

ASIA-PACIFIC CORONERS SOCIETY



Australasian coronial systems 20 years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody: achievements and challenges.

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2011 CONFERENCE
7-10 November 2011
NOOSA, QUEENSLAND

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

WELCOME & INVITATION

On behalf of the Asia Pacific Coroners Society I invite you to attend its annual conference to be held in Noosa, Queensland from 7-10 November 2011. It has been 20 years since the watershed Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. It is widely recognised that the Commission was a catalyst for reform of the coronial systems of Australia. 20 years on, it is appropriate to reflect on how successful those reforms have been and to debate the future direction of coronial systems in Australasia.

Mr Michael Barnes
Queensland State Coroner

THEME

Australasian coronial systems 20 years after the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody: achievements and challenges.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Coroners and magistrates
- Practitioners involved or interested in pathology, medicine and the forensic sciences
- Court administrators and others involved in the management and administration of coronial work
- Police and other investigative agencies
- Grief counsellors and social workers
- Legal practitioners with an interest in the coronial jurisdiction.
Legal practitioners may be able to claim CPD points for attendance at this conference
- People with an interest in policy development in the coronial jurisdiction

REGISTRATION COSTS

	EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OFFER* <i>by 1 September 2011</i>		STANDARD REGISTRATION <i>from 2 September 2011</i>	
	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Full 3 Day Registration	\$895.00	\$945.00	\$995.00	\$995.00
Day 1 (Tuesday) Registration**	NA	NA	\$350.00	\$350.00
Day 2 (Wednesday) Registration**	NA	NA	\$350.00	\$350.00
Day 3 (Thursday) Registration**	NA	NA	\$175.00	\$175.00

All prices quoted include GST

* To qualify for the Early Bird Offer, registration & payment must be received by 1 September 2011.

** Day Registrations include Conference Sessions on the chosen day & satchel. Social events are not included.

REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS:

- Morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea
- Conference program & satchel
- Welcome Reception on Monday evening
- Conference Dinner on Wednesday evening

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DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2011

1.00-4.00pm	Pre Conference Meeting of Coronial Stakeholders
3.00-5.00pm	Registration Opens
5.00-7.00pm	Welcome Function Welcome speech by Michael Barnes , <i>Queensland State Coroner</i>

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2011

8.30-9.00am	Arrival tea & coffee
9.00-9.30am	Welcome & opening Welcome to country – Dr Eve Fesl on behalf of the Gubbi Gubbi people Opening by Michael Barnes , <i>Queensland State Coroner</i>
Theme: Australasian coronial systems 20 years after the RCIADIC: achievements and challenges Chair – Michael Barnes , <i>Queensland State Coroner</i>	
9.30-11.00am	Keynote speech – Coronial systems at the time of the RCIADIC and the impetus for reform Hal Wooten AC QC
	Topic to be confirmed Professor Colin Tatz AO
	Reflection on the reforms proposed by the RCIADIC - to what extent has the promise been realised and where to from here? Ian Freckelton SC
	Panel discussion and questions
11.00-11.20am	Morning tea
Theme: International and Australian perspectives on death in custody investigations Chair - Alastair Hope , <i>WA State Coroner</i>	
11.20-1.15pm	Reporting of deaths in custody Alastair Hope , <i>West Australian State Coroner</i>
	UK and European experience investigating deaths in custody Professor Derrick Pounder
	Australian experience investigating deaths in custody Mr Michael Strong , <i>Director, Police Integrity, Office of Police Integrity, Victoria</i>
	NZ experience investigating deaths in custody <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
	Panel discussion and questions
1.15-2.00pm	Lunch
Theme: Cultural and family issues in autopsies, coronial investigations and inquests Chair - John Drayton , <i>Senior Counsellor, Queensland Health</i>	
2.00-3.15pm	How to minimise impact on the Jewish and Islamic communities without compromising the coronial function? Graham Segal OAM
	Topic to be confirmed Professor Colin Tatz AO
	The impact of coronial processes on indigenous families and communities Dr Sue Gordon
3.15-3.35pm	Afternoon tea
3.35-4.30pm	Mental health of prisoners Dr Ed Heffernan and Kimina Andersen , <i>Queensland Health</i>
5.30-7.30pm	Pre dinner drinks

