



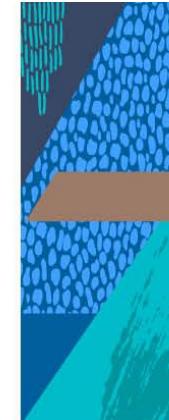
# NMC2025

The Peace Equation: Crafting & Connecting

21-24 September 2025

Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park on Country Dharug Ngurra (Sydney)

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## National Mediation Conference 2025 Program

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025      "Cultural Day"		
12.30 – 2.00pm	<b>Cultural Walking Tour</b> <i>Hidden in plain sight: a guided walking tour of Aboriginal Sydney</i>  To look at central Sydney it would be easy to think that all trace of the original people of this place, the Gadigal, are long gone. This fascinating guided walking tour will show how wrong that is. Whether you are a Syneysider or first time visitor, cultural educator <b>Mike Butler</b> will show how Aboriginal Sydney is still here for those who choose to see it. By shining a new light on Sydney, you will hear stories of the Gadigal, see how people lived and learn how Aboriginal culture has adapted and continues to live with this rare opportunity to connect with Sydney through the lens of Australia's first peoples.  For more information visit <a href="https://conlog.eventsair.com/nmc2025/conference-tours">https://conlog.eventsair.com/nmc2025/conference-tours</a> <i>Limited places available. Cost is \$80 per person</i> <i>Register as part of the conference or email <a href="mailto:nmc@conlog.com.au">nmc@conlog.com.au</a></i>	Meet in the foyer of <b>Sheraton Grand Sydney</b> <b>Hyde Park</b>
2.30 – 4.30pm	<b>Kintsugi Workshop</b>  <b>Kintsugi</b> is the traditional Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer and gold, embracing flaws as part of an object's history. In this beginner-friendly workshop, you'll learn its basic techniques, philosophy, and history using modern materials to restore broken pieces—making them even more beautiful.  For more information visit <a href="https://kintsugi-australia.com.au/">https://kintsugi-australia.com.au/</a> <i>Limited places available. Cost: \$120 per person</i> <i>Register as part of the conference or email <a href="mailto:nmc@conlog.com.au">nmc@conlog.com.au</a></i>	<b>Kintsugi Sydney CBD studio</b> Level 1, Suite 107 147 King St Sydney

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3.00 – 7.00pm	<b>Registration opens</b>	<i>Sheraton Grand Conference foyer</i>
5.00 – 7.00pm	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> <i>Drinks and canapes amongst the exhibition</i>	<i>Welcome Reception Collaborator</i> <hr/> <b>MEDIATION</b>  <b>INSTITUTE</b> <hr/> The Dispute Resolution Training and Membership Specialist

