

May 2006

Dear Members and Interested Persons,

The 2006 Annual Conference of the Council of Australasian Tribunals NSW Inc is being held on Friday 26 May 2006 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 immediately with a cheque for \$145 to the Secretary, Belinda Cassidy at the address shown at the foot of the form.

Persons wishing to join COAT NSW Chapter will need to do the same, but in addition, complete and return the 'Membership Application' form. (The \$145 Conference and Membership subscription includes the membership fee of \$20). If you are unable to quickly obtain the signatures of two current members to propose your membership, please do not delay submitting your form. Contact will be made with you as soon as possible after the Annual Conference with a view to the completion of this requirement.

Please note that the Annual Conference will begin at 8.30am sharp as Justice Garry Downes and Justice Stephen Rares each have Court commitments on that morning. I urge you to take your seat in the Conference room well before the starting time. (Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided to all Conference participants.)

The Conference content is aimed at providing practical guidance and food for thought for all tribunal members, staff and other interested persons. We are pleased to be able to present a program of such high quality in 2006.

Please complete and return your form(s), together with your cheque for \$145, as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 19 May 2006.

I look forward to seeing you at the Conference.

Yours sincerely

Kay Ransome

Convenor, COAT NSW Chapter Inc.

Council of Australasian Tribunals NSW Chapter Inc.

## Third annual conference Friday 26 May 2006

The Sydney Room, Menzies Sydney Hotel , Carrington Street, Sydney

**8.00 – 8.30 am**    **Registration**

Morning session convenor: Ms Kay Ransome

8.30 – 8.40 am    Welcome: Kay Ransome, NSW Chapter Convenor

8.40 – 9.10 am    Open Conference and COAT National Perspective Brief  
Hon Justice Garry Downes, President, COAT

9.10 – 10.00 am    Keynote Address: Blind Justice and the Pitfalls for  
Administrative Decision-making  
Hon Justice Stephen Rares, Federal Court of Australia

**10.00 – 10.30 am**    **Morning tea**

Late morning session convenor: Mr Gary Byron

10.30 – 11.45 pm    Fact finding by tribunal members  
Ms Dianne Robinson, President, Guardianship Tribunal

11.45 – 12.30 pm    Interactive panel discussion on fact finding and associated topics

**12.30 – 1.30 pm**    **Lunch**

Afternoon session convenor: Mr Bob Quickenden

1.30 – 2.30    Some relevant developments in the law  
Mr John McDonnell, NSW Assistant Crown Solicitor

**2.30 – 3.00 pm**    **Afternoon tea**

3.00 – 4.00 pm    Oral Decisions  
Hon Justice Stuart Morris, President, Victorian Civil and  
Administrative Tribunal

**4.00 pm**    **Closing remarks**

Ms Kay Ransome



## Annual conference and subscription

# YES!

- 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
- 3** I enclose a cheque for \$145 payable to COAT NSW Chapter Inc.
- 4** I understand this is the total cost to me and that it includes:
- the conference registration
  - annual membership subscription 2006/07

*Surname*

*First name*

*Current address*

*Postcode*

*Phone*

*Email*

### Important

- 1) Send this form and your cheque to **Belinda Cassidy, Secretary, COAT NSW Chapter Inc, PO Box 268, Darlinghurst, 1300** as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday 19 May 2006**
- 2) Please keep a copy of this form for your records and income tax purposes
- 3) If you are not a current member of COAT NSW Chapter Inc, you **must** fill out the attached 'Application for membership' form and include it with this conference registration and renewal form.

**Thank you**

