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# The 7<sup>th</sup> National Mediation Conference

Darwin NT

30 June – 2 July 2004



**True Talking, Forward Walking**



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## General Conference Information

On 30 June 2004, the Attorney General will officially open the 7<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Mediation Conference in Darwin, Northern Territory. This highlight on the Australasian calendar attracts those at the forefront of dispute resolution and negotiation in Australia and overseas.

## Theme

The theme of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Mediation Conference is **true talking, forward walking**. **True talking**: respectful, inclusive and critical practice in mediation for creative choices in management, planning and dispute resolution. **Forward walking**: determined, collaborative and practical implementation of decisions in the professional and corporate domain.

Building on the 6<sup>th</sup> National Mediation Conference "Pathways towards dispute management" the 7<sup>th</sup> National Mediation conference aims to promote conversations and practical action towards national professional standards and accreditation; to provide opportunities for cross fertilization between our expanding fields of practice and to deliver a strong cross-cultural flavor to both.

## Who will be there?

Based on the attendance at the previous 6 national conferences, we expect that those attending this program will include key representatives from:

- Courts
- Bankers
- Financial Institutions Community
- Regional and Major Infrastructure sector
- Project Managers
- Lawyers
- Churches
- Law Societies
- Construction and Building sector
- Family mediation and support services
- Australian Defence Forces
- Company Directors & CEO's
- Insurance sector
- Strategic Planners
- Human Resource Managers
- Community Justice Centres
- Community services sector
- Indigenous organisations
- Dispute Resolution services
- Government agencies

## Conference Organising Committee

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## Proposed Program

### Tuesday 29 June 2004

TUESDAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
	1700 - 1830	<b>WELCOME &amp; REGISTRATION COCKTAIL PARTY</b> Parliament House, Great Hall Hosted by Attorney General Dr Peter Toyne MLA

### Wednesday 30 June 2004

WEDNESDAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
	0600 - 0730	<b>Wukindi-Rom Ceremony</b> (Optional) Breakfast in Silence – Esplanade, Darwin
	0730	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
	0845	<b>BALLROOM - PLENARY ONE</b> <b>Welcome to Country</b> – Larrakia Nation Official Conference <b>Opening</b> – Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne MLA Key-note Address – ‘ <b>A bridge for our country</b> ’ Rev. Djiniyini Gondarra ‘Cross-cultural dialogue: an invitation to a mediation bridge’ Key-note Address – ‘ <b>ADR: an essential tool for human rights</b> ’ Mr John Von Doussa
	1000 - 1030	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
	1030	<b>BALLROOM - PLENARY TWO</b> Introduction of Table Hosts and the ‘ <b>Talking Table</b> ’ concept
	1100	<b>BREAKOUT – SESSION ONE</b> Cross-Cultural Sector   Community Sector   Corporate Sector   Professional Practice
	1230 – 1330	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1330	<b>BREAKOUT - SESSION TWO</b> Cross-Cultural Sector   Community Sector   Corporate Sector   Professional Practice
	1500 - 1530	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
	1530	<b>BREAKOUT - SESSION THREE</b> Designing for the cross-cultural Sector   Community Sector   Corporate Sector   Professional Practice
	1700	<b>CLOSE</b>
	1830 – 2000	Conference delegates and the public are invited to a special public address at the Darwin Entertainment Centre

### Thursday 1 July 2004

THURSDAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
	0600 – 0730	<b>Wukindi-Rom Ceremony</b> (Optional) Breakfast in Silence – Esplanade, Darwin
	0745	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>



## Social Program

### Welcome Reception – Pre-Registration

(Tuesday 29 June)

Watch the sun go down over Darwin Harbor from the Speakers Green of the award-winning Parliament House during the Welcome Reception, hosted by the Attorney general of the Northern Territory.



While you are there take the opportunity to register in preparation for the conference the following day.

