Book Launch – Sentencing in Tasmania

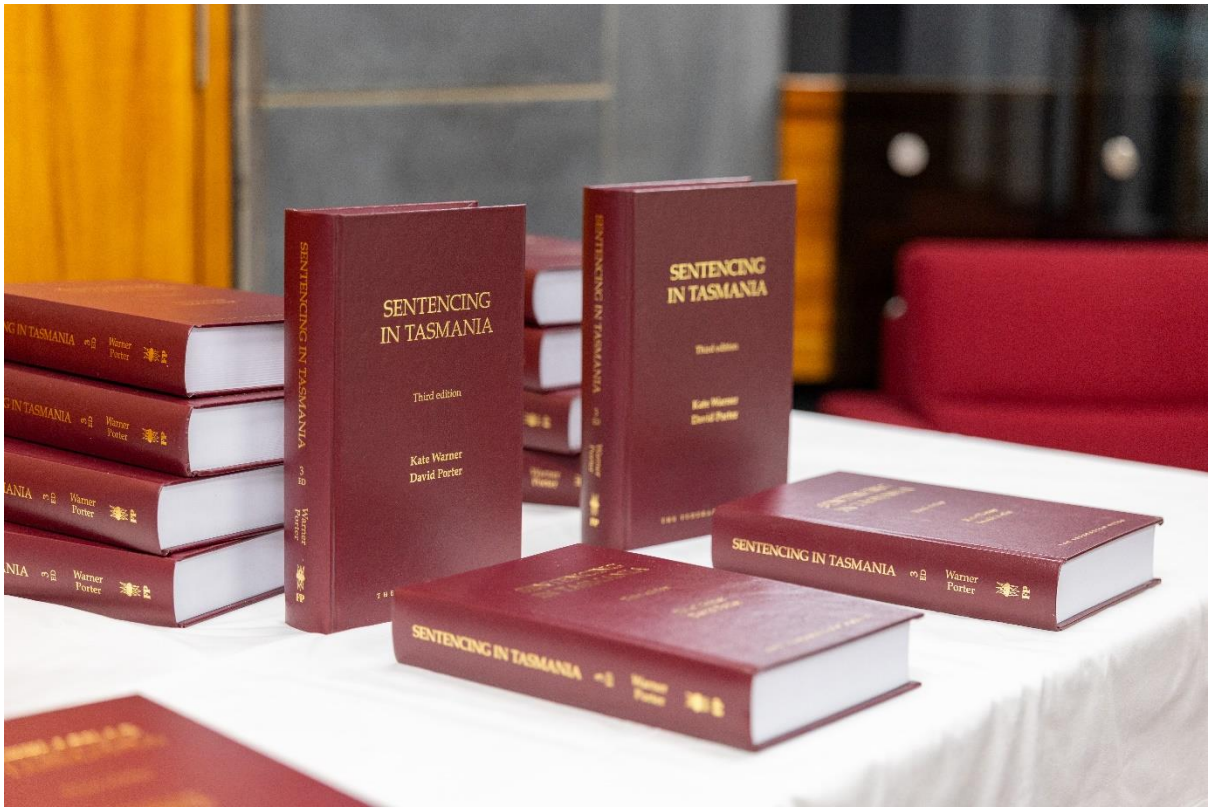
The Chief Justice hosted a function at the Hobart Supreme Court on Tuesday 10th November 2026 to welcome the publication "Sentencing in Tasmania – Third Edition" by Emeritus Professor Kate Warner and Adjunct Professor David Porter.

Kate Warner is a national and international recognised expert in sentencing in Australia and former Governor of Tasmania.

David Porter is a former judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania, having served as a judge of that Court from 2008 to 2016, then as an acting judge from 2017 to 2025.