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MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025      "The Peace Equation"					
7.30am	Registration and exhibition opens				Conference foyer
8.30 – 9.15	<b>Conference Opening</b> <i>Alysoun Boyle, Chair NMC Ltd</i>  <b>Welcome to Country Dharug Ngurra</b> <i>Melissa Stublings, Senior Dharug Woman</i>			<i>Cultural Collaborator</i>	Grand Ballroom
9.15 – 10.00	<b>PLENARY 1</b> <i>Chair: Ippei Okazaki</i>  <b>KEYNOTE:</b> <i>Dr Monique Williams, CEO Cure Violence Global, Chicago USA</i>				
10.00 – 10.30	MORNING TEA				
10.30 – 12.30	<b>1.1 Family Dispute Resolution: Coordination</b> <i>Facilitator: Maureen Inglis</i>	<b>1.2 Commercial &amp; Business</b> <i>Facilitator: Deborah Lockhart</i>	<b>1.3 Skills</b> <i>Facilitator: Alysoun Boyle</i>	<b>1.4 Practice &amp; Ethics</b> <i>Facilitator: Samantha Hardy</i>	<b>1.5 Restorative Approaches</b> <i>Facilitator: Serge Loode</i>
<i>Room:</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 2</i>	<i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<i>Phillip Room</i>	<i>Times on the Park</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Supporting families to manage separation safely whilst navigating the Family Law Sector. <i>Lea-anne Meehan, Relationships Australia QLD;</i> <i>Jeremy Culshaw, Culshaw Legal Consulting</i>	<i>The Hon. Kevin Lindgren AM KC, Federal Court Judge (rtd)</i>	Mediation myth busting. <i>Bianca Keys, Bianca Keys Dispute Resolution Consulting</i>	Enhancing workplace harmony through restorative practices in mediation. <i>Natascha Boehm, The Workplace Collective</i>	Healing and reconciliation through redress: the power of personal acknowledgement. <i>Sonia Boersig, National Indigenous Australians Agency</i>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>PANEL: COORDINATION IN FDR</b>  The Case for Coordination: case management within family relationship centres. <i>Janette Mulherin, Centacare Family and Relationship Services Brisbane</i>  Guiding families through the storm -Role of parenting coordination in family law. <i>Anne-Marie Cade, Divorce Right</i>	Commercial/Construction Mediation. <i>Dr Nav Sedaghati, Mediator, Arbitration, Lawyer</i>	When to do fro and to [shuttle mediations and open sessions]. <i>Joelene Nel, McLaughlins Lawyers;</i> <i>Dr Laurence Boulle, Independent Mediation Services</i>	<b>PANEL: SELF-CARE AND CLIENT-CARE</b>  Remaining connected, present, focused and engaged in dispute resolution. <i>Athena Harris Ingall, Legal Member, Mental Heath Review Tribunal (NSW);</i> <i>Raymond Brazil, Dispute resolution consultant</i>  Care of other begins with care of one's self: Ethical considerations.	Mapping and credentialing restorative practice pathways in New Zealand. <i>Jon Everest, Resolution Institute</i>

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11.30 – 12.00	<b>PANEL: CHILD INCLUSIVE PRACTICE</b> Children's voices and the rise of child inclusive practice in FDR. <b>Valerie Norton, The Mediation Collective;</b> <b>Bianca Roche-Bolger, The Mediation Collective</b>  YOUTH Speak: Empowering young people's voices in family dispute resolution. <b>Nikki Venter, Relationships Australia SA</b>	<b>PANEL: SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS</b> The business of small business <b>Dominique Lamb, Commissioner, Queensland Small Business Commission</b>  <b>Lynda McAlary-Smith, Commissioner, Victorian Small Business Commission</b>	Mediating conflicts that are impossible to resolve™. <b>Ruth Sirman, CanMediate International</b>	<b>Dr Mark Seton, University of Sydney and Excelsia University College</b>  Multi-faceted reflective tools for deepening our learning from practice. <b>Jenny Devlin, Relationships Australia</b>  Client care - preparation is a form of client care. <b>Richard Dening, ACT Restorative Justice Unit</b>	<b>PANEL: RESTORATIVE APPROACHES IN FDR</b> Restorative practices in Family Dispute Resolution processes/mediation processes. <b>Jodie Grant, Shifting Sands</b>  Child Inclusive Practice: The voice of the child and restorative approaches. <b>Terrie Toner, Relationships Australia;</b> <b>Belinda Taranto, Relationships Australia</b>  Family Talk: Restorative approaches reset relationships in complex family conflicts. <b>Freia Carlton, Victoria Legal Aid;</b> <b>Mary-Jo Anagnos, Victoria Legal Aid</b>
12.00 – 12.30			Restoring, reviving and restructuring relationships through mediation. <b>Linda Kochanski AM, College of Law;</b> <b>Mieke Brandon AM RIF, Resolution Institute (retd)</b>	Pioneering Mediation: Resolution Institute's Journey and Future Vision for Growing Mediation. <b>Amber Williams, Resolution Institute</b> <b>Fiona Hollier, Hollier and Hart</b>	
12.30 – 1.30	LUNCH				
1.30 – 3.00	<b>1.6 Family Dispute Resolution: Child Inclusive Practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Peter Mathie</i>	<b>1.7 Workplace</b> <i>Facilitator: Maureen Inglis</i>	<b>1.8 Complex Dispute Resolution</b> <i>Facilitator: Laurence Boulle</i>	<b>1.9 Public Sector and the Courts</b> <i>Facilitator: Lola Akin Ojelabi</i>	<b>1.10 Yarning, Crafting &amp; Connecting</b> <i>Facilitator: Melissa Stublings</i>
<i>Room:</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 2</i>	<i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<i>Phillip Room</i>	<i>Beaumont Room</i>
1.30 – 2.00	<b>1.30 - 2.10 WORKSHOP:</b> Small voices that change parents' minds: Meeting with children in Family Law. <b>Jon Graham, International Centre for Children and Family Law;</b> <b>Dr Lorri Yosenik, International Centre for Children and Family Law</b>	<b>WORKSHOP:</b> Healing Toxic Workplaces – How ADR and Systems Thinking Can Help! <b>Ruth Sirman, CanMediate International</b>	Working together collaborative communication skills engaging EQ for best outcomes to conflict <b>Paula Bruce, Resolution Services Group</b>	Building Trust in Institutions through Conciliation Practice. <b>Joseph Hongoh, PaCSIA</b>	<b>WEAVING WORKSHOP</b> <b>Sarah Merritt</b>  Led by people with DR wisdom and cultural knowledge, this workshop will engage participants in a collective dialogue of deep listening and learning. Working alongside artists and healers, participants will explore create together Dispute Resolution (DR) stories deeply woven into lore, culture, and traditional practices.
2.00 – 2.30	<b>2.10 - 2.35</b> Does Child-Inclusive Mediation satisfy requirements to hear the voice of the child? <b>Dianne Loveday, Bayside Mediation</b>		How trauma informed practice helps DR practitioners, improve practice and benefits clients. <b>Jodie Grant, Shifting Sands</b>	The relationship between employment mediation and the Employment Relations Authority in Aotearoa New Zealand. <b>Dr Grant Morris, Victoria University of Wellington NZ</b>	