### Wukindi-Rom Ceremony

(Wednesday 30 June, Thursday 1 July and Friday 2 July)

**OPTIONAL**



Wukindi is pronounced as wookindi. Wukindi-Rom is a ceremony of the Yolgnu Golumala Clan Nation People of East Arnhemland that has been used traditionally for centuries as a conflict resolution and healing process to restore relationships between individuals, groups and clan nations. 'Wukindi-Rom' connotes a place of healing, a sacred place, a place of law. Indigenous Peoples from around Australia and over-seas have their own similar traditional ceremonies for peace-making and conflict resolution. Traditional Elders from other clan nations will join with Yolgnu Golumala Clan Nation Elders in conducting a demonstration of their deeply reflective and ceremonial approach to dispute resolution. They extend an invitation to

conference delegates to bring their own breakfast to the Darwin Esplanade on each morning of the conference and listen to and reflect upon the richness of their wisdom.

For more information please go to [www.wukindi.com](http://www.wukindi.com)

### Mindil Beach Markets

(Thursday 1 July)

Tantalise your taste buds with food from all corners of the globe at the famous Mindil beach Markets. Make you own selection from the wide variety of market stalls available (own expense), then joins for a drink whilst we witness the most glorious of sunsets.



### Ten Thousand Stars Gala Dinner

(Friday 2 July)

Experience the delight of dining under the stars, whilst the light of Darwin tinkle across the bay. Taste the wonderful array of local produce accompanied by the best of Australian wines.

## Talking-table Sessions

In the week preceding the conference, the inaugural Wukindi-Rom Cross-Cultural Mediation & Leadership Training Project will have been concluded on Elcho Island, East Arnhemland. Once on each day of the conference, graduates of this joint Yolgnu Golumala Clan Nation / Charles Darwin University project, will facilitate small group discussions among conference delegates. It is hoped that such discussions will be opportunities for delegates to foster appreciation of the breadth & depth of our emerging profession and at the same time provide some informal opportunities for mentoring and collegiality.

## Breakout Sessions

### Cross Cultural Sector

There will be presentations and workshops concerning family mediation; in an Indigenous context; community based and court referred Indigenous mediation models; issues of power and authority in Indigenous ADR; facilitating regional governance; international perspectives on cross-cultural models; and a colloquium "Mediation applications in the Indigenous context".

### Community Sector

There will be presentations and workshops concerning quality and standards in PDR; developments and family mediation; domestic violence and child protection; ADR in schools; Universities and ADR; the "Power of apology" and a National Community Justice Centre colloquium.

### Corporate Sector

There will be presentations and workshops concerning extending the application of ADR technologies in the making of business choices; ADR in urban planning; ADR in major infrastructure development; capacity building conflict coaching; workplace conflict and bullying.

### Professional Practice

There will be presentations and workshops concerning "Tools for Tool boxes" complaints and ADR; quality ADR Cost benefit analysis; online ADR; International ADR program design; ADR professional attitudes and behaviors.

## Rapporteur

### Shirli Kirschner

Shirli Kirschner has been a qualified mediator for 12 years and is the principal of Resolve Advisors Pty Ltd, which she established in August 1996. Resolve provides mediation, facilitation and ADR and system design services to a wide client base.

Shirli is on a number of mediator panels including the LEADR Advanced panel, UTS/CDR and LawCover panels. She was on the standby panel for Sydney Ferries for the Sydney Olympic games. Recent mediations include disputes in the wholesale telecommunications market between stakeholder carriers and a partnership disputes within a small (\$8 million turnover) company.

Shirli is the NECA dispute resolution adviser for the National Electricity Market. She is on the editorial panel of the ADR bulletin.





## Opening Speakers

### **Dr Peter Toyne, MLA**



#### **Minister for Justice & Attorney General**

Dr Peter Toyne MLA has been a member of the legislative assembly since 1996. When the Labor party came to government in 2001 Dr Toyne formed part of the Ministry as Attorney General of the Northern Territory.

Prior to his political career Dr Toyne was principal of Yuendumu Community Education Centre which was responsible for all education programs from pre-school to adult education, promoting the process of Aboriginalisation and resulting in Aboriginal teachers joining the staff.

From 1990 to 1994 he was a Consultant to Government and other agencies in a variety of areas where he is recognised as having developed

expertise including training, community development, telecommunications, water supply, road and other infrastructure development. Dr Toyne completed his Ph D at the la Trobe University in 2000.

As Attorney General he has been instrumental in promoting ADR and in 2003 opened the Northern Territory Justice and Community Centre.

### **The Hon. John von Doussa - President Human Rights & Equal Opportunities Commission**



The Hon. John von Doussa was appointed President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission on 1 May 2003 for a five year term.

