

NEW LAW BUILDING OPENING CELEBRATIONS

GALA RECEPTION

THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2009

'The law school is not words on paper; it is people relating to each other, teachers and students'

Governor-General Quentin Bryce

After nearly 120 years downtown, the Sydney Law School celebrated its historic move to the heart of the University of Sydney's Camperdown Campus with a gala reception that assembled hundreds of supporters and friends of the law school from all echelons of the legal, government and University communities.

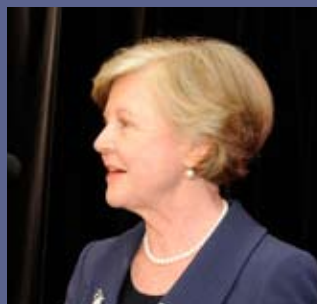
The sense of excitement was palpable as guests were welcomed to be part of a new era for the Sydney Law School. The atmosphere was heightened by the sense of dynamism and openness that is integral to the architecture of the building, which was designed by Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp.

The official address was given by Chief Justice James Spigelman who reflected that the 'relocation serves the interests of the profession, of the University and of the broader community they both serve', emphasising the importance of broadening intellectual horizons through greater engagement with other spheres of discourse.

The building was officially launched by Governor-General Quentin Bryce and Attorney-General Robert McClelland.

In her welcome address Professor Gillian Triggs, Dean of the Sydney Law School, said that the building's 'state of the art new facilities, alive with daunting technology, will enable us to achieve our aims of being a global law school, offering exceptional legal education. In short, the building will help us to create a law school that makes a difference.'

Guests were also treated to reflections from Vice-Chancellor Dr Michael Spence and University of Sydney Chancellor, Her Excellency Marie Bashir, and a highly entertaining performance from the NSW Bar and Law School Choir.



Professor Gillian Triggs, Dean of the Sydney Law School, gives her welcome address.



May Samali, President, Sydney University Law Society.



The NSW Bar and Law School Choir.



Speakers from left to right: Chief Justice James Spigelman; Dr Michael Spence, Vice Chancellor, University of Sydney; Governor Marie Bashir, Chancellor, University of Sydney; Governor-General Quentin Bryce; The Hon Robert McClelland MP, Attorney-General; Professor Gillian Triggs, Dean, Sydney Law School.



L-R: Professor Gillian Triggs, Dr Michael Spence, Governor-General Quentin Bryce and Richard Francis Jones.



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SULS Sausage Sizzle.



OPEN DAY

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On 30 April 2009 the doors of the New Law Building opened to over 1500 alumni, law professionals, members of the University community, and passers-by all curious to explore the latest architectural addition to the University's Camperdown campus.

Visitors caught a rare insider's peek at some of the outstanding features of the Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp-designed and Baulderstone-constructed building. They also enjoyed entertaining and thought-provoking lectures, lively debates and mock trials showcasing the diversity of the law and its application in everyday life. Among the many highlights of the program were a climate change debate moderated by Adam Spencer, a talkback session on the death penalty in Asia and a hypothetical on issues of law and genetics.

Contemporary legal issues were brought to life with exhibitions and displays. A highlight of these was a multimedia and art exhibition with Boomgate Gallery (Long Bay Correctional Complex) bringing together the art, poetry and music of inmates and drawing attention to the issue of rising prison populations.

Guided tours, movie screenings, improvised theatre and live music ensured there was something for everyone.

The Open Day kicked off broader celebrations that concluded with a glittering reception where the building was officially launched by the Governor-General Quentin Bryce and Attorney-General Robert McClelland.



Dr Murray Lee – Speakers Corner.



Moot Court and Dispute Resolution Centre.



In Conversation Panel Debate – State Building.



One of the many seminars.



Sydney Law School student Carmen Culina in costume with Baulderstone representatives.



Exhibition – Imprisoned: Whose responsibility?



The Reflection Lounge.



FJMT photographic display.



Adam Spencer – moderator for the Climate Change debate.



The Death Penalty in Asia talkback session.



Where Are They Now – alumni profiles.



Centre displays.