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2.30 – 3.00	<b>2.35 - 3.00</b> Minors in mediation: Can they participate effectively? <i>Dr Esther Erlings, Macquarie Law School</i>	Workplace Conflict - from the inside out. <i>Rachael Brady, Rachael Brady-Workplace Coach and Consultant</i>	Trauma-informed conciliation: from principles to practice. <i>Justin Toohey, Applied Dispute Resolution</i>	Mediation in the Land and Environment Court <i>Commissioner Elizabeth Espinosa, Commissioner to the Land and Environment Court of NSW and Councillor of the Law Society of NSW</i>	
3.00 – 3.30	AFTERNOON TEA				<i>Conference foyer</i>
3.30 – 4.15	<b>PLENARY 2</b> <i>Chair: Alysoun Boyle</i>  <b>NMAS to AMDRAS and Beyond</b> <i>Stephen Dickinson, AMDRAS Chair and Board Member</i>				<i>Grand Ballroom</i>  <i>Principal Collaborator</i>
4.15 – 5.00	<b>PLENARY 3</b> <b>Community Mediation in Australia: where to?</b>  <i>Chair: Mike Butler, Urboriginal.com.au</i> <i>facilitated discussion between</i> <i>John Steele, Mediator, Uniting Communities Mediation Service</i> <i>Lynn Davie, Mediator and Trainer</i>				
5.00	<b>DAY ONE CLOSE</b>				
5.00 – 6.00	<b>HOSTED DRINKS</b>				<i>Conference foyer</i>