It has been 24 years since the publication of the second edition of Sentencing in Tasmania. For more than a decade, judicial officers and legal practitioners have been pressing for a new edition of what has been described as 'the bible' –an indicator of the value placed on a source that conveniently synthesises sentencing law and practice. In the intervening years, 30 new indictable offences have been created, many new sentencing dispositions have become available and important changes made to the Sentencing Act in relation to statutory aggravating and mitigating factors. The High Court has handed down significant decisions in relation to sentencing method and the use of sentencing statistics. Bearing this in mind, the new edition retains the chapters on specific offences and supplements the statistical tables with text which seeks to synthesise the many Court of Criminal Appeal sentencing decisions with the published sentencing comments of the Supreme Court.

The function was well attended by a range of academic, legal and interested members of the Tasmanian community.





The Honourable Chief Justice Christopher Shanahan, Emeritus Professor Kate Warner AC, the Honourable David Porter AM KC



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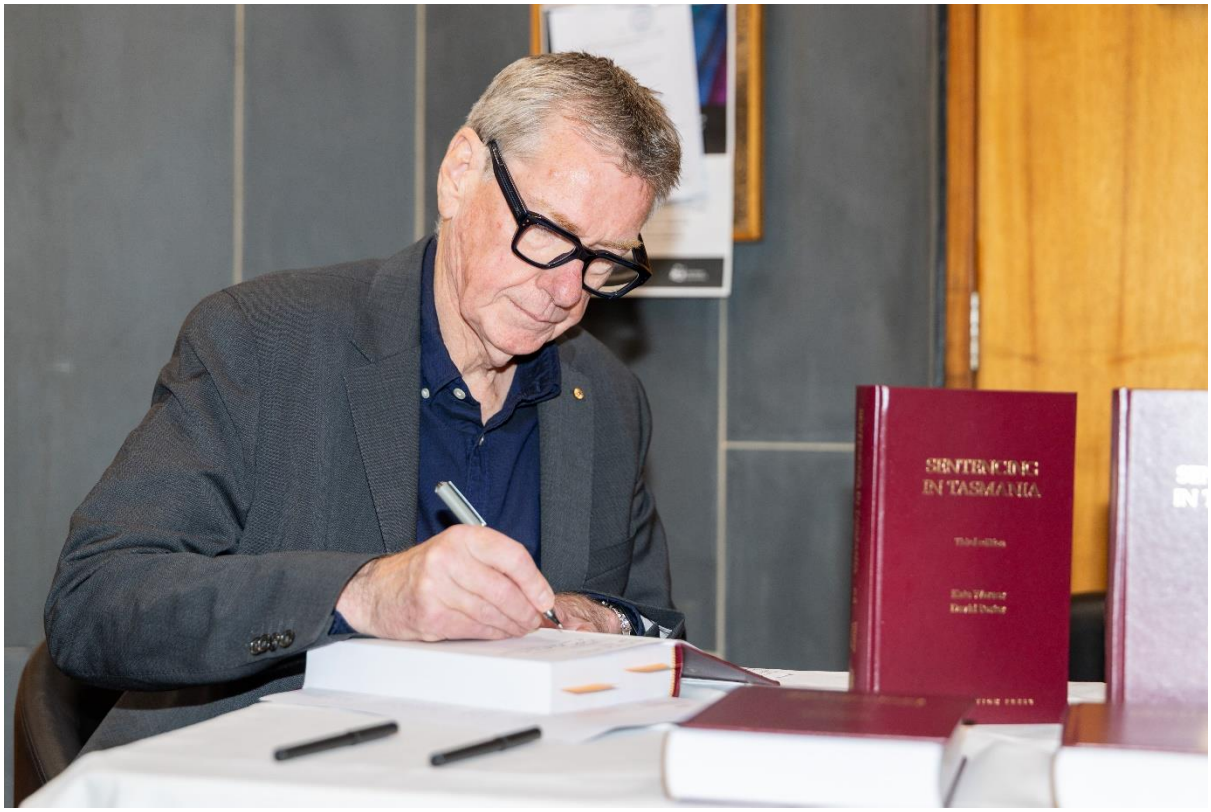

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