



## President's Message

*Rowena McNally National President*

This edition of *The Arbitrator and Mediator* contains a number of articles and case notes written by some of our leading ADR professionals, academics and prominent members of the ADR community. We are proud to bring this edition to you.

Readers of *The Arbitrator and Mediator* will have observed that since it was launched in 1981, the Journal has developed and maintained its authority as a learned publication.

This reflects the talents and diligence of our Editor, Russell Thirgood, and the Journal Committee and I wish to thank them for all of their good work and efforts over the year.

At the annual general meeting held on 19 May 2012, I was once again voted in as National President. I am honoured to have this opportunity to serve for a further two years.

During the past twelve months, a review has been undertaken of our national committee structure with a new structure being put in place. This structure will see our services formally being delivered through three separate streams:

- *Determinative Stream* – dispute resolution services provided by arbitrators and adjudicators and other forms of decision-making services in the ADR context
- *Facilitative Stream* – which will focus on mediation, facilitation and other more facilitative ADR processes;
- *Preventative Stream* – services such as probity advice and Dispute Resolution Boards.

Finally, I thank our National Councillors, Chapter Chairs and Chapter Committee members, past and present, for their contributions. I also thank our hardworking administrative staff at National Office and our Chapter Offices who have made such a valuable contribution to promoting the Institute as a national organisation.