At the time of his appointment he was a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, an appointment he had held since 1988. He was also the President of the Australia Competition Tribunal, a Presidential Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, an Additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and a Judge of the Industrial Relations Court of Australia. From 1992 until shortly before his appointment he was also a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission. From 1986 to 1988 he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia.

Before his appointment as a Judge he was a Queens Counsel practicing mainly in South Australia, and had served terms as the President of the Law Society of South Australia, and Vice-President of the Law Council of Australia.

In South Australia he had a close interest in the organisation and provision of practical legal training for newly qualified graduates in law. At different times he was the chair of advisory committees for the graduate diploma courses in legal practice conducted by the University of South Australia and by the Law Society of South Australia. In 1996 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of the University of South Australia in recognition of that involvement. He received a Centenary Medal in 2003.

In 1993 he sat as an Acting Judge in the Supreme Court of Vanuatu. In 1997 he became a member of the Court of Appeal of Vanuatu. In 2003 he was appointed a non-resident member of the Supreme Court of Fiji. He continues to hold these appointments.

**Rev. Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra AOM - Former member Council Aboriginal Reconciliation**



Rev Dr Djiniyini Gondarra OAM has served a long career in the Methodist and Uniting Churches. Ordained in 1976, he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 1985.

He has held the positions of Director, Reconciliation Australia Limited, Chief Executive Officer Aboriginal Resource and Development Services Inc. & Northern Regional Council of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

Rev Djiniyini is currently a member of the Australian Indigenous Cultural Network Steering Committee, Director of Yirrkala Business Enterprises and has been Chairman of the Arnhem Land Progress Association Inc since 1993.

**Other Confirmed Contributors**

- **Lucie Alliare – Director General Conflict Management Program, Department of National Defence, Canadian Forces of Canada**
- **Nicole Charron-Poggioli - Director Intervention Services, Department of National Defence, Canadian Forces of Canada**
- **Prof Laurence Boulle - Former Chair, National ADR Advisory Council**
- **Prof Michael (Mick) Dodson AM – AIATSIS**
- **Prof Peter Yu - Lingiari Foundation**
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nadja Alexander - Professor of Dispute Resolution Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland (UQ).**
- **Professor Tania Sourdin BA, LLB, GDLP, LLM, PhD - Professor in Law and Dispute Resolution La Trobe University, Director Conflict Resolution Research Centre**
- **Dr Tom Fisher - La Trobe University**
- **Assoc. Prof. Dr Tom Altobelli - University Western Sydney**
- **Mr Kurt Noble - Queensland of Department of Justice**
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- **Sue Duncombe & Alan Ogg - Directors, ADR-plus**
- **Mr Graham Neate - President National Native Title Tribunal**
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## General Darwin Information



### Darwin

The scenic modern town of Darwin and its huge harbor take visitors by surprise. The unexpected lushness of the tropical city surrounded by blue water and sandy beaches make it an ideal place to stay whilst visiting the many beautiful natural attractions of the Top End.

Darwin offers all the sophistication of an international city with restaurants, hotels, museums, art galleries, as well as nightlife. Yet Darwin's tropical boundaries are the glittering allure of the Timor Sea and the luxuriant greens of the tropical wetlands.

The history of Darwin and the Top End is also on display with many historical reserves, museums and attractions charting the progress of the region. From the pioneering days of early settlement, the mining boom times, the war years of WWII, and the impact of cyclones and the natural environment. The endeavors of the spirited pioneers that made Darwin what it is today.

Local attractions include the Mindil Beach, crocodile farms, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens, the Aviation Heritage Centre, Casuarina Coastal Reserve, NT Art Gallery, and the East Point Military Museum.

Australia's only tropical capital city boasts a population of 77,000 with about 20,000 more in the combined satellite city of Palmerston and the surrounding rural area. Approximately half the Northern Territory population lives within a 40km radius of Darwin and like the city itself, on average they are younger than the rest of Australia.

It may be the city's relaxed lifestyle, the magnet of its attractions, the haunting majesty of the monsoonal storms, or the smell of the tropics, but people who experience Darwin never forget it.

