
MSB NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2022

This newsletter is circulated to our member organisations, current and former MSB Directors, and to NMAS trainers/coaches/assessors who have expressed an interest in receiving them. The newsletter is also uploaded onto the MSB website.

We recommend that member organisations share this with their administrative and training teams. Organisations are also welcome to include a link to this newsletter in their own communications with mediators.

THE BOARD 2022

Welcome to the first update for 2022.

If you have missed it, our AGM in October 2021 established a new Board composition. We welcomed to the Board:

- Jared Sharp – new director
- Christopher Boyle – re-elected
- Dr Peter Condliffe – re-elected

Welcome to Jared, we look forward to working with you.

Special mention to Bianca Keys for her chairmanship over the last two (2) years. Whilst she has stood down from the board, pursuant to the constitution, we have seconded her back for 12 months, until the next AGM, to assist with the completion and delivery of the NMAS review.

As an integral member of the team that have managed this project this far, the Board felt this was a worthwhile appointment, and we are happy that Bianca has agreed to accept this appointment.

We wish to advise that the Executive Committee is now:

- Christopher Boyle - Chair
- Andrew Bickerdike – Vice-Chair
- Stephen – Hon Secretary
- Douglas Murphy QC – Hon Treasurer

NMAS REVIEW

At the AGM the chair spoke to the NMAS Review. We are now in a position to provide you with an important update.

The main component of this review is a Survey that was circulated on the 14 February to our member organisations, and the broader ADR community, and is now closed.

The response was above expectations, and we thank those that took the time to complete it.

There was further communication that the Board had pre-approved allocation of 1 CPD point for those who complete the survey. It was necessary for those RMABs to apply to the MSB for approval for this credit. Written confirmation was sent to those who applied, and a reminder that after the closure, each person who completed the survey will be sent a certificate for 1 CPD point directly from Resolution Resources.

We are on track to receive draft recommendations for the update of the NMAS Standards by 30 June 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES

There are more opportunities than ever to connect with us. This year also provides an incredible opportunity to be involved in the NMAS review process.

How to stay connected:

- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#) for regular updates
- Subscribe for updates and opportunities to be part of the NMAS review process at www.nmasreview.com.au

Our member organisations are always welcome to contact our Secretariat with any questions or support needs.

You may also notice some of the work the Board have been doing to promote the NMAS in the broader community. We encourage you to access and share the following within your professional community.

Lawyers Weekly – https://www.linkedin.com/posts/lawyers-weekly-australia_should-mediator-accreditation-be-mandatory-activity-6894837218481963008-qZyC

The Mandarin – <https://www.themandarin.com.au/173811-mediation-is-on-the-rise-how-can-you-strengthen-the-process/>

These Articles, and more, can be found on the website at: <https://msb.org.au/publications/articles>

MSB WEBSITE

The MSB website is currently undergoing some enhancements.

In the resources section we will be adding a tab for audio visual content. This will include pre-

recorded presentations for the NMC 2021, and interviews and conversations between our board members regarding the review process and answering frequently asked questions.

Over time we will add to these resources to support your work with the NMAS.

HAVE YOU GOT A QUESTION?

Have you or one of your members got a question for us?

You may well find the answer in the [FAQ section](#) of our website. We continue to develop this so that it is a helpful resource for all.

Be sure to take a look, and feel free to share this link with your members.

If you can't find what you need, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretariat, Jenny Watson at coordinator@msb.org.au or start a conversation with any of our directors:

Christopher Boyle (Chair) – WA
Dr Andrew Bickerdike (Deputy Chair) – VIC
Stephen Dickinson - (Hon Secretary) - SA
Doug Murphy QC (Hon Treasurer) - QLD
Bianca Keys – NSW
Linda Kochanski - QLD
Peter Condliffe PhD – VIC
Dr Rebecca Shenton Wilson - WA

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