

**Précis of Minutes of 2005 Council of Australasian Tribunals
Annual General Meeting**

Held on Friday 10 June 2005

1. The meeting was opened by the Chair, Justice Garry Downes.
2. Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 10 June 2004 were adopted.
3. The Chair gave a short report on progress of the development of a COAT best practice manual.
4. Justice Garry Downes was elected unopposed as Chair of COAT for a further twelve months. Mr John Lesser was elected as Deputy Chair.
5. Consideration was given to amendments to the COAT constitution. After debate it was agreed:
 - a. To adopt membership fees for COAT based on \$50.00 per full time member or full-time member equivalent of the Tribunal seeking membership of COAT. Minimum contribution of \$100 per annum.
 - b. To empower the Executive to reduce or waive membership fees upon application.
 - c. To adopt a number of amendments clarifying the role not for profit status of COAT to enable tax exempt status to be sought from the Australian Taxation Office.
6. It was agreed that a voluntary remuneration survey would be conducted of member Tribunals and the information posted on the COAT web site.
7. The next Annual General Meeting to be held on a date to be determined but in conjunction with the AIJA Tribunals Conference which will be held in April 2006 in Canberra.