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TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2025		<i>“Crafting”</i>		
8.00am	Registration, coffee cart and exhibition opens			<i>Conference foyer</i>
9.15 – 10.00	<b>PLENARY 4</b> <i>Chair: Deborah Lockhart</i>  <b>KEYNOTE:</b> <b>Developing a mediation response unit to meet a community need.</b>  <i>Cherise Hairston, Dayton Mediation Centre, Ohio USA</i> <i>Michelle Zaremba, Dayton Mediation Centre, Ohio USA</i> <i>Dr Jeanne Felicity Zimmer, Dayton Mediation Centre, Ohio USA</i>			<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
10.00 – 10.30	MORNING TEA			<i>Conference foyer</i>
10.30 – 12.30	<b>2.1 Family Dispute Resolution: Data &amp; Practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Peter Mathie</i>	<b>2.2 Mastering capability and practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Samantha Hardy</i>	<b>2.3 Community Mediation: International Context</b> <i>Facilitator: Maureen Inglis</i>	<b>2.4 ADR: Credibility, Data &amp; Learning</b> <i>Facilitator: Lola Akin Ojelabi</i>
<i>Room:</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	<i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<i>Phillip Room</i>	<i>Times on the Park</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Tails of divorce, best practice for pet custody. <i>Karis Nafte, Who Keeps The Dog, Pet Custody Mediation</i>	<b>PANEL:</b> Court-ordered, lawyer-assisted property conciliation: which factors predict success? <i>Dr Genevieve Heard, Relationships Australia VIC;</i> <i>Dr Andrew Bickerdike, Relationships Australia</i> <i>Mark Hebblewhite, Victorian Legal Aid Family Dispute Resolution Service</i>	Nation building through mediation: The Mongolia experience. <i>Dr Katherine Johnson, Unilegal Consulting and ADRA</i> <i>Enkhee Sharav, official interpreter for the Mongolia Project</i>	Myth and reality: The 'day in court' experience in dispute resolution processes. <i>Anne Sutherland, Sutherland Kelly Mediation</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Roles and activities of FDRPs: ADRAC's empirical study of FDR practice. <i>Susan Hamilton-Green, ADRAC;</i>			The establishment, implementation and promotion of a judicial alternative dispute resolution program. <i>Judge Sharon Burchell, County Court of Victoria</i>
11.30 – 12.00	What do flat pack instructions, recipes and parenting plans have in common? <i>Mandy Drommer, WA Family Mediation Services</i>	Design and implementation of conflict management capability in Queensland state schools. <i>Peter Johnstone, Education Queensland</i>	Time to unmute: A tale of forced marriage in Hong Kong. <i>Sala Sihombing, Conflict Change Consulting</i>	Designing and implementing a Family Dispute Resolution teaching clinic. <i>Prof Rachael Field, Bond University Law Faculty</i>

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12.00 – 12.30	Demonstrating the value and impact of Family Dispute Resolution: A cost benefit analysis. <b>Sandra Opoku, Relationships Australia Victoria;</b> <b>Dr Andrew Bickerdike, Relationships Australia Victoria</b>	No one wants a complaint ... but maybe it's good for your practice. <b>Linda Kochanski AM, College of Law</b>	Harnessing technology for unity: Community mediation and conflict resolution through data analytics. <b>Norwahidah Zinalibdin, Department of National Unity &amp; Integration Malaysia</b>	A tick-box exercise? Benefits of mandatory FDR for ambivalent clients. <b>Dr Genevieve Heard, Relationships Australia VIC;</b> <b>Dr Jemima Petch, Relationships Australia QLD</b>	
12.30 – 1.15	LUNCH AND POSTER SESSION				Conference foyer
1.15 – 2.00	<b>PLENARY 5</b> <i>Chair: Bianca Keys</i>  <b>PANEL:</b> <b>Holistic and playful innovations for solvers and resolvers of conflict: Vulnero-empowero-resolio strategies.</b>  <i>Dr Laurence Boulle, Independent Mediation Services</i> <i>Dr Mark Seton, University of Sydney and Excelsia University College</i> <i>Joelene Nel, McLaughlins Lawyers</i>				Grand Ballroom
2.00 – 3.30	<b>2.5 Family Dispute Resolution</b> <i>Facilitator: Peter Mathie</i>	<b>2.6 Sustainable Practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Serge Loode</i>	<b>2.7 Workplace</b> <i>Facilitator: Laurence Boulle</i>	<b>2.8 Mediation &amp; Neurodivergency</b> <i>Facilitator: Lola Akin Ojelabi</i>	<b>2.9 Yarning, Crafting &amp; Connecting</b> <i>Facilitator: Melissa Stubbing</i>
<i>Room:</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>	<i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<i>Phillip Room</i>	<i>Times on the Park</i>	<i>Beaumont Room</i>
2.00 – 2.30	<b>PANEL:</b>  Working with lawyers at family law mediation. <b>Matthew Shepherd, Ramsdens Family Law;</b> <b>Annabel Murray, Ramsdens Family Law</b>  Community Based FDR: A Supportive, Educational, Accessible Approach for Families Experiencing Conflict. <b>Erica Nicholls, Uniting Communities Noarlunga Family Relationship Centre</b>	<b>2.00 - 2.45 WORKSHOP:</b>  Mediation as Improv: Creative tools for navigating conflict. <b>Sala Sihombing, Conflict Change Consulting;</b> <b>Prof Joel Lee, National University of Singapore;</b> <b>Melvin Loh, School of Law, Singapore University of Social Sciences</b>	Responding to complaints of Sexual Harassment in 2025 <b>Paula Bruce, Resolution Services Group</b>	Improving access to justice for autistic parties in mediation [research report]. <b>Dr Özlem Süsler, La Trobe University</b>	<b>WEAVING WORKSHOP</b>  <i>Sarah Merritt</i>  Led by people with DR wisdom and cultural knowledge, this workshop will engage participants in a collective dialogue of deep listening and learning. Working alongside artists and healers, participants will explore create together Dispute Resolution (DR) stories deeply woven into lore, culture, and traditional practices.
2.30 – 3.00	<b>PANEL:</b>  From the inside out - enhancing capacity in Child Inclusive Practice. <b>Matthew Horsfall, Centacare Brisbane</b>	<b>2.45 - 3.30 WORKSHOP</b>  Supervision in Mediation: Empowering Practitioners, Elevating Practice. <b>Joanne Law, Mediation Institute</b>	Giving peace a chance in workplace conflict. <b>Rachael Brady, Rachael Brady-Workplace Coach and Consultant;</b> <b>Nina Harding, Nina Harding Mediation Services</b>	<b>CONVERSATION:</b>  Mediation for all: Understanding neurodiversity and how to ensure inclusive practice. <b>Danielle Hutchinson, Resolution Resources;</b>	