## Conference Venue

### **Darwin Entertainment Centre/Holiday Inn Esplanade**

93 Mitchell Street Darwin      The Esplanade Darwin



The Conference will be held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre (DEC) and the Holiday Inn Esplanade. This complex houses both DEC and the Holiday Inn Esplanade. It has magnificent views overlooking tropical parklands, foreshore of the Esplanade and is ideally located within the central business district.

The DEC is the premier Entertainment and Convention venue in the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia. The Darwin Entertainment Centre hosts major national and international acts as well as local theatre concerts and Darwin based artists.

For those delegates that have chosen accommodation from the wide variety offered for the conference, most of these hotels are nearby and well within walking distance of the DEC.

## Registration Desk

The registration desk and a tour desk will operate from 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Holiday Inn Esplanade Darwin for the duration of the conference.

### **OPERATING TIMES**

#### **Tuesday, 29 June**

1700 - 1830 - Welcome Reception/Pre-Registration (**Parliament House**)

#### **Wednesday, 30 June**

0730 - 1730 - Day One

#### **Thursday, 1 July**

0730 - 1700 - Day Two

#### **Friday, 2 July**

0745 - 1700 - Day Three

## ATM

The nearest Automatic teller machine is in the National Australia Bank located opposite the Darwin Entertainment Centre on the corner of Mitchell Street and Mc Lachlan Streets Darwin.



## **Weather and Dress Standard**

In Darwin the weather is tropical – always warm, sometimes humid and with lots of sunshine. With temperatures in June/July ranging from 19°C to 30°C it is a time when the locals feel the cold and the visitors embrace the warmth!

Territorians believe they have the best lifestyle in Australia, and with good reason. The lifestyle in Darwin is casual and this is reflected in what people wear. Neat casual wear is appropriate for both Conference sessions and most social functions.

Conference sessions will be held in an air-conditioned venue, therefore you may consider bringing a light pullover or jacket in case you get cool.

The Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner are both more formal occasions. This calls for what you may hear referred to as “Darwin Rig” or “Territory Rig”. This means for women, casual but elegant, and for men long trousers and collared shirt, ties and Jackets are not necessary.

## **Transport & Transfers**

The Cost: of taxis or private hire cars to and from the airport to the city centre is approximately A\$22.00 one way.

An alternative to this is the airport shuttle bus. This bus operates from the front of the airport and Cost: A\$7.50 one way or A\$13.00 return.

Within the City Centre and for the budget minded there are cheaper alternatives for transport, such as mini buses, that operate within Darwin City Centre and Cost: approximately A\$2.50 per person.

## **Tour Desk**

Throughout the duration of the conference, there will be a fully operational tour desk available to take bookings for post forum tours. Below you will find a sample of touring options available, however if you would like any additional information on the wide range of tours available in the Top End and Australia in general, please contact The Best Conference and Events Company on ph: 08 89811875 or [info@thebestevents.com.au](mailto:info@thebestevents.com.au).



## Touring Options

*Please Note: Prices detailed below are per person and are quoted in Australian Dollars. Prices are available for pre paid reservations through The Best Conference and Events Company only.*

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### Darwin City Sights Tour

**Cost:** Adult: \$50.00 Child: \$39.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 3 1/2 hours  
**Vehicle Type:** Air Conditioned Coaster Bus  
Minimum 2 Maximum of 22 persons  
**Departure Days:** Daily year round  
Departs Darwin 2.00pm  
Arrives Darwin 5.00pm  
Arrives Darwin 7.00pm with Sunset extension



**Child Age:** 5-15 years  
**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Enjoy this comprehensive tour of Darwin including informative and interesting commentary. The tour includes visits to Chinese Temple, Botanical Gardens, East Point Reserve, Stokes Hill Wharf Precinct and Mooring Basin, WWII Relics, East Point Reserve, Fannie Bay Gaol, Museum of Arts and Sciences and other historic city sights. Optional Sunset extension, enjoy a drink and canapes.

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### Jumping Crocodile Cruise

**Cost:** Adult: \$75.00 Child: \$60.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 5 hours  
**Vehicle Type:** Air Conditioned Coaster Coach  
Minimum of 2 Maximum of 22 persons  
**Departure Days:** Daily year round  
Departs Darwin 12.50pm  
Arrives Darwin 6.30pm



**Child Age:** 4 - 14 years  
**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Just 60km from Darwin lies the Adelaide River, home to over 1600 Crocodiles and the location of the famous Jumping Crocodiles. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water.

