
ADRA President's Report

24 May 2011

ADRA Matters

1. The Practitioner's Event – 5 May 2011

Janice convened the recent Practitioner Members' meeting held at the Law Society of NSW. Janice prepared a flexible agenda, which featured the following

- Self-care for mediators *Jane Houselander*
- Mediation clause in the Commercial Arbitration Act *Emma Matthews*
- Practice Groups *Naomi Holtring/Janice McLeay*
- Talk It Over *Peter Irving*
- Cross Border Dispute Resolution *Lorraine Lopich*
- National Mediation Conference
 - 11-13 September 2012
 - (workshops 10 and 14 September) *Janice McLeay*
- NADRAC update *Steve Lancken*
- ADRA Meetup *Michelle de Vries*

There was a lively discussion in relation to each of these topics. I have attached the minutes for your reference. This was a well attended meeting, with the following practitioner members in attendance: MICHELLE DE VRIES, MICHELINE DEWDNAY, FRAN DOYLE, BEV FOSTER, DAVID HOLST, NAOMI HOLTRING, JANE HOUSELANDER, ROBIN HUNT, PETER IRVING, STEVE LANCKEN, TEIK HOCK LIM, ROBERT LOPICH, LORRAINE LOPICH, EMMA MATTHEWS, JANICE MCLEAY, LYNNE RICHARDS, PAM RICHARDS, VAL SINCLAIR AND LUGI YAN. I would like to thank Janice for convening the meeting and Naomi for arranging the venue.

2. The National Mediation Conference 11-13 September 2012

Don't forget to Save the Date for the National Mediation Conference 11-13 September 2012 (with optional workshops 10 and 14 September). The Organising Committee has met to discuss the numerous details for the conference. If you have any suggestions in relation to dinner venues, amazing speakers or other ideas,

please e-mail me and I will pass these ideas on to the relevant chairs of the subcommittees. emma.catherine.matthews@gmail.com

3. NADRAC update

On 29 April 2011 NADRAC presented the Attorney-General with its final report on the Principles Reference. The report contains:

- the National Principles for Resolving Disputes, and
- a Dispute Resolution Guide.

NADRAC advocates the consistent application of the National Principles and promotes the supporting Guide as an important information tool to assist people in dispute in considering ADR as an alternative, or an addition, to litigation. The Guide contains a series of highly readable information sheets designed to assist the Australian public to choose their form of dispute resolution wisely. It complements the wealth of information packages already available for businesses and organisations.

For further information click [here](#). I have attached a copy of the report to the covering e-mail for your reference.

Earlier this year **on 28 February 2011**, NADRAC provided the Attorney-General with its report, *Maintaining and enhancing the integrity of ADR processes: From principles to practice through people*.

This Report canvasses how the issues of conduct obligations, confidentiality, inadmissibility and practitioner immunity affect the integrity of ADR processes. In particular, it considers whether legislative changes are required to enhance the integrity of ADR in Australia. For further information click [here](#). I have attached a copy of the report to the covering e-mail for your reference.