



Event Program

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Welcome Wednesday 8 September 2021

Time	Event
5:30 - 6:30pm	NMC2021 Mparntwe Welcome Function & Welcome to Country: Elders and Traditional Custodians, Central Australian Indigenous Communities. Maureen Abbott; Harold Furber; Pat Miller AO; Marlene Rubuntja; Kumali Riley. Additional speakers include: Harold Furber, Elder-in-Residence, Desert Knowledge Precinct, and Laurence Boule, Chair, Board of NMC Ltd MacDonnell Ranges Sunset
6:30 - 7:30pm	Virtual Networking - BYO drinks and canapes

Day 1: Thursday 9 September 2021

Time	Plenaries/ Yarning circles	First nations peace building, conflict management practices and contexts	Family A	Family B	Workplace and Innovation	Restorative and Innovative Approaches to Conflict	Elder Mediation and Social Justice	Court Connected DR Services, including those connected with Courts and Tribunals
8:45 - 10:00am	Maureen Abbott and Alysoun Boyle, Co-Chairs NMC2021 Mparntwe. Official Opening - Yipirinya Primary School, Alice Springs Maureen Abbott and Helen Bishop "Peace-builders working in remote Indigenous communities"							
10:00 - 10:30am	Visiting Elders Program Jody Clarke & Crystal Dixon							
10:30 - 11:00am	MORNING TEA & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
11:00 - 12:00pm	Yarning Circle: The Stolen Generations							
12:00 - 12:30pm		Ancient Social & Spiritual Responsibilities Imbedded in our Languages with Dispute Resolution. Ms Helen Bishop	Using FGC to unite, inform and create one story from collective wisdom Ms Eve Clare	When your boat is leaking - reflective practice during a pandemic Jodie Grant & Michael Lang	What can Workplace Mediators learn from practice of Family Dispute Resolution Ms Elizabeth Rosa	Workplace Restorative Mediation - A Shared Story of Gratitude and Accountability Ms Ruth Levy	Elder Mediation: Empowering Older People in the Post Covid-19 World. Dr Dale Bagshaw	Mediating via Zoom Prof Tania Sourdin
12:30 - 1:00pm		The Aurukun Mediation Program: Capacity Building as Peace Building Mr Craig Jones, RREDD				Difficult Conversations: how to prepare yourself and others Mr David Bryson	Supporting Trauma Survivors Through the Family Dispute Resolution Process Ms Tracey Chapman	
1:00 - 2:00pm	LUNCH & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
2:00 - 2:30pm		First Steps for a Peacemaking Group on Groote Eylandt Mr Hugh Bland, Anindilyakwa Land Council	Change your coping style and create a new footprint for your family Ms Tudor Rose	Property FDR in the FRCs - Addressing both sides of the 'Coin' Ms Tara Houseman			Mediator Strategies for Detecting and Dealing with Elder Abuse Mrs Dominique Horn, Better Place Australia	Reviewing Parenting Plans for Positional Parents in High Conflict - case study. Ms Keryn Foley
2:30 - 3:00pm		Intercultural peacemaking - both ways learning: the Mawul Rom journey Ms Justine Davis	Court ordered property dispute resolution: mediation or conciliation? Practitioner impartiality and client self-determination Dr Genevieve Heard		Mediation as an employment contract term: - a relationship bridge or road-block? Mr Darren Gardner		Mediation and Case Management: Together can we prevent and address Elder Abuse? Ms Kathryn Price	Mediation and the Grieving Process Mrs Ruth Beach
3:00 - 3:30pm					Alternative Mediator Strategies for Handling Financial Disputes in FDR (including online options) Mrs Kristen Poel			
3:30 - 4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA							
4:00 - 5:00pm	Virtual Networking							
6:00pm	MOVIE NIGHT 10 Canoes My name is Gulpilil							



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Day 2: Friday 10 September 2021

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9:15 - 9:30am	Mediator Standards Board Opening <i>Bianca Keys, Chair</i>							
9:30 - 10:00am	Music and Conflict Resolution: Perspectives from West Africa <i>Dr Bronnie McConnell, School of Music, Australian National University</i>							
10:00 - 10:30am	Current Activities of the Mediator Standards Board – The Importance of Diverse Voices & Inclusions <i>Bianca Keys, Chair, Mediator Standards Board</i>	Weaving cultural approaches into dispute resolution <i>Ms Belinda Betham</i>		Novel Lessons for Mediators <i>Professor Archie Zariski</i>	Safe and Connected Youth Program: Assisting at-risk Young People through Family Mediation <i>Mr Hamish Guthrie</i>	Linkages between women-led traditional mediation and UNSCR1325: Lessons from Zimbabwe. <i>Ms Dudziro Nhenqu</i>	The impact of COVID-19 on NZ's dispute resolution system <i>Mr Grant Morris</i>	Canvassing online techniques for mediation, <i>Kristen Poel, Better Place Australia</i>
10:30 - 11:00am	MORNING TEA & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
11:00 - 12:00pm	Yarning Circle: Relationships: Nations, communities, Clans, and Skin Groups							
12:00 - 12:30pm		Neutrality and Other Fables: The Role of Value Judgements in Mediated Outcomes <i>Mr Rhys Jaconley</i>	FDR and Social Justice: A Dual Focus in Clinical Legal Education <i>Dr Jacqueline Weinberg</i>	Science, Law, Songlines: points of connection in the story of climate change <i>Ms Michelle Royal-Hebblewhite</i>	Divorce coaching <i>Ms Anne Marie Cade</i>		The ATO's ADR Story: Resolving tax disputes in challenging times <i>Ms Tina Hoyer</i>	Neutrality and impartiality: How might culture influence meaning <i>Dr Susan Douglas</i>
12:30 - 1:00pm			What can FDR learn about the "spirit" for change from Motivational Interviewing? <i>Ms Susan Hamilton-Green</i>		Working with conflict stories: help people escape the melodrama of conflict <i>Dr Samantha Hardy</i>	Traditional and contemporary roles of women in peace-building processes: Lessons from Zimbabwe. <i>Ms Dudziro Nhenqu</i>	Examining the Impact of Predictive Tools on Procedural Justice in the Courts <i>Ms Dorcas Quek Anderson</i>	
1:00 - 2:00pm	LUNCH & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
2:00 - 2:30pm		Two Worlds One Dispute Management System <i>Mr Craig Jones RREDD</i>		The use of language in mediation <i>Mr Peter Agardy</i>		Amplifying the roles of grassroots women mediators <i>Mrs Mable Chawinga</i>	Navigating Family Dispute Resolution services in uncertain times utilising innovative technology <i>Fiona Kirkman</i>	
2:30 - 3:00pm						'You're the expert!' Dispute Resolution in the Shadow of the Law <i>Ms Alexandra Sidoti, Australian Financial Complaints Authority</i>	Issues and trends in ADR: Now and into the future <i>Ms Amber Williams & Dr Katherine Johnson</i>	Social Justice Mediation <i>Ms Justine Davis</i>
3:00 - 3:30pm								
3:30 - 4:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
4:00 - 5:00pm	Yarning Circle: Working in remote communities							
6.00pm	Board Members Dinner (RSVP only)							



