

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

SAUNDERS PRIZE

Establishment

1. The Saunders Prize for Constitutional Law (the Prize) is established by the Australian Association of Constitutional Law (AACL).
2. The Saunders Prize is named in honour of Laureate Professor Cheryl Saunders AO, in recognition of her exceptional eminence in constitutional law and her leadership in the creation of the AACL.

Purpose

3. The purpose of the Prize is to recognise outstanding research and scholarship in constitutional law in Australia.
4. ***Constitutional law*** is to be understood as the law of the Commonwealth Constitution and State and Territory Constitutions, common law constitutional principles as well as the constitutional law of other nations.

Eligibility

5. The Prize will be awarded to the author of an article or note on a subject of constitutional law, published in an Australian legal journal in the preceding calendar year, which, in the opinion of the Panel, reflects the highest standards of research and scholarship.
 - 5.1. Publication date can be either the date on which an article is first made available online, or the published date of the relevant issue or volume of the journal. If the two forms of publication occur in different years, an article can be eligible in either year but an article that has been nominated in one year is not eligible to be nominated in any other year.

Judging process

6. The Prize will be judged by a Panel consisting of 3 eminent constitutional law scholars or practitioners, appointed for each year by resolution of the Council of the AACL. At least one member of the Panel will be a member of the Council of the AACL.
7. The AACL will call for nominations by notice published on the AACL website. The notice will specify the closing date for nominations, and the material to be provided in support of the nomination.
8. Articles or notes will only be eligible for the Prize if they are nominated in accordance with the notice.

9. The Panel will:
 - (1) determine whether each nominated article was eligible for the Prize;
 - and
 - (2) determine the winner of the Prize.

The Panel may in its discretion decline to award the Prize in any year.

10. The Panel's decisions will be made by a majority of the Panel and will be final.

Award of the Prize

11. The Prize will be announced on the AACL website and by email to the winner, following the decision of the Panel.