As well as the Jumping Crocodile Cruise, this tour also includes a visit to Fogg Dam Nature Reserve and Window on the Wetlands Environment Centre



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**Territory Wildlife Park Tour**

**Cost:** Adult: \$56.00 Child: \$40.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 5 hours  
**Vehicle Type:** Air Conditioned Coaster Bus  
Minimum of 2 maximum of 4 persons  
**Departure Days:** Daily year round  
Departs Darwin 7.30am  
Returns Darwin 1.30pm



**Child Age:** 4 - 14 years  
**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Located 57kms and about 45 minutes from Darwin, this world class, award winning park is set in 400 hectares of natural bushland and home for the largest collection of Territory Wildlife. Visitors have 4 hours to explore the many exhibits including the nocturnal house, the aquarium with viewing tunnel, aviaries, bird of prey display and more.

Enjoy a bush walk or take the train  
Raptors - Birds of prey display  
Aquarium - with underwater viewing tunnel  
Bird Aviaries - including 20 meter high walk through aviary  
Rain Forest Walk  
Nocturnal House - See many rare animals where night is turned into day  
Observe wildlife at close range, in their natural habitat

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**Litchfield National Park**

**Cost:** Adult: \$94.00 Child: \$84.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 1 Day  
**Vehicle Type:** Air-conditioned Coaster Coach  
Minimum of 2 Maximum of 22 Persons  
**Departure Days:** Daily except Christmas Day and Good Friday  
Departs Darwin 7.00am  
Returns Darwin 6.00pm



**Child Age:** 4 - 14 years  
**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Follow the Stuart Highway to Litchfield Park via the picturesque township of Batchelor (Gateway to the Park). Visiting the main falls of Tolmer, Florence and Wangi Falls where the opportunities for scenic and interpretive bush and monsoon forest walks are available. A picnic style lunch and plenty of swimming will ensure a fun and educational day.  
(In the event road closures or climatic problems prevent access to some Falls, other attractions will be included.)



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**Katherine Gorge and Edith Falls Tour**

**Cost:** Adult: \$145.00 Child: \$73.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 1 Day  
**Vehicle Type:** Large Air Conditioned Coach  
Minimum of 2 maximum of 46 persons  
**Departure Days:** Departs Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat  
02 May 03 - 31 Oct 03  
Departs Tue, Thurs, Sat  
01 Nov 03 - 29 Apr 04  
Departs Darwin 6:45am  
Returns Darwin 8.30pm  
**Child Age:** 4 -12 years



**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Leaving Darwin you travel south via World War II airstrips to Adelaide River where you visit the War Cemetery, a site dedicated to those who lost their lives during the attacks on Darwin in the 1940's. Continue onto Edith Falls where you have the time for a refreshing swim. After lunch you continue onto Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park to join a scenic two hour cruise where you have the opportunity to see wildlife including Johnstoni crocodile and prolific birdlife. The tour of the first two gorges take you past sheer rock walls and all manner of flora and fauna.

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**Wildlife Spectacular Tour**

**Cost:** Adult: \$129.00 Child: \$99.00  
**Duration of Tour:** 1 Day  
**Vehicle Type:** Air Conditioned Coaster Bus  
Minimum of 2 Maximum of 4 Persons  
**Departure Days:** Daily year round  
Departs Darwin 7.30am  
Returns Darwin 6.30pm  
**Child Age:** 5-15 years

**Itinerary:** Departs Darwin. Commence the day with a visit to the award winning Territory Wildlife Park. Continue on to the Crocodile Farm before travelling out to the Adelaide River to join the Famous Jumping Crocodile Cruise. Visit Windows on the Wetlands and Fogg Dam Nature Reserve before returning to Darwin. All entry fees and cruises are included.





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**Barramundi Fishing Day Tour**

**Cost:** Adult: \$275.00 Child: \$275.00

**Duration of Tour:** 1 Day

**Vehicle Type:** Air conditioned late model Toyota 4wd Station Wagon & 4.6 metre aluminium barra boat fitted with an environmentally friendly 90hp 4 stroke outboard.

**Departure Days:** Daily Year Round  
Departs Darwin 5.30am  
Returns Darwin 5.00pm  
Minimum Of 2 Persons

**Itinerary:** Picked up from your accommodation in the early morning you are transported in a late model 4wd to the fishing location for the day.