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Hal Wooten AC QC is a former NSW Supreme Court Judge and was a Commissioner to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Professor Derrick Pounder is Professor of Forensic Medicine at the University of Dundee. He has extensive experience in the coronial systems of England and Scotland and also in relation to the investigation of deaths in custody internationally.

Professor Colin Tatz AO is a sociologist with expertise in indigenous suicide and the coronial system.

Professor Diego De Leo is the Director of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention and an internationally recognised suicidologist.

Ian Freckelton SC is an eminent member of the Victorian Bar with extensive experience in the coronial jurisdiction.

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WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2011

8.30-9.00am	Arrival tea & coffee
Theme: modern autopsy practice	
Chair - Dr Andrew Reid , <i>UK Coroner</i>	
9.00-10.30am	Keynote speech - Increasing use of external autopsy examinations in Scotland Professor Derrick Pounder
	Panel discussion and questions
10.30-10.50am	Morning tea
Theme: death prevention	
Chair - Judge Jennifer Coate , <i>Victorian State Coroner</i>	
10.50-12.30pm	An epidemiological approach to understanding coroners recommendations Professor David Studdert
	Framing recommendations for maximum impact Dr Jillann Farmer , <i>Queensland Health</i>
	The principles and practices of the Victorian coroners prevention unit Samantha Hauge , <i>Coroners Court of Victoria</i>
	A model for coronial management and information sharing Jessica Martin , <i>Queensland Health</i>
	Domestic and family violence death review processes in Australia <i>Speaker to be confirmed</i>
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch
Theme: Expert evidence and use of concurrent evidence	
Chair - John Lock , <i>Brisbane Coroner</i>	
1.15-2.30pm	Use of concurrent evidence in the coronial jurisdiction Dr Dianne Little <i>Forensic Pathologist, Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services,</i> Magistrate Hugh Dillon , <i>New South Wales Deputy State Coroner</i>
	Distinction between legal proof and medical proof Dr Bob Hoskins , <i>Queensland Health</i>
2.30-2.50pm	Afternoon tea
2.50-4.30pm	Multi-agency investigations – how should investigations interact with the coronial investigation – challenges/benefits/risks <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>
6.00-10.00pm	Dinner

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2011

8.30-9.00am	Arrival tea & coffee
9.00-10.30am	Lessons from Christchurch - DVI and natural disasters His Hon Judge Neil MacLean , <i>Chief Coroner of New Zealand</i> Sue Johnson , <i>Christchurch Coroner</i> Dr Simon Stables , <i>National Director, National Forensic Pathology Service NZ</i> <i>Senior DVI police officer - to be confirmed</i>
10.30-10.50am	Morning tea
Theme: Hot topics	
10.50-12.45pm	Impact of natural disasters on suicide rates - to be confirmed Professor Diego De Leo
	Problems in postmortem toxicology Professor Derrick Pounder
	Sudden death caused by excited delirium and positional asphyxia Professor Anthony Brown , <i>Department of Emergency Medicine, Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital</i> Dr Noel Woodford , <i>Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine</i> Dr Andrew Reid , <i>UK Coroner</i>
12.45-1.00pm	Conference close Michael Barnes , <i>Queensland State Coroner</i>
1.00-1.30pm	Lunch
1.30-2.30pm	AGM of APCS

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THE SHERATON NOOSA

The 2011 Asia Pacific Coroners Society Conference is to be held at the Sheraton, Noosa.

