



# Asia-Pacific Coroners Society Inc.

ABN 21 633 220 929

## Annual Conference

Tuesday 30 October - Friday 2 November 2007

Hobart Function & Conference Centre. Elizabeth Street Pier, Hobart, Tasmania.

### Tuesday 30 October

- 3.00pm Meeting: Heads of coronial jurisdictions of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, Magistrates' Conference Room, Magistrates Court, Level 4, 23 -25 Liverpool Street, Hobart.
- 5.30pm-6.30pm Registration - Hobart Function and Conference Centre, Elizabeth Pier, Hobart.
- 6.00pm-7.30pm Welcoming reception - Hobart Function and Conference Centre, Elizabeth Pier, Hobart.

### Wednesday 31 October

- From 8.30am **Conference Registration**
- 9.00am Welcome: President of the Asia-Pacific Coroners Society Inc, Chief Magistrate A G Shott  
**Conference Opening:** The Honourable Steven Kons MHA, LLB, Deputy Premier and Attorney-General, Tasmania.
- 9.30am **Session 1:**  
**Transport Safety Issues**  
*Police Investigative Response to Aviation Related Fatalities:* Introduction by Mr Carl Milovanovich, NSW Deputy State Coroner, Westmead. Main Presenter: Detective Inspector John Hurley, NSW Police, Aviation Support Branch.  
**Convenor:** Magistrate Olivia McTaggart (Tasmania)
- 10.45am-11.15am Morning Break
- 11.15am **Session 2:**  
**Transport Safety Issues (continued)**  
*Australian Transport Safety Bureau fatality investigations in Australia and the Asia Pacific:* Mr Kym Bills, Director, ATSB.  
*Transport Safety Group, Victoria:* Mr Bill Noonan, Transport Workers Union of Australia, Branch Secretary, Victoria, and Mr Trevor Martin, WorkSafe Victoria.  
**Convenor:** Magistrate Olivia McTaggart (Tasmania)
- 1.00pm-2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm **Session 3:**  
**Coronial and related issues in the Australian Defence Force**  
*Overview of Australian Defence Force (ADF) policy on deaths in the ADF since WWII and Defence - Coronial interactions since 2001:* Lieutenant Colonel Rosemary Landy, Staff Officer, Defence Health Services Division.  
*Overview of Defence Instruction (General) Personnel 20-6 Deaths within and Outside of Australia of ADF personnel:* Speaker to be confirmed.  
*Overview of the new ADF DVI capability /DNA repository for ADF personnel:* Commodore Robyn Walker, RAN, Director General Strategic Health Policy & Plans.  
**Convenor:** Coroner Steve Carey (Tasmania)
- 3.15pm - 3.45pm Afternoon Break
- 3.45pm-5.00pm **Session 4:**  
*Defence legislation with implications for Coroners:* Doctor David Lloyd, General Counsel Defence Legal Service.  
*Current status of the Military Justice System in the ADF:* Rear Admiral Mark Bonser, Head Military Justice Implementation Team.  
**Convenor:** Coroner Steve Carey (Tasmania)
- 5.30-7.00 pm Reception hosted by the Tasmanian Magistrates Association, Magistrates Court, Level 2, 23 -25 Liverpool Street, Hobart.

## Thursday 1 November

9.00am

### Session 5:

Key Note Speaker: Mr Graeme Johnstone.

**Convenor:** President of the Society, Chief Magistrate A G Shott (Tasmania)

10.00am

### Session 6:

#### Pathology Issues

*Drowning or Immersion?:* Dr Chris Lawrence, State Forensic Pathologist, Tasmania.

*Fatal Fires: the medical investigation:* Dr Clive Cooke, Chief Forensic Pathologist, PathWest, Western Australia.

#### Public Health

*Managing Deaths in a Pandemic: A Public Health Perspective:* Dr Roscoe Taylor, Director of Public Health, Tasmania.

**Convenor:** Coroner Rod Chandler (Tasmania)

10.45am-11.15am

Morning Break

11.15am

### Session 6:

#### Pathology and Public Health issues (continued)

**Convenor:** Coroner Rod Chandler (Tasmania)

1.00pm-2.00pm

Lunch

2.00pm

### Session 7:

#### Asia-Pacific Perspectives

*The New Zealand Experience:* Judge Neil MacLean, Chief Coroner, New Zealand, and Ms Karen Vaughan, National Manager, Coronial Services Unit, New Zealand.

*Asian and Pacific Nations' Perspectives:* Speakers to be confirmed.

*Tourists and Water Safety:* Dr Jeff Wilks, Director, Strategic Development, Surf Life Saving Australia.

*Mandatory wearing of lifejackets: the Tasmanian experience:* Inspector Ross Paine, Marine and Rescue Services, Tasmania Police, Mr Colin Finch, CEO, Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

**Convenor:** Magistrate Chris Webster (Tasmania)

3.00pm-3.30pm

Afternoon Break

3.30pm-5.00pm

### Session 8:

#### Asia-Pacific Perspectives (continued)

**Convenor:** Magistrate Chris Webster (Tasmania)

7.00 pm

*Conference Dinner:* Meadowbank Winery, Cambridge. (Transport details to be advised.)

Master of Ceremonies: Mr Jim Connolly, Administrator of the Magistrates Court of Tasmania.

## Friday 2 November

9.00am-9.40pm

Annual General Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Coroners Society Inc

Venue: Hobart Function and Conference Centre.

9.45am

### Session 9:

#### Asia-Pacific Perspectives (continued)

*The work of the TRAGADY Group:* Speakers to be confirmed. (TRAGADY is the acronym for 'Trans Tasman Response Against sudden Death in the Young'.)

**Convenor:** Magistrate Peter Wilson (Tasmania)

11.00am-11.30am

Morning Break

11.30am

### Session 10:

#### Asia-Pacific Perspectives (continued)

*National Coronial Data Collections: Developments at the international, national and local levels:* Jessica Pearce, Manager, National Coroners Information System.

*The use of the NCIS for the identification and description of work-related fatalities:* Kerry Fitzgerald, Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council.

2.00pm-3.00pm **Session 12:**

*The Vermont Medical Examiner System:* Dr Paul Morrow, Forensic Pathologist, NSW.

*Missing Persons:* Ms Leonie Jacques, Coordinator - National Missing Persons Coordination Centre (NMPCC), Australian Federal Police.

**Convenor:** Magistrate Don Jones (Tasmania)

**Close conference:** President of the Asia-Pacific Coroners Society Inc.

Resumed Meeting: Heads of coronial jurisdictions of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

Venue: Hobart Function and Conference Centre.