A fully customised 4.6metre vessel provides a comfortable and safe fishing platform for the days fishing. The vessel is powered by an environmentally friendly 90hp Suzuki 4 stroke outboard and has swivel seats and sunshade if required.

Morning tea, light refreshments and lunch are included and all fishing gear is supplied on a replace if lost or damaged basis (alcohol is not supplied but can be organised on request).

You will fish one of the many famous Top End Rivers and billabongs depending on what present the best opportunity for some exciting Barra fishing. You will be returned to your accommodation in the late afternoon.

**What to Bring:**

Wide brimmed hat

Polarized sunglasses

30+ sunscreen

Insect repellent

Camera/Video Camera with plenty of film

Cool light clothing, Long sleeves and pants are recommended

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**1.5 Day Litchfield Chauffered Tour**

**Cost:** Adult: \$400.00 Child: \$400.00

**Duration of Tour:** 1.5 Days

**Vehicle Type:** Executive Coach  
Minimum 2 persons

**Departure Days:** Daily  
Departs Darwin 7.00am  
Returns Darwin 12.00pm

**Child Age:** Same as Adults

**Itinerary:**  
Departs Darwin.



**Day 1: (B,L,D)**

Travel the Stuart Highway to the rural township of Acacia where you will have a Barramundi breakfast. After breakfast you head to Litchfield National Park where creeks and waterfalls are spring-fed all year. Visit the spectacular Wangi and Florence Falls - you may wish to have a refreshing swim here or just cool your feet in the crystal clear waters.

Another surprise awaits you as you head towards the township of Batchelor and a visit to the unique Butterfly Farm. Wander at your leisure amongst the colourful, hovering butterflies - so many colours, so fragile, yet such beauty.

Enjoy lunch in this peaceful and lovely area - take your time, there's no hurry, this is your day to relax. Browse around the souvenir shop - you will see the best available, made by the very talented ALady of the House. After lunch you return north to the very pretty area of Howard Springs, see how rural Darwinites like to live in this rugged bush country and have built homes in acres of land and made them into their castles.

A homestay for you this evening - luxury you would not believe possible in this tropical and beautiful backyard of Darwin. You will be staying at Melaleuca Homestead. Enjoy your sumptuous dinner amongst the tranquil gardens of the property - your hosts have a story to tell...but you will just have to experience this for yourself.

**Day 2: (B)**

After a leisurely breakfast there is plenty of time for you to sit and enjoy your surroundings or explore this beautiful part of the Northern Territory. You will be back in Darwin in time for lunch - your own expense.

**INCLUSIONS IN THIS TOUR:**

- \* Breakfast both days, lunch & dinner day one.
- \* Homestay accommodation
- \* Entrance fees

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**2 Day Kakadu Motel Accommodated**

**Cost:** Adult: \$465.00 Child: \$419.00

**Duration of Tour:** 2 Days

**Vehicle Type:** Air Conditioned Coaster bus  
Minimum 2 Maximum of 21 persons

**Departure Days:** Daily  
Departs Darwin 6.30am  
Returns Darwin 9.00pm

**Child Age:** 4 - 14 years

**Itinerary:**  
Departs Darwin.

**Day 1: (L)**





Follows Stuart and Arnhem Highways. Pass the Murrumbidgee Plains, Adelaide, Mary and Wildman River areas into Kakadu National Park. Cross the South Alligator River and explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr Rock where you climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries to the lookout for a view over the surrounding wetlands. Visit Bowali Visitor Centre with its informative displays, then continue to Coinda to join Kakadu's fabled Yellow Waters Wetland Cruise.

**Day 2 : (L)**

This morning is spent in the Nourlangie Rock region and Anbangbang Billabong which includes spectacular Arnhemland Escarpment views, ancient Aboriginal occupation sites and pristine freshwater environs. After lunch venture off the beaten track to Barramundi Gorge, where a 2km return walk through monsoon forest leads to a small waterfall and clear plunge pool.

Late afternoon you make your way out of Kakadu National Park, viewing Jabiru Township and pausing for an evening snack (own expense) at the Bark Hut Inn. Arrive Darwin mid evening.

(In the event seasonal conditions prevent access to Ubirr Rock and/or Barramundi Gorge the group will visit other attractions such as Gubara Pools, Nanguluwur or Nawulandja).



