

6TH AIJA TRIBUNALS CONFERENCE

5-6 June 2003

Mayfair Madison Room
Quality Hotel SC, Sydney

PROGRAMME

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THURSDAY 5 JUNE

12.00 – **Registration; Light Lunch**
1.45 pm

2.00 pm **Welcome and Opening**
Justice Murray Kellam, President, Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal, Immediate
Past President AIJA

2.10 pm **SESSION ONE**
COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS (COAT)
Chair: Judge Kevin O'Connor, President, Administrative Decisions Tribunal
Speakers:
Justice Murray Kellam, President, VCAT - report on general progress
Mr Frank Clair, President, Mental Health Review Tribunal - report on Queensland
Chapter
Mr John Lesser, President, Mental Health Review Board of Victoria - report on Victorian
Chapter
Judge Kevin O'Connor and Justice Terry Sheahan, President, Workers Compensation
Commission - Report on NSW Chapter
Mr Michael Peedom, President, ACT Administrative Appeals Tribunal – Report on ACT
Chapter
Ms Trish McConnell, Principal Tenancy Adjudicator – Report on New Zealand Chapter

2.45 pm **SESSION TWO**
COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS (COAT) – WORKSHOPS
[Background notes](#)

3.30 pm *Afternoon Tea*

4.00 pm **SESSION THREE**
RECENT DECISIONS OF INTEREST TO TRIBUNALS AND TRIBUNAL MEMBERS
Chair: Ms Amanda Watt, Partner, Minter Ellison.
Speaker: [Professor Greg Reinhardt](#), Executive Director, AIJA

4.45 pm Close.

7.30 pm **CONFERENCE DINNER**
Quality Hotel – Elizabeth Room
Dinner Speaker: Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

FRIDAY 6 JUNE

8.30 am **Registration Coffee/Tea**

9.00 am **SESSION FOUR**

TRIBUNAL INDEPENDENCE - MAINTAINING PUBLIC TRUST AND CONFIDENCE

Chair: Mr Paul Skinner, Chief Adjudicator, Weathertight Homes Resolution Service, New Zealand

Speaker: [Dr Gabriel Fleming PPT](#), Deputy President, Workers Compensation Commission, New South Wales

Commentators: Mr Mason Allen, Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Mr Richard Horsfall, Deputy President – Planning List, Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal

9.45 am **SESSION FIVE**

WORKSHOPS ON TRIBUNAL INDEPENDENCE

10.45 am *Morning Tea*

11.15 am **SESSION SIX**

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COUNCIL, INCLUDING PREPARING STATEMENTS OF REASONS

Chair: Mrs Anne Coghlan, Deputy President - Anti-Discrimination List, VCAT

Speaker: [Mr Wayne Martin QC](#), President, Administrative Review Council

12.30 pm *Lunch*

2.00 pm **SESSION SEVEN**

Chair: Mr Keith Chapman, President, Guardianship and Administration Board, Western Australia

TRIBUNAL FOR CONSUMER CLAIMS: THE MALAYSIAN EXPERIENCE

Speaker: [Ms Noor Azian Binti Shaari, PPT](#) Chairman, Tribunal for Consumer Claims, Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, Malaysia

DEBT RECOVERY PLANS IN THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNALS

Speaker: [Mr Gilbert Low, PPT](#) Magistrate/Referee, Small Claims Tribunal, Subordinate Courts, Singapore

2.45 pm **SESSION EIGHT**

TRIBUNALS' POWER TO CONTROL THEIR OWN PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS: SOME ISSUES

Chair: Ms Trish McConnell, Principal Tenancy Adjudicator, New Zealand

Speakers: [Ms Terese Henning and Mr John Blackwood](#), Law School, University of Tasmania

3.15 pm *Afternoon Tea*

3.45 pm **SESSION NINE**

DEVELOPING BENCH BOOKS FOR TRIBUNALS

Chair: Ms Helen Wood, Chairperson, Anti-Discrimination Tribunal, Tasmania

Speaker: [Mr Livingston Armytage, PPT](#) Director, Centre for Judicial Studies, New South Wales

WORKSHOPS

5.00 pm *Close*