



COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS  
VICTORIA

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday 12 May 2017

"Oaks on Collins", 480 Collins Street, Melbourne

### "DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF TAKING AND WEIGHING EVIDENCE"

#### PROGRAM

- 8.30 am Registration and Coffee
- 9.00 am **Getting the Voices of Children into Evidence before Tribunals**  
Chair: Irene Tsiakas, President, COAT Victoria; Deputy Division  
Head, Social Services & Child Support Division, AAT  
Speaker: **Justice Jennifer Coate**, Commissioner, Royal Commission  
into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- 10.30 am **Tea/Coffee**
- 11.00 am **Dealing with the Challenges of Taking and Weighing Evidence – Complex  
Circumstances**  
Chair:  
Speakers: **David Fanning**, Magistrate, Neighbourhood Justice Centre;  
**Speaker**, Magistrate, Koori Court
- 12.15 pm **COAT AGM**
- 12.30 pm **LUNCH**
- 1.15 pm **Dealing with the Challenges of Taking and Weighing Evidence -  
Vulnerable Witnesses**  
Chair:  
Speakers: **Sally Wilkins**, Member, Mental Health Tribunal, Forensic Leave  
Panel  
**Stuart Webb**, Member, AAT, Migration & Refugee Division
- 2.30 pm **Tea/Coffee**
- 2.45 pm **Dealing with the Challenges of Taking and Weighing Evidence – Sensitive  
and Personal Evidence**  
Chair:  
Speakers: **Kristen Hilton**, Commissioner, Victorian Equal Opportunity &  
Human Rights Commission  
**Beth Wilson**, former Health Services Commissioner; Member,  
Mental Health Tribunal
- 4.00 pm **CONFERENCE CLOSE**