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Accommodation rates have been secured for Conference attendees as below:

Noosa Superior Room (room only)	\$260.00 per night
Noosa Superior Room (including 1 breakfast daily)	\$280.00 per night
Noosa Superior Room (including 2 breakfasts daily)	\$300.00 per night

To book at the Sheraton, please complete the booking form attached to the brochure and return as instructed.

SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

Monday 7 November

The official start to the 2011 Conference will be the Welcome Reception to be held at the Lilly Pond Terrace. This event is included in your registration fee.

If you would like to be a guest, the cost is \$60.

CASUAL PRE-DINNER DRINKS

Tuesday 8 November

Following the conference session on Tuesday guests are invited to meet at Noosa Surf Club, just a short stroll from the hotel. This is a chance to network with your colleagues in an informal setting. If you are interested in arranging dinner with your colleagues following the networking drinks, please refer to suggested restaurants on the following page. Cost for delegates & guests is \$35 per person.

CONFERENCE DINNER

Wednesday 9 November

The Conference Dinner will be held Poolside at the Sheraton Noosa from 6:00pm.

If you would like to invite a guest to join you, the cost is \$110.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Registration is now open online – please visit the society website www.asiapacificcoroners.org and follow the link to the 2011 Conference page.

CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION

At the time of registration, a tax invoice will be forwarded to you. A confirmation letter with details of your registration and further information on the Conference will be sent upon receipt of payment.

CONFERENCE CANCELLATION

Cancellations received in writing to Essential Experiences & Events on or before 14 October 2011 will be eligible for a refund (less an administration fee of \$100.00).

Cancellations received after this date will not be eligible for a refund. Please note that delegate substitutions can be made at any time in writing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any queries regarding your registration or Conference details, please contact the Conference Secretariat, Essential Experiences & Events:
Email: info@essentialexperiences.com.au
Phone: 07 3217 5353

DISCLAIMER

The speakers, topics and times listed in this document are subject to change. The organisers reserve the right to alter items in the program or substitute speakers without prior notice.

WHAT TO DO IN NOOSA

While there is no official accompanying persons program being offered, below are some of the tours and activities that Noosa has to offer:

NOOSA EVERGLADES DISCOVERY

Cruise through the magnificent lakes and wetlands as you navigate your way into the mysterious and tranquil waters of the Noosa Everglades. Enjoy time out to explore the historic loggers camp at Harry's Hut and celebrate your experience with chilled champagne and orange juice on our afternoon cruise or an authentic Australian BBQ lunch on our full day tour. Upgrade to our cruise 'n' coast option and after lunch you'll leave the boat behind, jump in our 4WD and weave your way back through ancient rainforests and onto one of the most spectacular beaches in Australia.

www.thediscoverygroup.com.au

SPIRIT HOUSE RESTAURANT & COOKING SCHOOL

Set in lush tropical gardens, private dining courtyards are nestled around a tranquil pond. Utilising fresh Asian ingredients grown on surrounding farms, Spirit House chefs create the most fragrant, aromatic and spicy modern Thai cuisine. The restaurant opens every day for lunch and Wednesday - Saturday evenings. Whet your appetite on the menu page of www.spirithouse.com.au

The hands-on Cooking School offers classes every day. Limited to 18 people, the classes demystify Thai ingredients and methods and are a fun way to learn new culinary skills.

See program & book on www.spirithouse.com.au

AUSTRALIA ZOO

We pack in stacks of wildlife action every day and move at a great rate of knots – there are always plenty of exciting wildlife shows to see, friendly zoo keepers to chat with and heaps of drop-dead gorgeous animals that can't wait to get up close and personal with YOU. Approximately 50mins drive from Sheraton Noosa

www.australiazoo.com.au

UNDERWATER WORLD

UnderWater World is a multi-award winning tourist attraction beachside on the Sunshine Coast. Visitors have the opportunity to see thousands of marine and freshwater animals including giant sharks, stingrays and reef fish. Highlights are our popular seal and otter shows plus our latest exhibit 'Crawly Creatures' featuring the largest crabs in the world. Other unique animal interactions include; shark dives, seal swims, encounters and kisses and the all new Behind the Scenes Tour where visitors learn more about the aquarium. With more than 14 presentations each day the accessibility to information and staff is unique in an aquarium setting. Travel time approximately 45mins from Sheraton Noosa.

