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Welcome from Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre

As co-directors of the DRC we welcome you warmly to a new series of DRC Newsletters. The DRC is one of Bond Law's signature Centres having offered high quality training, teaching and research in DR since 1989. The Centre brings together some of Australia's leading DR specialists. Through this Newsletter we aim to create an opportunity to connect and engage the Bond DRC community of practice. The Newsletter will also provide updates and information about our courses and developments in practice and research. We welcome any suggestions from the DRC community for content of the Newsletter.

Libby Taylor & Rachael Field

Co-Directors

Introducing our Co-Directors

Libby Taylor: Libby is a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Legal Skills in Bond Law Faculty. Libby undertook her first basic mediation course in 1997. She teaches dispute resolution in the faculty and is currently the Co Director of the Dispute Resolution Centre. Libby is a nationally accredited mediator and also an accredited family dispute resolution practitioner. She currently runs mediation training courses in Australia and Hong Kong together with assessment courses for accreditation purposes. Libby was admitted as a legal practitioner in 1981 and has practised in the area of family law. Libby currently practises as a family dispute resolution practitioner.



Rachael Field: Rachael is a Professor of Law in the Bond Law School. Her areas of research expertise include dispute resolution, family law and domestic violence and legal education. Rachael is the founder of the Australian Wellness Network for Law, and a co-founder of the Australian Dispute Resolution Research Network. She has a portfolio of more than 75 scholarly publications, and is co-author of four books. Rachael has volunteered on the management committee of Women's Legal Service, Brisbane since 1993, and has been president of the Service since 2004. In 2013 Rachael was named Queensland Woman Lawyer of the Year.



Global Happenings.....

1. **Global Pound Conference Series Hong Kong** [February 23, 2017](#); **San Francisco** [February 24, 2017](#); **Los Angeles** [March 6, 2017](#); **Washington** [April 24, 2017](#)

2. **Asia-Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition, Melbourne**
Apply by 21 March 2017
3. **World Mediation Summit, Madrid**
June 13 - 16 2017
4. **Tuscany Mediation Retreat** 17 - 24 June 2017

HOT TOPICS

From 1 December 2016 the Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre's Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Training Course has changed to meet the requirements of the new FDRP training package CHC 81115. There have been changes to our course content as well as to the required hours of supervised mediation sessions which has increased from 10 hours to 50 hours. If you have participated in DRC'S FDRP training course prior to 2017 you must complete and submit your ten (10) hours of supervised mediation sessions and submit to the DRC at drc@bond.edu.au prior to 1 May 2017.





Meet DRC member Mick Eastwood

What drew you to mediation?

I saw mediation as a means to expand my practice at the Bar, as both mediator and mediational advocate.

Tell us about your best mediation moment.

During my mediation course, I quickly realised mediation should not be so much an alternative means of dispute resolution but a mainstream method to overcome differences. A whole new vista of possibilities arose before me.

What are some of the challenges that you as a mediator face?

The biggest challenge I have is to alternate between the mindset and language required in court as opposed to that required in the mediational setting.

What is your top tip for new mediators?

The biggest tip I have for newly minted mediators is to ensure that, after each mediation, they reflect upon the good, indifferent and bad things they did. Having done so, they should evolve a plan of attack to ensure that the good things remain, the indifferent things get better and the bad things are eradicated.

2017 Short Course Program

All Courses will be held on campus at [Bond University](#)

8-12 March 2017	5 day Mediation Course
7-8 April 2017	2 day Mediator Assessment Course
10-14 May 2017	5 day Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Training Course
14-17 June 2017	3 1/2 day Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Clinical Course
30 Aug-3 Sept 2017	5 day Mediation Course
29-30 Sept 2017	2 day Mediator Assessment Course

25-29 Oct 2017 [5 day Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Training Course](#)

22-25 Nov 2017 3 1/2 day Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Clinical Course

[Please see Short Course Accreditation for more details](#)

Stop Press.....

The following Commonwealth Government funded offices are calling for mediators who are available for appointment to assist with mediation of disputes in every Australian State and Territory. Mediators who register by 28 February 2017 will be invited to make a formal application for appointment. Mediators who are accredited by an RMAB as National Accredited Mediator are invited to register their interest in appointment directly to the websites listed below.

- The Officer of the Franchising Mediation Adviser [click here](#)
 - The Office of the Oilcode Dispute Resolution Adviser [click here](#)
 - The Office of the Horticulture Mediation Adviser [click here](#)
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