

# AUSTRALASIAN COURT ADMINISTRATORS' CONFERENCE

Mercure Hotel, 13 Spring Street, Melbourne,

14-15 May 2009

## Courts and the Public

# PROGRAMME

### THURSDAY 14 MAY

10.00 am –

1.00 pm Registration

#### 1.00 pm **WELCOME AND OPENING**

**Mr Andrew Phelan**, Chief Executive and Principal Registrar, High Court of Australia, Chair,  
Australasian Court Administrators' Group

**Professor Greg Reinhardt**, Executive Director, the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration

#### 1.10 pm **SESSION ONE**

##### **COURTS AND THE PUBLIC**

Chair: **Mr Richard Foster PSM**, Chief Executive Officer, Family Court of Australia

Presenters: **Mr Markus Zimmer**, Founding President, International Association for Court Administration  
**Ms Moira Rayner**, Moira Rayner and Associates, East Melbourne

#### 2.00 pm **SESSION TWO**

##### **COURTS, THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC**

Convenor: **Mr Michael McGarvie**, Chief Executive Officer, Supreme Court of Victoria

Presenters: **Dr Pamela Schulz, PPT**, Lecturer, University of South Australia School of Communication  
and International Studies and part time consultant for Schulz Business Services,  
South Australia

**Dr Karen Gelb**, Sentencing Advisory Council, Victoria

**Professor Kate Warner**, School of Law, University of Tasmania

**Ms Anne Stanford**, Strategic Communication Adviser, Supreme Court of Victoria

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

#### 4.00 pm **SESSION THREE**

##### **INNOVATION IN COURTS AND TRIBUNALS**

Chair: **Mr John Griffin PSM**, Executive Director Courts, Department of Justice, Victoria

Presenter: **Mr Peter Williams**, Partner, Deloitte, Victoria

5.00 pm Close

#### 7.00 for **CONFERENCE DINNER**

7.30 pm Speaker: **Mr Bruce Phillips**, Director Public Information, Federal Court of Australia

## FRIDAY 15 MAY

- 9.00 am **SESSION FOUR**  
**FUNDING THE COURTS**  
*Chair: **The Hon Marilyn Warren AC**, Chief Justice of Victoria*  
*Presenter: **The Hon Robert French**, Chief Justice of Australia*
- 10.30 am Morning Tea
- 11.00 am **SESSION FIVE**  
**SOME QUESTIONS OF PRIVACY**  
*Chair: **Professor Greg Reinhardt**, Executive Director, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration*  
*Presenters: **Ms Judith Bellis**, General Counsel and Director, Judicial Affairs, Courts and Tribunal Policy, Department of Justice Canada*  
***Mr Michael Gawenda**, Journalism Research Centre, University of Melbourne*
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.30 pm **SESSION SIX**  
**CHALLENGES FOR UNREPRESENTED LITIGANTS IN COURTS AND TRIBUNALS**  
*Chair: **Ms Helen Child**, Courts Administrator, ACT Law Courts and Tribunals*  
*Presenters: **Dr Grant Lester**, [Article 1](#) [Article 2](#) Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health*  
***Mr Shane Draper**, Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator, Supreme Court of Victoria*  
***Mr Will Alstergren**, Barrister, Victoria*
- 2.45 pm **SESSION SEVEN**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION - THE NEIGHBOURHOOD JUSTICE CENTRE – THE EXPERIENCE TO DATE**  
*Chair: **Mr John Griffin PSM**, Executive Director Courts, Department of Justice, Victoria*  
*Panel: **Magistrate David Fanning**, Magistrate, Neighbourhood Justice Centre, Collingwood, Victoria*  
***Ms Kerry Walker**, Director, Neighbourhood Justice Centre*  
***Mr Craig Kenny**, Director Community Programs City of Yarra and member of the Community Justice Advisory Committee, Neighbourhood Justice Centre*  
***Mr Peter Dansie**, Community Justice Advisory Committee, Neighbourhood Justice Centre*
- 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea
- 4.00 pm **SESSION EIGHT**  
**COURTS AND THE PUBLIC – WHERE DOES THE ROLE OF RUNNING A COURT OR TRIBUNAL INTERACT WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS**  
*Chair: **Professor Greg Reinhardt**, Executive Director, Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration*  
*Presenters: **Mr Tony Lansdell**, International Court IT and Systems Consultant, New South Wales*  
***Ms Linda Crebbin**, Inaugural General President, ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal*  
***Mr Julian Gardner**, former Victorian Public Advocate 2000-2007*  
***Mr Terry Laidler**, Strategic Communications Consultant and Psychologist, Victoria*
- 4.45 pm Close.

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