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Improving the Quality of Justice before Tribunals

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

11.00 – **HEADS OF TRIBUNALS MEETING**

12.30 pm *Chair: The Hon Justice Garry Downes AM, COAT Chair*

12.00 noon Registration.

1.30 pm **WELCOME AND OPENING** - Melbourne

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

1.40 pm **SESSION ONE**

Chair: The Hon Justice Michael Barker, President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia

Online Learning and Tribunals

Presenter: Associate Professor Ben Gianni, Carleton University, Coordinator of Computer Education, National Judicial Institute, Canada [Paper](#)

Commentator: The Hon Stuart Morris, former President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

3.10 pm Afternoon Tea

3.45 pm **SESSION TWO**

Chair: Professor Greg Reinhardt

Involving People with an Intellectual Disability in Tribunal Proceedings: learnings from the intellectual disability review panel

Presenter: Ms Lynne Coulson Barr, President, Intellectual Disability Review Panel [PPT](#)

4.30 pm **SESSION THREE**

Chair: Ms Debra Rigby, Mental Health Tribunal, Tasmania

Professional Development for Tribunal Members

Presenter: Dr Pamela O'Connor, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Monash University [PPT](#)

5.15 pm Close

7.00 for **CONFERENCE DINNER**

7.30 pm *Speaker: His Honour Judge John Bowman, Acting President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal*

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FRIDAY 8 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 heads of tribunals. A notice of meeting will be sent to members

9.30 am SESSION FOUR

Chair: The Hon Justice Garry Downes AM, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal and President, Council of Australasian Tribunals

Does the Watchdog Need Obedience School? – articulating the ethics of tribunals and other members of the “integrity branch” of government

Presenter: Ms Alison Christou, Research Scholar, University of Queensland Centre for Public International and Comparative Law, TC Beirne School of Law [Paper](#) [PPT](#)

10.15 am Morning Tea

10.45 am SESSION FIVE

Current Issues and Problems in the Determination of:

- 1. Equal Opportunity Claims** - *Chair: Magistrate Nancy Hennessy, Deputy President, Divisional Head, Equal Opportunity Division, Administrative Decisions Tribunal, NSW*
- 2. Alternative Dispute Resolution and Tribunals** - *Chair: Ms Margaret Lothian, Principal Mediator, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal*
- 3. Expert Evidence and Tribunals** - *Chair: Mrs Josephine Kelly, Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal [PPT](#)*

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.

12.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm SESSION SIX

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

Judgment Writing

Presenter: His Honour Judge Tom Wodak, County Court of Victoria

2.30 pm SESSION SEVEN

Chair: The Hon Justice Terry Sheahan, Workers Compensation Commission, NSW

Unusually Persistent Complainants

Presenter: Professor Paul Mullen, Clinical Director of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health

3.15 pm Afternoon Tea

3.45 pm SESSION EIGHT

Chair: His Hon Judge Kevin O'Connor, Administrative Decisions Tribunal of NSW

Current Practical Matters of Interest to Tribunals and Tribunal Members:

- 1. E-tribunals** – *The Hon Justice Michael Barker, President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia [Paper](#) [PPT](#)*
- 2. Decisions on Documents** – *Mr Clive Raymond, Senior Member, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia, [Paper](#) Ms Kay Ransome, Consumer, Trading & Tenancy Tribunal, New South Wales*
- 3. Lawyers in Tribunal Proceedings** – *Mr David Parry, Senior Member, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia [Paper](#) [PPT](#)*
- 4. Awards of Cost before Tribunals** – *His Honour Judge John Chaney SC, Deputy President, State Administrative Tribunal, Western Australia*
- 5. Implementing the New CMS System in the Commonwealth AAT** – *Mr Doug Humphreys, Registrar, Administrative Appeals Tribunal*

Other tribunals will be allowed to participate in this session and further details will be provided on the AIJA website as the programme develops.

4.45 pm Close