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5-6 June 2008

## Practical Assistance for Tribunal Members and Decision Makers

### PROGRAMME

#### THURSDAY 5 JUNE

10.00 am –

1.15 pm Registration

11.00 am – **HEADS OF TRIBUNALS MEETING**

12.30 pm *Chair: Ms Kay Ransome, COAT Chair*

1.30 pm **WELCOME AND OPENING**

*The Hon Justice Virginia Bell, Supreme Court of New South Wales, President, AIJA*

1.40 pm **SESSION ONE**

*Chair: Ms Trish McConnell, Chair, Weathertight Homes Tribunal, Auckland*

#### **Keynote Address**

*Presenter: M. Patrick [Frydman](#), President of the Administrative Court of Appeal of Versailles*

*Commentator: The Hon Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

2.00 pm **SESSION TWO**

*Chair: Mrs Anne Coghlan, Deputy President – General, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal*

#### **The Psychology of Decision-making**

*Presenter: Ms Maryanne [Mooney](#), Director, Full Circle Feedback, Victoria*

3.15 pm Afternoon Tea

3.45 pm **SESSION THREE**

*Chair: Mr Doug Humphreys, Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

#### **Maintaining a Worklife Balance**

*Presenters: Professor Trevor Waring AM, Chancellor, Newcastle University, Mr Richard Gulley AM, Co-ordinator, Lawyers' Assistance Program Inc*

5.00 pm Close

7.00 for **CONFERENCE DINNER**

7.30 pm *Speaker: The Hon Ian Callinan AC*

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## FRIDAY 6 JUNE

### 8.30 am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of COAT has been scheduled to take place during the conference and is open to all members of COAT. A notice of meeting will be sent to members

### 9.30 am SESSION FOUR

#### ***The Role of Tribunals in the Administration of Justice***

*The Hon Robert [McClelland](#) MP, Attorney-General for the Commonwealth*

*Convener: The Hon Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

10.15 am Morning Tea

### 10.45 am SESSION FIVE

#### **Presentation**

The session will be streamed and is designed to permit maximum discussion and participation. Each session will be facilitated. Details will be provided on the AIJA website as the programme develops.

- 1. Human Rights and Anti-discrimination** – Magistrate Nancy [Hennessy](#), Administrative Decisions Tribunal, New South Wales and Mr Jonathon [Hunyor](#), Director, Legal Services, Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- 2. Consumer Tribunal Issues** – Ms Kay Ransome, Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal, New South Wales and Mr Peter Spiller, Principal Disputes Referee, New Zealand
- 3. Issues for Merits Review Tribunals** – Mr Denis [O'Brien](#), Principal Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal, Mr Michael Griffin Principal Member, Veterans' Review Board and Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

12.30 pm Lunch

### 1.30 pm SESSION SIX

#### **Presentation**

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- 1. Making Decisions on the Papers** – Judge Kevin [O'Connor](#), Administration Decisions Tribunal of New South Wales and Mr David [Plunkett](#), Head of the New Zealand Deportation Review Tribunal and Removal Review Authority and Residence Appeal Authority
- 2. Oral Decision-making** – The Hon Justice Ann Lyons, Supreme Court of Queensland

### 2.30 pm SESSION SEVEN

#### **Presentation**

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- 1. Protective Jurisdiction of Tribunals** – The Hon Justice Michael Barker, President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia, Ms Julie Ford, President, Children Services Tribunal, Queensland, Mr Ron Joachim, Deputy President, Guardianship and Administration Tribunal and Member, Children Services Tribunal, Queensland and Ms Susan Gardiner, President, Guardianship and Administration Tribunal, Queensland
- 2. Professional Discipline and Vocational Regulation Tribunal and Board Issues** – Ms Christine Heazlewood, Psychologists Registration Board of Victoria and Ms Carmel [Morfuni](#), Barrister/Chairperson, Suitability Panel, Victoria
- 3. Recent Developments in Procedural Fairness** – Professor Greg [Reinhardt](#), Executive Director, AIJA

3.30 pm Afternoon Tea

### 4.00 pm SESSION EIGHT

*Chair: Ms Debra Rigby, President, Mental Health Tribunal, Tasmania*

#### **Pre-empting Difficult Decisions in Court including Contemptuous Behaviour**

*Presenter: Mr Barry [Thomas](#), President, Mental Health Review Tribunal, Queensland*

4.45 pm Close