

ADR Association of Australia
Report to First Annual General Meeting 1987

It is with some pride and satisfaction that I present this report to the first Annual General Meeting of the ADR Association of Australia.

1. Membership

We have 106 members of whom 34 are lawyers and 38 are community mediators. 20 are from interstate and 1 overseas. Membership includes trainers, administrators, community mediators, law reformers, academics, human rights conciliators and people involved in resolving family disputes, commercial disputes and employment grievances.

2. Incorporation

We are proceeding with incorporation, but this process has not been as speedy as we had hoped. We expect this to be completed in the next few weeks.

3. Committee of Management

At the inaugural meeting of the Association on 15th April 1987, 9 people were elected to the Committee of Management and at its first meeting officers were chosen as follows:-

President	-	Wendy Faulkes
Vice President	-	David Newton
Secretary	-	Linda Fisher
Treasurer	-	Basil Evangelinidis
Newsletter Editor	-	Jenny David
Newsletter Committee	-	Jenny David
		Ruth Charlton
		Janice Williams
		Micheline Dewdney
Member without portfolio	-	Gerald Raftesath

The Committee has met seven times, to plan and carry out the Association's business. One twilight seminar and two breakfast seminars have been held, to provide members with information on overseas developments. These meetings have been most stimulating and attendances have been satisfactory.

Negotiations with a group interested in family mediation resulted in them joining the Association; it is hoped that a family mediation sub-committee will develop this aspect of ADR further.

2.

The Newsletter Committee has produced two issues of the ADRAA Newsletter. They are of an exceptionally high standard, and the Editor, Committee and Contributors are to be commended for their work.

The Committee was able to purchase copies of the Proceedings of the Australian Institute of Criminology Seminar (Canberra 1986), for sale to members at a reduced price. This proved a popular move and few copies are left in stock.

4. Future

Plans have been made for a social function on Wednesday 2nd December 1987 - as an end-of-year celebration.

The Committee has discussed preliminary plans for a structured exchange of information on processes and techniques between ADR practitioners during the first half of 1988. This could take the form of a series of workshops, or a more ambitious 3-day conference.

Regular newsletters are planned.

Closer links with the Mediators Association of Victoria have been proposed.

5. Appreciation

The Committee extends its thanks to all members and others who have given assistance during these first six months of operation. In particular, special appreciation is due to

Mr. T. Colosi, Prof. P. Tractenberg, Mr. R. Banks,
Mr. C. Cooper, Mr. L. Chang

who were guest speakers at ADRAA functions,

Ms. J. Pucci for organising assistance and
Mr. Patrick Cavanagh for his constant and obliging
assistance with documentation, catering and other
arrangements.

W. Faulkes
WENDY FAULKES on behalf of
the Committee of Management.

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