# REGISTRATION FORM

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Mediation Conference  
Darwin NT  
30 June - 2 July 2004

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Business Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on name badge: \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION

Early Bird (closes 30 April) \$ 495.00   
(10% discount to LEADR members – earlybird only)

Normal (closes 31 May) \$ 595.00

Late (after 1 June) \$ 655.00

Day \$ 225.00

Please indicate which day you will be attending:

Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The welcome reception is **included** in the registration fee. For catering purposes please indicate if you will be attending:

Yes - I will be attending the Welcome Reception

Tickets may be purchased for conference dinner at a cost of \$50.00 per person (excluding alcohol).

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$ 50.00 = \$ Total \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

I will be making my own travel and accommodation arrangements.

OR

I would like assistance with my travel arrangements.  
(The Best Conference and Events Company will contact you to discuss your requirements)

**Accommodation** (See over for accommodation information)

Hotel Name: (preference 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: (preference 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: (standard/deluxe etc) \_\_\_\_\_ Sgl: \_\_\_\_\_ Dbl: \_\_\_\_\_ Twin: \_\_\_\_\_

Check in Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Check out Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of nights required: \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Group reservations have been made at the accommodation properties listed below for the duration of the forum. To obtain the rates listed below your accommodation must be booked with The Best Conference & Events Co. Full payment for the accommodation is to be paid to The Best Conference & Events Co. prior to your arrival in Darwin. All prices include GST.

### PRICES ARE PER ROOM, PER NIGHT

#### HOLIDAY INN ESPLANADE DARWIN - The Esplanade

Four & a Half Star Accommodation, overlooking the harbour Swimming pool, health club, restaurant & bars	Deluxe Single/Double/Twin	\$210.00
	Executive Suite Single/Double	\$250.00

**1 minute walk to venue**

#### MIRAMBEENA TOURIST RESORT - Cavenagh Street

Located close to the city centre, set in tropical surroundings Large pools, 24 hr reception, restaurant, bar	Standard Single/Double/Twin	\$ 96.80
	Deluxe Single/Double/Twin	\$121.00
	Townhouse (sleeps up to 4)	\$162.00

Townhouses are self-contained.

**10 minutes walk to venue**

#### VALUE INN - 50 Mitchell Street

Two star accommodation close to the city centre Swimming pool, 24hr access, off street parking No tea or coffee making facilities	Standard Room	\$ 85.00
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**5 minutes walk to venue**

#### POINCIANA INN - Cnr Mitchell & McLachlan St

Close to conference venue, 24 hr reception Swimming pool, restaurant & bars	Standard Single/Double/Twin	\$125.00
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**1 minute walk to venue**

#### SAVILLE PARK SUITES - 88 The Esplanade

Four star hotel overlooking Darwin Harbour Swimming pool, restaurant and 24hr reception Fully equipped kitchen in studios and apartments	Studio Single/Double/Twin	\$186.00
	1 Bedroom Apartments	\$198.00

**4 minutes walk to venue**

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**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat. Cancellations after 31 March and prior to 31 May 2004 will be charged a \$50 Administration Fee. Any cancellations after this date may incur a 50% cancellation fee of all indicated items on registration form. Accommodation cancellations after 1 June 2004 may incur a fee of one night's accommodation. Substitution by another person will be at no additional cost.

**Credit Card Surcharges:** Credit Card payments made using AMEX or Diners for accommodation bookings will attract a 3% surcharge.

## PAYMENT DETAILS

Please note that full payment is required **PRIOR** to your arrival in Darwin.

In order to receive the special forum accommodation prices, the accommodation must be booked and paid for in full to The Best Conference and Events Company prior to your arrival in Darwin.

### Payment Calculations

Registration Fee AUD\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Tickets AUD\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation - (nights) \_\_\_\_ @ \$\_\_\_\_\_ (per night) = AUD\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### TOTAL PAYMENT REQUIRED AUD\$

#### Credit Card Payment

I hereby authorise The Best Conference and Events Company to charge my credit card with the above amount.

Bankcard       Visa Card       Mastercard

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ Expiry Date: \_ \_ / \_ \_

Full name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon receipt of this completed Registration Form a Tax Invoice will be issued by return fax/e-mail.**