

Exploring Public Benefit in Charity Law

29 November 2019, Melbourne University

Programme

8.30-9.00

Coffee and registration

9.00-9.15

Welcome and introduction (Professor Matthew Harding, Melbourne University)

9.15-10.00

Too private to be charitable: drawing the line in charity law (Professor Debra Morris, Liverpool University)

Commentator: Jennifer Batrouney QC (Victorian Bar)

10.00-10.45

Mining the public component of the public benefit test for values endemic to charity law: a case study of discriminatory charitable trusts (Associate Professor Adam Parachin, Osgoode Hall, York University)

Commentator: Dr Ian Murray (UWA)

10.45-11.15

Morning tea

11.15-12.00

A no-benefit test of benefit (Associate Professor Mary Synge, Exeter University)

Commentator: Professor Pauline Ridge (ANU)

12.00-12.45

Weighing benefits and detriments in the law of charities (Dr Jane Norton, Auckland University)

Commentator: Dr Daniel Halliday (Melbourne University)

12.45-1.30

Lunch

1.30-2.15

Public benefits in charity law: a perspective from social theory (Professor Henry Ergas AO, University of Wollongong)

Commentator: Sue Barker (Sue Barker Charity Law, Wellington)

2.15-3.00

Public benefit and public policy: keeping up with discrimination? (Professor Myles-McGregor-Lowndes AM, Queensland University of Technology)

Commentators: Dr Matthew Turnour (Neumann and Turnour, Brisbane) and Elizabeth Shalders (Holdway Lewis, Melbourne)

3.00-3.30

Afternoon tea

3.30-4.15

Public benefit, public reason, and 'political' charities (Associate Professor Patrick Emerton, Monash University)

Commentator: Dr Jennifer Beard (Melbourne University)

4.15-5.00

The rule of law and public benefit (The Hon Dyson Heydon AC QC, formerly High Court of Australia)

Commentator: Professor Matthew Harding (Melbourne University)

5.00

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