

SEVENTH AIJA MASTERS' CONFERENCE

6-7 October 2005

*High Court
Wellington, New Zealand*

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

7 pm for **CONFERENCE DINNER**
7.30 pm Dockside Restaurant & Bar, Queens Wharf

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

9.00 am **Welcome and Opening**
The Hon Justice John Byrne, Supreme Court of Queensland, President of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

9.05 am **Opening Remarks**
Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration

9.10 am **SESSION ONE**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM THE COURTS REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE

Convenor: Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA

Each court will be given time to report to the Conference on the role of the Master in his or her jurisdiction, particularly any changes in that role since the last Conference in 2003, and any particular developments in that court as they relate to the role of the Master. Significant developments occurred both in New South Wales and in New Zealand.

Each court is asked to prepare a written report so that there may be some permanent record of proceedings.

There will be time for questions and discussion.

10.30 am *Morning Tea*

11.00 **SESSION TWO**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM THE COURTS REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE (continued)

It is proposed that this session deals specifically with developments in case management in jurisdictions represented and any procedural changes of relevance to the work of Masters in each jurisdiction. There will be discussion concerning the *Self-Represented Litigants Report* which will be distributed.

12.30 pm **Lunch**

1.45 pm **SESSION THREE**

CURRENT ISSUES OF INTEREST TO MASTERS

- Dealing with expert evidence;
- The management of hearings;
- The cost of litigation;
 - In what areas do costs most escalate;
 - Strategies to reduce costs;
 - Case flow management and cost;
 - Should the costs be awarded at a fixed rate or in some other way?
- Dealing with self-represented persons.

3.15 pm *Afternoon Tea*

3.45 pm **SESSION FOUR**

CURRENT ISSUES OF INTEREST TO MASTERS (continued)

4.30 pm **Close**