Vice Chancellor’s welcome to ALTA conference

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Date: Wednesday 5 July, 2017
Place: SAMSTAG Museum, Hawke Building
Welcome Reception *(Samstag Museum of Art, Hawke Building)*

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**RUN SHEET**

Rick Sarre will MC and introduce each of the speakers

- 5.15 Welcome to Country (Uncle Lewis O’Brien AO)
- 5.20 Welcome to UniSA (Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor)
- 5.25 Introduction to Exhibitions (Ms Erica Green, Director of Samstag Museum of Art)
• Since Uncle Lewis performed the traditional Kaurna welcome, this conference’s organiser, Professor Rick Sarre, said all he needed from me was a little Irish themed welcome.

(Welcome delegates in Gaelic)

• Good evening.

• For a conference whose theme is Law On The Line and whose program looks at the many challenges facing the legal system,

• from growing student numbers to disappearing job prospects,

• from the slow strangulation of civil litigation to the pillorying of judges in the media,
• and whose final session re-states Shakespeare’s suggestion to Let’s Kill All The Lawyers,

• I’d say you were all in for a rollicking good time.

• Although, in Shakespeare’s defence, he wasn’t writing as a disaffected plaintiff in a court battle,

• but suggesting that disturbing law and order was the surest way to chaos and tyranny.

• Shakespeare was aware of your worth as the guardians of independent thinking,

• although the Florida Bar Association contends that the line *First let’s kill all the lawyers* may well have been the first recorded lawyer joke.

• I’ll leave it to you to decide who has the more correct interpretation.
• This is the first time in more than 20 years that the Australasian Law Teachers Association is being held in South Australia.

• We are being joined by legal academics from New Zealand, Vanuatu, Singapore, India, China, the United Kingdom and Canada.

• For attendees from those latter two countries – this is what we call winter.

• It is also the 10\textsuperscript{th} birthday for UniSA’s Law School which has grown from seven academics and 100 students in 2007,

• to 26 academics and 592 students today.

• You’ll even meet some of our alumni who are presenting at this conference, and we couldn’t be prouder of them.
• They will join in presenting 90 papers in 30 sessions over the next three days.

• I know you’re in for a fascinating conference but I do hope you get out of the various conference venues to enjoy some of this city.

• That cultural enjoyment begins tonight as our Samstag Museum Director Erica Green gives you a quick tour of this exhibition, *The Summation of Force*.

• It is a multi-channel video work which explores the mythical power of cricket, looking at the sport as an innocent backyard game and as a metaphor for life.

• It features the work of another UniSA alumnus, photographer Narelle Autio in a creative collaboration with her husband Trent Parke.

• You may get an insight, through cricket, of the nation that you are currently visiting.
• I hope you all enjoy yourselves and learn much from the disputation of lawyers you will hear from over the next three days.

• Thank you.