



MBB Oceania

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GROUP OCEANIA

MAKING A DIFFERENCE PEACABLY



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Back from summer break

What a strange summer season it has been in Oceania. Things just didn't seem to happen normally. Disruption was the theme of our November Congress and it seems that 2020 has commenced around the regions with disruption being the operative sentiment. Fires, floods, droughts, cyclones and political changes across the Oceania region and now a global pandemic.

MBB values of a more peace-able world have a powerful resonance as we enter this new decade and our communities each confront the challenges of adapting and accommodating changes. MBB has an important role to play and we encourage you to join the [conversation](#).

The Oceania steering committee is back and working to bring our vision and values to reality and are moving rapidly and with enthusiasm to becoming a formal and therefore effective chapter by April of this year.



The energetic chapter convenors

Your Steering Committee

- Nicholas Sadhu (Sydney)
- Claire Holland (Townsville)
- Susan Hayes (NSW)
- Chris LaHatte (New Zealand)
- Ken Waldron (Brisbane)

Where Is Oceania?



Oceania might be defined officially as the geographical region illustrated above but we all agree that inclusivity is the operative word for our Chapter.

We welcome MBB members from across the globe to participate with us and hopefully we can work with our northern neighbours with a similar timezone.

Meet & Greets a 2020 initiative

During the coming couple of months as we progress to our formal launch, we are proposing to run *“Meet & Greets”* where it is possible and practical. The purpose is to give members and followers of the MBB Oceania journey the chance to talk with Steering Committee members directly and in a relaxed and friendly environment exchange ideas and help to create a vibrant vision for our group.

Brisbane Meet & Greet: a small step

Our first “Meet & Greet” was held in Brisbane CBD on Saturday the 7th March. At such short notice we were lucky to get any attention but a small group did meet.





Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI) is running a 5-part writers series, answering the question, “What would your company/industry/field, and region, look like if adversarial decision-making systems were replaced by collaborative ones?” The goal is to get a 360° perspective on collaboration, which includes multiple geographies, industries, and perspectives. Writers explore the benefits and detriments of adversarial and collaborative decision making. For further information <https://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/writers-series/>

Mediators Beyond Borders International
OCEANIA CHAPTER
MEET & GREET!
 Brisbane



The MBBOceania steering committee invite you to Meet fellow MBBI members for afternoon tea, to share your ideas, passions & find out how to get involved!

Saturday 7th March
 Pop in between 2pm - 4pm
 Where: Function room; Level 1
 Admiralty Towers 2501
 Queens St Brisbane (CBD)

Please RSVP mbbi.oceania@gmail.com
 By Friday March 6th




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Oceania Timeline to Formation meeting



Your Steering Committee is progressing well and remains confident that we will have a fully formed legal entity that complies with local and international standards. The constitution and governance issue are being addressed currently.

OUR VISION: Our vision is to develop with communities and Nations in the Oceania region the benefits of culturally appropriate and innovative conflict management, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding practices.

OUR MISSION: Our mission is to promote the principles and practices of conflict management and resolution in Oceania regional communities, and have the regional leaders recognise the power of peaceful dialogue. We will develop regional capacity and skills for peace; promote conflict management and resolution skills and processes; and, share techniques of mediated, non-adversarial, collaborative, and dialogue-based conflict management and resolution in Oceania.

Some exciting opportunities

Embryonic we may be but idle we are not!

1. Submissions to the Fiji Climate Policy Unit to consider the inclusion of conflict resolution and mediation in Fiji’s proposed Climate Change Act.
2. The Womens Peacebuilder initiative in Indonesia and beyond
3. Mediation train-the-trainer program in partnership with an Indonesian tertiary institution.

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