



COAT CONFERENCE

Friday 22 April 2016
"Oaks on Market", 60 Market Street, Melbourne

"TRIBUNALS, BOARDS AND PANELS – ISSUES OF PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS"

PROGRAM

- 8.30 am Registration and Coffee
- 9.00 am **Ensuring Procedural Fairness – Tribunals to Courts**
Chair: Irene Tsiakas, President, COAT Victoria; Deputy Division
Head, Social Services & Child Support Division, AAT
Speaker: ***Justice Greg Garde*** AO RFD, President, VCAT
- 10.30 am Tea/Coffee
- 11.00 am **Handling Complaints in the Regulated Professions**
Chair: Owen Mahoney, Member, Mental Health Tribunal
Speakers: ***Elisabeth Wentworth***, Member, VCAT, Review & Regulation List
Elizabeth Kennedy, Member, AHPRA Health Standards Panel
- 12.15 pm **COAT AGM**
- 12.30 pm LUNCH
- 1.15 pm **Ensuring a Fair Hearing – Matters involving Persons with a Mental Illness,
Cognitive Impairment or Intellectual Disability**
Chair: John Chesterman, Office of Public Advocate
Speakers: ***Bernadette Steele***, Senior Member, VCAT, Human Rights List
Jill Toohey, Senior Member, AAT (NDIS)
Matthew Carroll, President, Mental Health Tribunal
Susan Woodford, District Registrar, AAT
- 2.30 pm Tea/Coffee
- 2.45 pm **Procedural Fairness – Hearings involving Persons from a Different
Cultural or Linguistic Background**
Chair: Susan Burdon-Smith, Senior Member, VCAT
Speakers: ***John Billings***, Senior Member, AAT (Migration & Refugee)
John Longo, Member, AAT (Social Security & Child Support)
- 3.45 pm CONFERENCE CLOSE