



# Australian Legal Education Forum

## A N I M A L L A W

This year, we were excited to announce, one of the Australian Legal Education Forum's (ALEF) would be Animal Law. In 2009 the ALSA Conference Committee was awarded a grant from animal protection think-tank Voiceless to run an animal law focused public forum as part of the ALEF. The forum will be held in the Allen Scott Auditorium in the Hawke Centre, North Terrace Adelaide. The forum will be held from 5.30 - 7pm, following the forum will be drinks and nibbles from 7pm - 8pm.

The forum will begin with an introduction about the current position of animals in the legal system with a focus on animal welfare and ethics. Each guest speaker will provide their thoughts on the question for 5 - 10 minutes, followed by a **panel discussion of the topic question . .**

*"Will the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy ensure suitable mechanisms for setting animal welfare standards and regulating the animal production industries, resulting in standards which are more readily monitored and enforced?"*

**The guest speakers are . .**

**Lesley Petrie** - Flinders University. Lesley will be providing an introduction to the topic.

**Katrina Sharman** - Corporate Counsel, Voiceless.

**Jed Goodfellow** - Legal Officer, RSPCA SA.

**Graeme McEwen** - Chair of the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel, Victoria.

**Dr. Deborah Kelly** - Manager of the Animal Welfare Unit, Department of Environmental Heritage.

The Conference is a prime opportunity to gain an understanding of the next great social justice movement. As an area of practice with such rapidly increasing support, participating in the Conference, particularly the ALEFs, would allow guests to greatly enhance their understanding of animal law within the Australian legal community.



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## Speaker Bios

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### Jed Goodfellow BA / LLB (Hons), GDLP



Jed Goodfellow is the Legal Officer for RSPCA SA where he is responsible for managing prosecutions under the Animal Welfare Act 1985 (SA) and contributing to the development of animal protection law and policy. Prior to this Jed worked for commercial law firm Clayton Utz and served as an animal cruelty inspector for RSPCA Qld. Jed is interested in exploring collaborative and innovative ways of progressing the interests of animals under the law, particularly with respect to those laws governing the commercial exploitation of animals.

*Jed is an admitted legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia and the Supreme Court of Queensland. Jed has completed Bachelors' degrees in Arts and Laws with Honours from Griffith University, and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice from the Queensland University of Technology.*

### Katrina Sharman CORPORATE COUNSEL



Katrina previously worked as a Senior Associate at a leading Australian law firm, Minter Ellison Lawyers. She is a former Chair of NSW Young Lawyers Animal Rights Committee - one of the Committees that constitute NSW Young Lawyers - a professional organisation and a division of the Law Society of New South Wales. She is also a former Councillor of NSW Young Lawyers Executive Council.

Katrina is a former member of the Animal Research Review Panel (NSW) and the National Health & Medical Research Council, Animal Welfare Committee.

In 2009, Katrina was included in Australasian Legal Business Magazine's showcase of top 20 inhouse Lawyers. Katrina has spoken about animal law issues at numerous conferences including the 'Future of Animal Law Conference' which was held at Harvard Law School in 2007. Katrina has also contributed to numerous publications including 'Animal Law in Australasia' (The Federation Press) and an upcoming introductory animal law text (Thomson Reuters, 2010).

*Katrina has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales.*

### Dr Deb Kelly DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE



Dr Deb Kelly is a veterinarian by training and manages the Animal Welfare Unit of the Department for Environment and Heritage. She is a member of the national Animal Welfare Committee and Chair of the Wild Sector of the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy. She was a member of the National Consultative Committee on Animal Welfare Working Group which developed the Australian Animal Welfare Strategy and has been involved in its implementation since its inception. She has participated in the development of standards and guidelines for pigs, livestock transport, exhibition animals, sheep and cattle.

On a state level, Dr Kelly has been responsible for the development of legislation ranging from the repeal of the Whaling Act, amendments to the National parks and Wildlife Act and Animal Welfare Act and the creation of the Dog and Cat Management Act and numerous regulation amendments.

*She is a member of the Zoological Society of South Australia and a life member of the RSPCA.*

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### Graeme J McEwen CHAIR-BARRISTERS ANIMAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION



Mr Graeme McEwen has been a member of the Victorian Bar for over 25 years, specializing in commercial law. Graeme is also the Chair of the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel, a national body of over 100 Australian barristers.

Graeme is an inaugural lecturer (part-time) in Animal Law at Melbourne University Law School, undergraduate syllabus third year. Graeme appeared as one of small team of counsel for Laurie Levy in milestone 'free speech' case of Levy v. State of Victoria (HCA). Graeme is the former President, Animals Australia (1983-94) and a vegetarian.

### Lesley Petrie LECTURER FLINDERS UNIVERSITY



Ms Lesley-Anne Petrie is currently a lecturer in the School of Law at Flinders University. She has lectured and researched in the areas of heritage law, animal law and property law and has published in these fields.

Lesley-Anne was awarded an honours degree in Scots Law from the University of Dundee in Scotland. After graduating in July 2000, she began work in an Edinburgh-based law firm where she specialised in remortgages. In February 2003, she joined Flinders Law School as a post-graduate student and was awarded her LLM in 2005. Her Masters thesis is entitled 'Sustaining Meaningful Environments: The Integration of a Modern Heritage Philosophy into South Australian Heritage Law'.

Lesley-Anne is a reviewer for the Australian Animal Protection Law Journal with an invited chapter in the first Australasian Animal Law text *Animal Law in Australasia: A New Dialogue* (Federation Press, 2009). She has also been appointed as an Associate Fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics and has attracted influential international speakers to Flinders through her contacts with the think-tank Voiceless (Voiceless Animal Law Lecture series 2008, 2009).

*While at Flinders Ms Petrie has received a number of awards including an Excellence in Teaching Award, the Flinders Law Students Association Inaugural Teacher of the Year Award 2008 and the Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching 2008.*





## Voiceless Grants Program

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The Voiceless Grants Program offers financial support to non-profit organisations, councils and universities for the design and implementation of projects which improve the lives of animals in Australia.

Over the past six years, Voiceless has awarded over \$1 million to an amazing array of projects spanning the country for a variety of high priority animal protection issues including . . .

- **Factory farming**
- **The welfare of kangaroos**
- **Live export and transport of animals**
- **Replacement of animals in experimentation**
- **Hunting and poisoning of animals**
- **Animals in entertainment - zoos, circuses, racing and rodeos**

**Alongside the above animal protection issues, Voiceless has also funded projects to . . .**

- **Position animal protection as the next great social justice movement**
- **Grow Australia's animal law movement.**

In 2009, the Australian Law Student's Association (ALSA) applied and won a \$5000 grant from the Voiceless grants program. The grant allowed ALSA to hold its National Conference in Adelaide with the inclusion of an animal law public forum. Attracting a large number of law students nationwide and from overseas, the conference included this free public lecture as part of its Australian Legal Education Forums, aimed at promoting animal protection through law reform.

## Thank you!

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Thank you, to all the speakers and sponsors' who provided their support, time and expertise. Lisa Waite for the poster and program design. A big thank you to all the family and friends who gave their time and opinions on every aspect of the event. A big thank you to Elaine Morris for her events expertise and approval. Thank you to the entire Voiceless team not only for the wonderful grant program which allows events such as this to go ahead, but also for their tireless work on behalf of all animals. Thank you to Heath McCallum for his endless work on the entire ALSA conference and the entire executive committee.



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