

# NSW Annual Conference

Friday 28 August 2015

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COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS  
NEW SOUTH WALES

## PROGRAM

8.15 am	<b>Registration</b> Arrival tea & coffee
9.00 am	<b>WELCOME</b> Anne Britton, COAT Convenor (NSW)
9.10 am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> The Hon. Justice M Perry, Federal Court of Australia
9.45 am	<b>THE ROLE OF NEUROBIOLOGY IN ACHIEVING “COMFORTABLE SATISFACTION”</b> <i>Chair:</i> The Hon. Justice DKerr, Chev LH, President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal Dr Hayley Bennett, Barrister
10.30 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00 am	<b>QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES FOR ELICITING INFORMATION FROM WITNESSES</b> <i>Chair:</i> The Hon. Acting Judge J Boland AM, Deputy President NCAT Dr Angela Dixon, Clinical Psychologist The Hon. Justice M Cleary, Family Court of Australia
12.20 pm	<b>TRIBUNAL LAW UPDATE</b> <i>Chair:</i> Anina Johnson, Deputy President, Mental Health Review Tribunal Sarah-Jane Morris, Special Counsel, NSW Crown Solicitor's Office
1.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 pm	<b>ARTICULATING THE “WHY QUESTION” IN A WORLD OF PROPORTIONALITY</b> <i>Chair:</i> The Hon. Justice R Wright, President, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal The Hon. Acting Justice R Sackville AO, NSW Court of Appeal
3.15 pm	<b>BUILDING RESILIENCE IN A TRIBUNAL ENVIRONMENT</b> <i>Chair:</i> His Hon. Judge G Keating, President, Workers Compensation Commission of NSW Matthew Johnstone, Author, illustrator, mental health advocate
4.15 pm	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> Malcolm Schyvens, COAT Deputy Convenor (NSW)
4.30 pm	<b>Refreshments</b>

### Venue:

Amora Jamison Hotel  
Sydney

### Registration fees:

Member \$420  
Non-Member \$470

All fees GST exempt

To register, go to

[coat.gov.au](http://coat.gov.au)

### QUESTIONING TECHNIQUES WORKSHOPS

12.20pm-1.40pm &  
3.15pm-4.30pm

Justice Murray  
Aldridge, Family Court  
of Australia  
Grant Brady, Barrister

These special workshops will run parallel to the main conference program. Places are limited and available to those registered to attend conference.