



COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS  
NEW SOUTH WALES

# Sixth Annual Conference

Friday 22 May 2009

*“Alternative Dispute Resolution  
and Tribunal Justice”*

The Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel, Carrington Street  
2009 Annual Conference of the Council of Australasian Tribunals, NSW Chapter Inc



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16 March 2009

*Dear Members and Interested Persons,*

*The 2009 Annual Conference of the Council of Australasian Tribunals NSW Inc is being held on Friday 22 May 2009 in the Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel, Carrington Street, Sydney (adjacent to Wynyard Railway Station).*

*The Conference program, a combined 'Annual Conference and Subscription' form and 'Membership Application' form are attached.*

*Current financial members who wish to come to the conference should complete the 'Annual Conference and Subscription' form only and return it with a cheque made out to COAT NSW for the sum of \$205 to Secretary COAT at the address shown on the form. If you are a current financial member and wish to renew your membership but cannot come to the conference complete the Annual Subscription part of the form and return it to us with your cheque for \$20.*

*Persons who are not current financial members of the COAT NSW Chapter will need to complete the 'Annual Conference Subscription' form and will also need to join the Chapter by completing and returning the 'Membership Application' form with the Annual Conference Subscription form. If you are unable to provide signatures from two current members to propose your membership, please do not delay submitting your form. We will contact you as soon as possible after the Annual Conference to help you complete this requirement.*

*Please note that the Annual Conference will begin at 9am sharp. I urge you to take your seat in the Conference room well before the starting time. Morning tea and lunch will be provided to all attendees and there will be light refreshments available at the conclusion of the conference to provide further opportunities for discussion and networking. Convenors and special guests at the Conference will include Justice Terry Sheahan AO, Judge Greg Keating (President WCC), Kay Ransome (Chair CTTT and National Coat) and Gary Byron.*

*Please complete and return your form(s), together with your cheque as soon as possible as seating is limited for the Conference.*

*I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Judge Kevin O'Connor AM**  
*Convenor, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.*



# Alternative Dispute Resolution and Tribunal Justice

## Morning session

- 8:30 am **Registration**  
Tea and coffee.
- 9:00 am **Welcome and Conference Opening**  
*The Hon John Hatzistergos, MLC*  
*Attorney General NSW*
- 9:15 am **Opening Remarks**  
*Judge Kevin O'Connor*  
*President, Administrative Decisions Tribunal NSW,*  
*Convenor of COAT NSW Chapter*
- 9:30 am **Keynote address**  
"Is there room for petunias in the onion patch? Diversity and Excellence in Tribunal ADR"  
*Professor Hilary Astor, Professor of Dispute Resolution, University of Sydney,*  
*Inaugural Chairperson of the National ADR Advisory Council*
- 10:30 am **Morning Tea**
- 11:00 am **Panel Discussion: "Diversity and Excellence in Tribunal ADR"**  
Led by *Julie McCrossin*  
Panel: *Professor Hilary Astor; Geri Ettinger, Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal; Rex Butler Member,*  
*Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal; Malcolm Schyvens, Deputy President, NSW Guardianship Tribunal*
- 12:30 pm **Lunch**

## Afternoon session

- 1.30 pm **ADR Theory and Tribunal Practice**  
*Mary Walker*  
*Barrister and Member of the Supreme Court of NSW ADR Committee*
- 2.30 pm **Strategies for Tribunals**  
*Justice Murray Kellam AO*  
*Chair, National ADR Advisory Council*
- 3.30 pm **Closing Remarks**  
*Diane Robinson*  
*President, NSW Guardianship Tribunal*
- 4.00 pm **Close**

## Annual conference and subscription

Please enclose a cheque for \$205 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc. This is the total cost to attendees and includes conference registration and the 2009/2010 annual membership subscription

- 1 I will attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference and renew my annual subscription
- 2 I will attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference and apply to join the chapter (see point 3 below)
- 3 I consent to being included on a list of persons registered for the conference

## Annual subscription only

Please enclose a cheque for \$20 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc.

- 4 I cannot attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference but wish to renew my annual subscription
- 5 I cannot attend the COAT NSW Chapter annual conference but wish to join the chapter (see point 3 below)

### IMPORTANT

- 1) Send this form and your cheque to Secretary COAT NSW Inc., PO Box 268 Darlinghurst, 1300 as soon as possible as seating is limited for the Conference.
- 2) Please keep a copy of this form for your records and income tax purposes. COAT NSW Chapter Inc has obtained tax exempt status and does not therefore issue tax invoices
- 3) If you are not a member of COAT NSW Chapter Inc, you must fill out the attached 'Application for membership' form and include it with your cheque and this form
- 4) If you are not sure whether or not you are a member of COAT NSW Chapter, or you need assistance please ring Robert Quickenden or Ashleigh Adamo on 02 9223 8088

*Please write legibly*

Surname .....		First name(s) .....	
Current address .....			
Tribunal(s).....			
Suburb .....		State .....	Post Code .....
Phone .....		Email .....	

Office use only	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership details confirmed	Payment received date	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership application to committee	Cheque amount	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>

# Membership application form (to June 2010)

Please keep a copy of this application form for your records before you send it to:  
 Secretary, COAT NSW Chapter Inc. PO Box 268, Darlinghurst, 1300

I, .....

*Full name of applicant including title, i.e., Justice, Judge, Mr, Ms, Mrs, etc . . .*

Of *Street address* .....

*Suburb* ..... *State* ..... *Post Code* .....

*Phone/Fax* .....

*Email* .....

*Principal occupation* .....

agree to be bound by the Constitution of the Council of Australasian Tribunals, NSW Chapter Inc. and hereby apply to become a member of this chapter. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the chapter for the time being in force. I declare that I am supportive of the Objectives of the Council of Australasian Tribunals.

- I am a member of the following tribunal(s):
- I am NOT a member of, or otherwise employed by a tribunal

Signature ..... / ..... / 2009

I, .....	Signature	..... / ..... / 2009
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*a member of COAT NSW Inc., nominate the above applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the chapter*

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