www.underwaterworld.com.au

DINING OUT

BISTRO C

Positioned absolute beachfront overlooking Noosa's Laguna Bay, Bistro C is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner inviting you to enjoy a delicious meal at any time of day. Our relaxed, stylish atmosphere, award-winning cuisine, exemplary service and views that last forever, create an environment that cannot be matched.

49 Hastings St Noosa Heads

Ph: 07 5447 2855

www.bistroc.com.au

SEASON RESTAURANT

With its spectacular beachfront location, Season resides in the Tingirana Building on Noosa's famed Hastings Street.

A menu that highlights the freshest of local Noosa produce and our innovative dishes ensure that there is something for everyone.

With the perfect mix of relaxed yet professional service, stylish food and glamorous location, Season delivers the ultimate Noosa dining experience!

5 / 25 Hastings Street Noosa Heads

Ph: 07 5447 3747

www.seasonrestaurant.com.au

CATO'S RESTAURANT AT SHERATON

If the resort is the heart of Hastings Street, then Cato's Restaurant is its soul-evolving from a sunlit breakfast venue to a brasserie style lunch spot, and later to a hip dinner venue with a magnificent Seafood Buffet.

Ph: 5447 4754

COCONUT GROVE BAR BISTRO

Coconut Grove is situated in the somewhat bohemian beachside village of Sunshine Beach, just 5 minutes from the heart of Noosa.

Relax in the casual, welcoming atmosphere with a classic cocktail, a blizzardly cold beer or a glass of wine. Sample a couple of tasty morsels at the bar or simply settle down in the bistro to savour some of Head Chef, Damon Porter's delicious Mediterranean inspired cuisine.

46 Duke Street Sunshine Beach

Ph: 07 5449 2333

www.coconutgrovebistro.com

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Monday 07 November 2011 - Friday 11 November 2011



Sheraton

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- Noosa Superior Room (Room Rate Including One Sheraton Buffet Breakfast) \$280.00 per room, per night
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PLEASE SELECT YOUR PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION TYPE: (request basis)

King Bed YES 2 x Double beds YES Number of persons occupying room _____

Conference rates are inclusive of GST and are available for conference duration. Pre and Post conference date requests are subject to availability at time of confirmation.

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SPECIAL REQUESTS:

- Cot \$25.00 per night (Room Only)
- Third adult or rollaway bed (adult or child) \$55.00 per night (Room Only)
- Self Parking \$15.00 per day Valet Parking \$25.00 per day
- Return Coach Brisbane Airport to hotel \$_____ (Price will be confirmed by hotel)
Flight number:_____ Arrival time: _____ Flight number: _____ Departure time: _____
- Return Coach Maroochydore Airport \$_____ (Price will be confirmed by hotel)
Flight number:_____ Arrival time: _____ Flight number: _____ Departure time: _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

A Credit card number, to be held as a guarantee, is required to secure your booking.

- Diners Amex Bankcard MasterCard Visa

Card Number _____/_____/_____/_____ CCV Number _____ Expiry Date _____/_____

Card Holder's Name _____ Cardholder's Signature _____
(must be provided for reservation to be processed)

NB: All bookings hold a 30 day cancellation policy. If accommodation is cancelled within 30 days prior to arrival; accommodation will be charged to the credit card provided for all nights cancelled. All reservations MUST be received no later than 30 Days prior to conference commencement date. Total accommodation cost and AUD\$100.00 per day will be required upon arrival to the hotel as security. Any unused portion will be refunded on departure.

Hotel Use:

Confirmation Number: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ResID: STJ11A

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