

Invitation to Attend

The President of the Australian Coroners Society inc, Territory Coroner Mr Greg Cavanagh, invites you to attend the 4th Annual Australasian Coroners' Society conference, to be held in Darwin Northern Territory from the 20 to 23 September 2004.

The aim of the Conference is to bring together all those who work within the coronial process, for sessions of education, sharing of information, thought provoking discussion, and enhancement of coronial knowledge. All this in the relaxed and glorious tropical setting of the Top End Darwin.

Conference Theme

The fourth annual conference will focus on "The Confidence of the Community". A coronial inquisition is an investigation into a death on behalf of the community. The public need confidence in that coronial process; that it will arrive at the truth, that recommendations will be made to prevent future deaths and that the person they love has been identified as someone who matters. Coroners cannot work without the cooperation that this confidence instils. Who are our community? What are their concerns in relation to death? How do we keep the community informed about the process? The disaster in Bali brought many Australian families into contact with issue of Disaster Victim Identification for the first time. The Australian community became aware of the need for scientific forensic process and accuracy. The coronial community became aware of the need for timely and correct information about the process to be circulated.

Who Should Attend

The conference will be of particular interest to

- Coroners and Magistrates
- Forensic pathologists and Forensic scientists
- Coroners Office administrators and clerks
- Coronial investigators and police officers
- Medical practitioners and hospital administrators
- Grief Counsellors and social workers
- Legal practitioners

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Darwin**, which is located at 32 Mitchell Street, in the heart of Darwin.

Conference Secretariat

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Darwin the Host City

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

Darwin offers 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, the war years of WWII, to the impact of cyclones and the natural environment.

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.

Touring

For information on pre and post conference touring options please visit www.northernterritory.com Crocodiles, barramundi fishing, Kakadu or Litchfield... you'll find it all in the Territory!

Registration Details

Inclusive of GST

Full Delegate \$525

Accompanying Person \$200

Full Registration includes -

Attendance at all conference sessions
Morning tea and afternoon tea as per program
Conference Dinner
Welcome Drinks as the Darwin Ski Club
One Luncheon during the conference
Visit to Mindil Beach Markets
Conference Satchel
All conference papers

Accompanying Person Registration includes -

Conference Dinner
Welcome Drinks at the Darwin Ski Club
Visit to Mindil Beach Markets

Speakers and Program includes:

Professor Roger Byard,
Specialist Forensic Pathologist
South Australian Forensic Science Centre

Rev Dr Djinyini Gondarra OAM

Air Commodore Tony Austin AM

Director General of Defence health

Associate Professor David Ranson,

Acting Director, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine

Mr William Tilmouth,

Director, Tangentyere Council, Alice Springs

Superintendent Any Telfer,

Chair of the Australasian Disaster Victim Identification Committee, South Australian Police

Ms Jane Mowll and Ms Kate Friis,

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjajara Yankunytjatjara Womens' Council

Dr Peter Thatcher,

Director, Northern Territory Forensic Science Centre

Mr Jon Tippet QC

Mylly Point Chambers

Ms Jacinta Heffey

Magistrate, Childrens Court of Victoria

Monday 20th September

1.30pm - 5.00pm Heads of Jurisdiction

State and Territory Coroners meeting

Court 8, Darwin Magistrates Court, Nicholas Place, Cavenagh Street, Darwin

5.00pm - 6.00pm Registration

Conference Centre - 1st Floor Crowne Plaza

32 Mitchell Street, Darwin

7.00pm - Late Gala Dinner

Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

State Square'

Tuesday 21st September

8.00am - 9.00am

9.00am

5.00pm

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Late Registration

Welcome & Opening Address

Close

Welcome Drinks

Darwin Ski Club

Wednesday 22nd September

9.00am

5.00pm

Sessions commence

Close

Thursday 23rd September

9.00am

4.00pm

Sessions commence

Conference Concludes

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Mindil Markets

Transfers provided

Social Functions

Monday 20th September

Conference Dinner

7.00pm - Till Late

Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, State Square

Dress - Territory Rig

Men - Long Sleeve Shirt and Tie

Ladies - Cocktail Wear

A feast of fresh Territory seafood and produce, served amidst Australia's newest Supreme Court.

Tuesday 21st September

"Dress Down" Sunset Drinks

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Darwin Ski Club - Transfers provided

A Darwin style cocktail party, under the coconut palms of the very casual lawns of the Darwin Ski Club, shorts and thongs di riguer.

Wednesday 22nd September

12.30pm - 2.00pm

Lunch at a venue to be advised

Thursday 23rd September

5.30pm - 8.00pm

Mindil Markets - Transfers provided

Darwin's famous night market with over 100 food stalls.

Tables and chairs will be provided. BYO alcohol.

Accommodation

To book your accommodation at the rates listed below complete the appropriate section of the registration form. Booking are subject to availability and should be made as soon as possible. All cancellations and amendments must be made in writing to The Best Conference & Events Company.

Crowne Plaza Darwin

21 Mitchell Street, Darwin

The conference venue. The Crowne Plaza is a 4 star hotel opening onto the Darwin Mall, with many restaurants close by. It is a short stroll to the Supreme Court and Parliament House.

Deluxe Room - including breakfast

Single \$155 per room per night

Double \$170 per room per night

Palms City Resort

64 The Esplanade, Darwin

The Palms City Resort is a 3 star tropical motel style complex situated 50 metres from the conference venue.

Motel Room - including breakfast

Single \$110 per night

Double \$125 per night

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Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be made in writing to the Conference Secretariat.

Cancellations after 30 June and prior to 20 August 2004 will be charged a \$50.00 Administration Fee.

Any cancellations after this date make incur a 50% cancellation fee of all indicated items on registration form. Accommodation cancellations after 20 August 2044 may incur a fee of one night's accommodation. Substitution by another person will be at no additional cost.

Privacy Act: Registrants may request that their address not be disclosed to other registrants and vendors associated with the conference by informing the Conference Secretariat prior to the Conference.

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

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