **The Samuel Griffith Society**

**26 August 2017 at 11am**

**Perth, Western Australia**

**The Honourable Patrick Anthony Keane AC**  
**Justice of the High Court of Australia**

*“The Constitution and the Zeitgeist”*

With an introduction by Mr Peter Quinlan SC  
Solicitor-General for the State of Western Australia

## About the Speaker

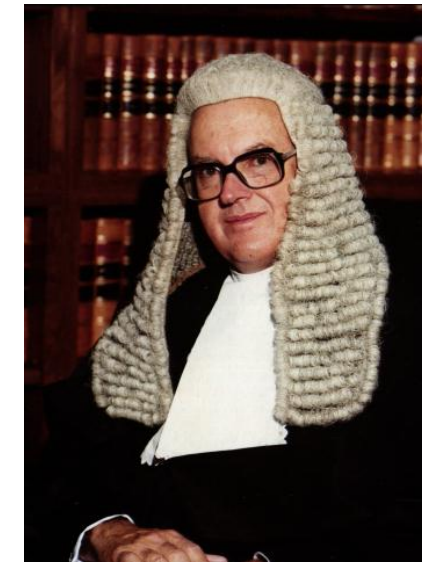


### THE HONOURABLE PATRICK ANTHONY KEANE AC

Patrick Anthony Keane was appointed to the High Court in March 2013. At the time of his appointment he was Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. He served as a judge of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland from 2005-2010 before joining the Federal Court. He is a graduate of the University of Queensland, where he was awarded the University Medal, and Oxford University, where he was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship.

He was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1977 and in 1988 he was appointed Queen's Counsel. He was Solicitor-General for Queensland from 1992 to 2005. As the leader of the Queensland Bar, he appeared in many important cases in the High Court of Australia, including *Ha v New South Wales* (1997) 189 CLR 465, *Levy v Victoria* (1997) 189 CLR 579, *Lange v Australian Broadcasting Corporation* (1997) 189 CLR 520, *Wik Peoples v Queensland* (1996) 187 CLR 1 and *McGinty v Western Australia* (1996) 186 CLR 140. Justice Keane AC was appointed a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2015.

## About Sir Harry Gibbs



### SIR HARRY TALBOT GIBBS PC AC GCMG KBE QC (1917- 2005)

Born in 1917, Harry Gibbs was educated at the Ipswich Grammar School and later at the University of Queensland, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws. In 1939 he was admitted to the Queensland Bar, but his legal career was interrupted by World War II and he served in the Australian Military Forces and in the Second Australian Imperial Force in Papua New Guinea, attaining the rank of Captain. In 1946, he was awarded a Master of Laws, and in 1957, was appointed Queen's Counsel. Gibbs was appointed a judge on the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1961, and in 1967, Gibbs was appointed to the Federal Court of Bankruptcy and the ACT Supreme Court. In 1970, Gibbs was appointed to the High Court of Australia. He was knighted as a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, and in 1972, he was made a Privy Councillor. In 1981, he was appointed Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, and was made a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George. In 1987, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. After his retirement from the High Court, Gibbs served as Vice-President of the Kiribati Court of Appeal between 1988 and 1999. In the early 1990s, Gibbs was a signatory of the charter of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy and a member of its Foundation Council. From 1992, he was President of the Samuel Griffith Society. He died in 2005. Gibbs married Muriel Dunn in 1944 and the couple had three daughters and a son, (Barbara, Mary, Margaret and Harry).