

# Werrnte

(Welcome)

Greetings to you all from Yungabeh country where I am currently based.

On behalf of the NMC Board and Design Committees I would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants at NMC2021. We are fortunate to have a full program of presenters, other registrants, local elders and important sponsoring exhibitors for this year's event.

Every two years the NMC Board, which is elected by NMC Members, selects a host venue and hands responsibility for the next conference to local Design Committees. For Alice Springs we have been privileged to have Mparntwe elder Maureen Abbott, who painted the conference logo, and Alysoun Boyle, well-known to so many dispute resolvers and peace-keepers, heading these committees.

At the start of the conference we will be invited to and welcomed onto country by gracious traditional elders and the Board will accept the invitation, on your behalf. Sadly this will occur virtually and not in the magnificent precinct of the Desert Knowledge Centre outside Alice.

The NMC Board and design committee would like to acknowledge and thank our exhibitors and vital sponsors who have been instrumental in allowing NMC2021 to proceed. Exhibitors include the Mediator Standards Board, our principal collaborator, our technology sponsor Events Air, Relationships Australia our satchel sponsor, The Family Wizard and long-term NMC supporters Resolution Institute. We hope you will visit these and other collaborators and partners that are exhibiting during the conference.

It remains to wish you a collegial and stimulating event as we expand our frontiers in the pursuit of One Story.

Laurence Boulle AM  
Chair, National Mediation Conferences Ltd

