

# 2024 Program

## Thursday 6 June 2024

07:45 – 17:00	Registration   Landing 1		
Room	Raffles Room 1	River Room	Raffles Room 2 & 3
08:15 – 11:15	08:15 – 09:40 Heads of Workers Compensation Jurisdictions Meeting (closed meeting, by invitation only)	08:15 – 09:40 Heads of Mental Health Jurisdictions Meeting (closed meeting, by invitation only)	09:00 – 11:15 Senior Registry Staff Ideas Forum
		09:45 – 11:15 Heads of Tribunal Meeting (closed meeting, by invitation only)	
11:15 – 11:45	Morning Tea   Landing 1		
	Plenary Session		
Room	Grand Ballroom		
Chair	Anne Britton, Chair, Council of Australasian Tribunals		
11:45 – 11:50	Conference Opening • Anne Britton, Chair, Council of Australasian Tribunals		
11:50 – 11:55	Welcome to Country • Derek Oram-Sandy, Yerongpan Aboriginal Corporation		
11:55 – 12:05	Conference Welcome • Justice Kerri Mellifont, Chair, 2024 COAT National Conference Organising Committee		
12:05 – 13:00	Keynote Address – Top Tips • Chief Justice Helen Bowskill, Chief Justice of Queensland		
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch   Landing 1		
	Plenary Session		
Room	Grand Ballroom		
Chair	Kevin Smith, President, National Native Title Tribunal		
14:15 – 15:15	Communicating With First Nations People • Alex Bowen, Linguist and PhD Candidate, University of Melbourne		
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon Tea   Landing 1		
	Concurrent Sessions		
Room	Grand Ballroom	River Room	
Chair	Judge Mark O'Reilly, President, Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal	Judge Geraldine Dann, Deputy President, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal	

15:45 – 17:00	<p><b>Guardianship Masterclass: Balancing Risk and Rights in a Protective Jurisdiction</b></p> <p>A person-centred hearing in a time poor jurisdiction can be challenging. Critical evidence, competing views and the rights of a person who may have impaired decision-making capacity need to be considered.</p> <p>This practical session will consider how to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Afford procedural fairness to the person the subject of the application and other parties to proceedings.</li> <li>2. Use the law as a framework to guide your decision-making.</li> <li>3. Acknowledge and safeguard the rights of a person with impaired decision-making capacity.</li> </ol> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Britton, Deputy President, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal</li> <li>• Joanne Browne, Senior Member, Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal</li> <li>• Dr John Chesterman, Queensland Public Advocate</li> </ul>	<p><b>The ART of Merits Review – Significant Changes to Membership Provisions</b></p> <p>The Administrative Review Tribunal Bill contains significant reforms concerning the qualifications, appointment, conduct, performance, training and terms of office of members of the Administrative Review Tribunal. Justice Kyrou will discuss the practical implications of these provisions from the perspective of members, parties and the Tribunal.</p> <p>Trish McConnell will provide a short commentary from the New Zealand perspective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hon Emilios John Kyrou AO, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal</li> <li>• Commentator: Trish McConnell, Chair, Private Security Personnel Licencing Authority, New Zealand</li> </ul>
18:00 – 22:00	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p>Madame Wu Restaurant, Upper Plaza Level (5 minutes' walk from the conference venue). Upper Plaza Level, Riparian Plaza, 71 Eagle Street</p> <p>Tickets include an Asian fusion dinner. Note tickets do not include drinks. A bar will operate throughout the evening where guests can purchase drinks.</p>	

## Friday 7 June 2024

08:15 – 15:15	Registration Open   Landing 1	
08:15 – 08:45	Council of Australasian Tribunals (COAT) Annual General Meeting	
	Plenary Session	
Room	Grand Ballroom	
08:45 – 08:55	Day Two Opening Address	
Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair, Council of Australasian Tribunals</li> </ul>	
08:55 – 09:40	<p><b>AI beyond the hype: The good, the bad, and the practical</b></p> <p>Artificial intelligence has moved beyond the hype and is fundamentally transforming how society functions. You will learn how AI is being practically applied across different sectors, unlocking new capabilities and raising new questions. You will gain an informed perspective on AI's current capabilities and limitations, its profound impacts on work and society, and how organizations can responsibly steer emerging technologies. Get insights from two experts who connect cutting-edge research with real-world ways of working, and walk away with a broad understanding of how AI will affect the Tribunal context and more broadly, the legal profession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Sandra Peter, Director, Sydney Executive Plus and Associate Professor, the University of Sydney</li> <li>• Dr Kai Riemer, Professor of Information Technology and Organisation and Director, Sydney Executive Plus, the University of Sydney Business School</li> </ul>	

09:40 – 10:25	<p>A values-oriented guide to the use of AI in tribunals</p> <p>This presentation focuses on the practical aspects of AI in Tribunals. It draws on the findings of research conducted by UNSW researchers in partnership with the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration. It focuses on key challenges and opportunities associated with the deployment of AI in courts and tribunals, drawing on case studies including automated decision-support, the use of AI in automated e-filing, triaging, and the use of generative AI including in translation. It discusses these within the frame of core values including open justice, impartiality, procedural fairness, access to justice and efficiency, setting out questions that should be asked when considering or deploying AI tools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Lyria Bennett Moses, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Law and Justice, University of New South Wales Sydney</li> </ul>	
10:25 – 10:55	Morning Tea   Landing 1	
	Concurrent Sessions	
Room	Grand Ballroom	River Room
Chair	Justice Ted Woodward, President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal	Bernard McCabe, Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal
10:55 – 11:55	<p>Liar Liar Pants on Fire: Making Credit Findings Masterclass</p> <p>Tips to make sure you adopt an appropriate approach to making credit findings, and making sure you go far enough in your reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr John Adams, Former Family Court Judge, Poet, Writer and Deputy Chair of the Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal, New Zealand</li> </ul>	<p>Compensation Masterclass Session</p> <p>This practical session will focus on psychological disorders in compensation cases. Professor Varghese regularly appears in compensation cases, and SM O'Donovan oversees the compensation list at the AAT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Frank Varghese, Psychiatrist</li> <li>• Damien O'Donovan, Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal</li> </ul>
11:55 – 12:00	Quick break/Leg stretch	
	Concurrent Sessions	
Room	Grand Ballroom	River Room
Chair	Justice Lea Armstrong, President, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal	Jarrod Bryan, Principal Registrar, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Collateral Challenges Masterclass: How to spot a collateral challenge in the wild and how to wrangle it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice Judy Hughes, President, South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal</li> </ul>	<p>Vexatious and/or Querulent litigants</p> <p>This session will provide tips for how to deal with challenges that commonly arise with a vexatious or querulent litigant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Grant Lester, Member, Mental Health Tribunal (Vic)</li> </ul>
13:00 – 13:50	Lunch   Landing 1	
	Plenary Session	
Room	Grand Ballroom	
Chair	Meena Sripathy, Chair, Interpreter Advisory Group, Administrative Appeal Tribunal	
13:50 – 15:00	<p>Working with Interpreters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Sandra Hale, Professor of Interpreting and Translation, University of New South Wales</li> </ul>	
15:00 – 15:15	Closing Remarks, Deputy Chair, Council of Australasian Tribunals	