

## RONALD FITCH RETIRES FROM ACICA BOARD

Mr Ronald Fitch, well known and internationally recognised arbitrator, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. (ACICA)

Mr Fitch was the inaugural President of ACICA and has contributed greatly to the rapid development and high standing of ACICA in the world of international commercial arbitration.

In accepting his resignation Mr A.A. de Fina, President of ACICA, wrote to Mr Fitch.

Part of this letter is published at the direction of the Board.

“You have tendered your resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of ACICA and I cannot allow this to pass without expressing to you my feelings.

The foundations have been laid for both ACICA and commercial arbitrators to play an increasingly more important role in future both in the resolution of commercial disputes and the commercial advancement of Australia.

This assured future is both a consequence and heritage of your far sightedness and dedication.

Commercial arbitration in Australia and Australia as a whole owes you a debt that can never be repaid and I suspect will never be fully recognised.”

Mr Fitch remains as a Councillor of The Institute of Arbitrators Australia. His great knowledge in and dedication to the cause of arbitration will not be lost.

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## Queen's Birthday Honours

The following Institute members were included in the Queen's Birthday Honours:

### **Order of Australia**

#### **Companion (AC)**

The Hon Sir Laurence Street, KCMG, AC, Sydney, New South Wales, for services to the law and Crown.

#### **Officer (AO)**

Mr Patrick Brazil AO, Canberra, ACT, for public services and as Secretary, Attorney-General's Department.

#### **Member (AM)**

Mr Ronald David Fitch, AM, Melbourne, Victoria, for services to industrial relations, commercial arbitration and to architecture.

#### **Medal (OAM)**

Mr Donald Bruce Maxwell, OAM, Turrumurra, New South Wales