



The Hon Rob Hulls MP

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## Victorian Branch Dinner

The Branch's first formal dinner was initially planned as a celebratory dinner following the reinstatement of common law, then as a civil justice dinner, and finally simply as a social event for Victorian APLA members.

In Opposition, Attorney-General Rob Hulls had attended our State Conference where he made the commitment to reinstate common law, so it was fitting that he spoke at our first formal dinner. Nearly 120 guests heard the Attorney-General's stories of his career in politics, and outlines of legislative and administrative achievement of the Government in reinstating common law, securing pain and suffering compensation in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, and in appointing women to the Bench in greater numbers.

The MC for the evening was Tony Wilson of ABC fame (Law Matters, Race Around The World, etc). APLA National President Rob Davis gave a stirring

address on the need for common law. Present in the audience were National Party leader Peter Ryan MLC, former Attorney-General Jim Kennan QC, Magistrate Caitlin English, Law Institute of Victoria CEO Ian Dunn, and other notables. There was no dancing (much to President Davis' relief) but a great feeling of camaraderie, which is one of the hallmarks of APLA.

Thanks must go to our sponsor Richard Lightfoot, engineer and principal of Casconsult Pty Ltd, and to Audrey Jamieson who harassed, cajoled, and organised to great effect. **PL**



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