

ADRA President's Talk

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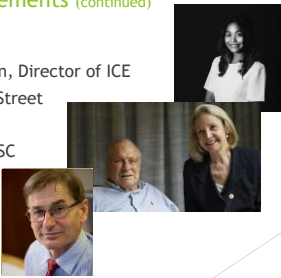
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ADRA's Inclusivity

Special thanks to YOU as members of ADRA, without whom there would be no ADRA.



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- ▶ **Special thanks to**
 - ▶ Resolution Institute (RI)
 - ▶ Margaret Halsmith, Chair of RI



"Best wishes for your anniversary celebration from me personally and on behalf of the Board of Resolution Institute."

My view of ADRA is that it epitomises the principles of Dispute Resolution, namely that ADRA is inclusive, relationship oriented, respectful of people, optimistic regarding problems and adaptive to change. As such ADRA sets an excellent example to other membership organisations, in particular because it does so with its 'feet on the ground'."

Guest Speakers

- ▶ Dr Anne Ardagh
- ▶ Dr Katherine Johnson
- ▶ Simon Olsen
- ▶ Mary Walker
- ▶ Dr David Ardagh
- ▶ Dr Paul Gibson
- ▶ Prof Laurence Boule



ADRA Today and into the Future

The Dispute Resolution Industry Forum



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- ▶ **ADRA's Past Initiatives**
 - ▶ **National Mediation Conference (NMC) 2012**
 - ▶ Initial bid for NMC in 2008 - unsuccessful; NMC held in Adelaide 2010
 - ▶ Second bid for NMC in 2010 - successful; NMC held in Sydney 2012
 - ▶ **Development of Conflict Resolution Template 2006-2008**
 - ▶ Template accepted by National Mediation Accreditation Committee (NMAC) in 2008
 - ▶ **New ADRA logo developed in 2008** under Paula Castile's presidency
 - ▶ **ADRA's 20th Celebrations in 2007** under Katherine Johnson's presidency

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▶ ADRA's Current Initiatives

- ▶ Development of the website in February 2014
 - ▶ Many thanks to Simon Olsen ("Guru of the Internet")
- ▶ Constitutional change from one to two years of presidency
 - ▶ Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 15 May 2014
 - ▶ Terms of presidency changed in the Constitution from one year to two years and a maximum of two terms
- ▶ PayPal facility added to the website for ADRA events
- ▶ ADRA Members welcomed to attend Executive Meetings



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▶ ADRA's Current Initiatives (continued)

- ▶ GIO Insurance available for ADRA members
 - ▶ Thanks to Cathie Thompson of SunCorp/GIO
- ▶ Mediator Practice Network (MPN) Sessions
 - ▶ Thanks to the Kirribilli Mediation Practice Sessions founded by Ann Fieldhouse
 - ▶ Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points available for participation
- ▶ Peer Support Program
 - ▶ CPD points available for participation
- ▶ Publications on the website
 - ▶ Free access to the general public

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▶ ADRA's Current Initiatives (continued)

- ▶ Formation of Posthumous Award 2014
 - ▶ Prof Jennifer David
- ▶ Formation of Fellowship Award 2015
 - ▶ Dr Anne Ardagh
 - ▶ Prof Laurence Boulle
- ▶ Joint events with:
 - ▶ the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL)
 - ▶ the Australian Psychological Society (APS), in particular the Dispute Resolution and Psychology Interest Group (Dr Emily Kovak, Convenor)
 - ▶ The APS College of Counselling Psychology
 - ▶ The Global Leadership Program (GLP; Macquarie University)

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▶ ADRA as an RMAB

- ▶ Registered Mediation Accreditation Body
- ▶ Past President's Dinner
 - ▶ Early November 2013
 - ▶ Jeremy Gormly, Head of NADRAC invited to the Past President's dinner
 - ▶ Late November 2013, NADRAC amalgamated into the Attorney-General's Department
- ▶ Birth of the Dispute Resolution Industry Forum idea

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▶ Dispute Resolution Industry Forum

- ▶ Aim:
 - ▶ To create a unified voice with which to approach government about the needs and concerns of the DR Industry both on a national and on an international basis

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- ▶ John Pollard
- ▶ Paul Lewis
- ▶ Val Sinclair - the "Let's Talk" Initiatives

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- Is the DR Industry sufficiently mature for a unified voice to government?

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- ADRA's consultations with the leading membership organisations of 2014 - A federation approach for national and international needs?
 - Formation of the current steering committee for the DR Industry Forum
 - A focal point of contact to match international standards, such as Malaysia and Singapore

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► Dispute Resolution Industry Forum - International Perspectives

- Global Pound Conference - setting International Standards for mediation?
 - Australia as a viable competitor in the international dispute resolution scene

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► Dispute Resolution Industry Forum - National Perspectives

- Searching for a common definition of "mediation" that allows flexibility for different court and private settings

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► Dispute Resolution Industry Forum - Consultations

- Aim of the steering committee
 - To consult with as many other national DR membership organisations to form a unified voice to government
 - 14 May 2014 - first DR Industry Forum day held at the Australian International Dispute Centre (AIDC) at 1 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

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► Dispute Resolution Industry Forum - Consultations

- National Mediation Conference (NMC) held in Melbourne in September 2014
- Second Dispute Resolution Industry Forum Day held on 14 May 2015 at Ashurst Lawyers
 - Terms of Reference for the LinkedIn Group questions for discussion

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► Dispute Resolution Industry Forum - Changing landscape

- **Formation of Resolution Institute**
- **Formation of ADC**
- **Ongoing membership of steering committee for DR Industry Forum**
- **New website for DR Industry Forum 2016**
 - To be held on **12 August 2016** at ADC

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- **Summary of Aims**
 - What actions were needed to provide a line of communication between Government and the DR industry on DR issues?
 - What could the DR industry entities do to increase the use of DR techniques in the community?

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- **Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee**
 - The development of contact among all non-government DR Industry entities with a view to enabling those entities to develop and maintain lines of communication with one another on matters relating to:
 - Effective dispute management in all areas of the Australian community, economy and workplace.
 - The needs and activity of government in the DR field.
 - Common interests within the DR industry.
 - The development and utilization of a line of communication with government in pursuit of:
 - greater use of DR in the Australian community, economy and workplace;
 - the needs and activity of government in the DR field; and
 - common interests within the DR industry.

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- **Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee**
 - In pursuit of Terms of Reference 1 and 2 above, the Steering Group shall;
 - Encourage contact between DR industry entities on matters of common DR and industry interest.
 - Arrange a periodic forum of DR industry entities.
 - Alert the industry of matters requiring submission to government encouraging or opposing government decision as needed, whether singly by entities or in concert.
 - Manage a website which provides information to and acts as a means of contact among industry entities on matters relevant to these terms of reference.
 - Agreed to accepted by the members of the DR Industry Forum Steering Group