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Day 3: Saturday 11 September 2021

Time	Plenaries/ Yarning Circles	First nations peace building, conflict management practices and contexts	Family A	Family B	Dispute System Design, Online DR and Technological Innovations	Research, Training and Education	Peace Building, Transitional justice, Reconciliation and Civil Society	Family
9:45 - 10:00am	Relationships Australia Opening <i>Nick Tebbey, CEO</i>							
10:00 - 10:30am		Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone <i>Ms Maureen Inglis</i>	First Nations People and Lawyer-Assisted FDR: Yarning with Kathy Cullen <i>Ms Freia Carlton</i>	Children's right to culture: Including children before 'Walking Together' Aboriginal FDR approach <i>Ms Nancy Kohn</i>	Practical Approach to Online and Hybrid Mediations – an Accepted International Perspective <i>Mr Joe Al-khayat</i>	When is ADR appropriate? <i>Mr Joshua Taylor</i>	Celebrating First Nations' and Indigenous approaches to conflict: Learnings from Aotearoa (NZ). <i>Ms Amber Williams</i>	
10:30 - 11:00am	MORNING TEA & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
11:00 - 12:00am	Yarning Circle: Making a wish list for Indigenous and First Nations' Peace-builders							
12:00 - 12:30am		Traditional Owner business, Traditional Owner mediators: learnings from boundary negotiations in Victoria <i>Mr Shawn Whelan</i>	Identifying or Creating Shared Values in Intractable Conflicts: A conversation <i>Dr Lola Akin Ojelabi</i>		Our vision for a more peaceful Australia <i>Ms Joanne Law</i>	The Necessity of "The Debrief" <i>Ms Marilyn Waugh</i>	In an increasingly multicultural Australian society, must mediators have cultural awareness? <i>Mr Manraj Khosa</i>	
12:30 - 1:00am		Co-creating Environmental Conflict Management Processes <i>Ms Claire Holland</i>			Let's Be Honest With Ourselves <i>Ms Vasantha Stesin</i>			
1:00 - 2:00am	LUNCH & VIRTUAL NETWORKING							
2:00 - 2:30am		Nation-Building through Mediation: The Mongolia Experience <i>Dr Katherine Johnson</i>	Enough with the limitations! Finding creative solutions for separated families <i>Ms Sharyn Wagner</i>	Positioning children as innovation partners to increase their voice in FDR <i>Ms Louise Elkington</i>	The wisdom of embodiment for mediation <i>Ms Jennifer Devlin</i>	Virtual Mediation Training 101 – The Essential Pivot! <i>Mr Scott Dutton</i>	Mediation in Serbia: any learnings for Australia? <i>Mrs Vesna Flower Cvjeticanin</i>	
2:30 - 3:00am			The Solicitor in Mediation: Advocate, Advisor or Aggressor <i>Mrs Danielle Jaku-Greenfield</i>	Listening with New Ears <i>Ms Linda McNeil</i>			Mediation for Apostates: Malaysia Experience <i>Mr Zainul Rijal</i>	Crying in front of the frozen peas <i>Jodie Grant</i>
3:00 - 3:30am							Mediation, not just for divorce: understanding Relationship Mediation <i>Ms Anne-Marie Cade</i>	
3:30 - 3:45am	AFTERNOON TEA							
3:45 - 4:15am	Conference Wrap Up and announcement of NMC2023							
4:15 - 5:45am	Virtual Networking – BYO drinks and canapes							

Where the program includes "Virtual Networking", arrangements have been made to include allocation of conference delegates to social networking groups. On most days, these occur during the morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea breaks. Additional virtual networking opportunities have been included on the evening of Wednesday 8 September, following the formal Welcome Ceremonies, and again on the afternoon of Saturday 11 September, following the formal closure of the conference. For those latter two virtual networking sessions, delegates are encouraged to arrange their own drinks and nibbles.