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3.00 – 3.30	Thinking outside the box: Expanding CIP so every child is heard <i>Elke Pitkethley, Uniting</i>		Workplace Bullying: Debunking the myths, facilitated by narrative mediation. <i>Debbie Dunn, The Narrative Centre</i>	<b>Dr Samantha Hardy, Conflict Management Academy + NMC Board</b>	
3.30 – 4.00	AFTERNOON TEA				
4.00 – 5.00	<b>2.10 Family Dispute Resolution</b> <i>Facilitator: Laurence Boulle</i>  <i>Room: Grand Ballroom</i>	<b>2.11 Intercultural Competence</b> <i>Facilitator: Serge Loode</i>  <i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<b>2.12 Online Processes &amp; Technology</b> <i>Facilitator: Ippei Okazaki</i>  <i>Phillip Room</i>	<b>2.13 Best Practice</b> <i>Facilitator: Bianca Keys</i>  <i>Times on the Park</i>	
4.00 – 4.30	Crafting Clarity: Navigating complex property and financial settlements with confidence. <i>Marney Bowden, 601 Mediation; Carmel Cumberbatch, 601 Mediation</i>	Bridging traditional and contemporary mediation: Addressing immediate disputes underpinned by historical grievance. <i>Amiel Nubaha, Comprehensive Mediation Services; Dr Judith Rafferty, Conflict Management Academy</i>	Culture and the use of technology in dispute resolution. <i>Prof Lola Akin Ojelabi, RMIT University</i>	Quality control of Legal Aid NSW Family Dispute Resolution informing best practice. <i>Gabriela Nitsolas-Pirc, Legal Aid NSW; Eloise Riches, Legal Aid NSW Glenys Rikard-Bell, Legal Aid NSW</i>	
4.30 – 5.00	Mediation and parenting coordination: Exploring new Family Law dispute resolution directions. <i>Dr Anne Purcell, Resolution Partners; Shelby Timmins, Divorce Done Differently</i>	Informed, involved, inclusive: A new model in intercultural competence. <i>Rory Gowers, Gowers Facilitating; Milan Nitopi, Sussex Partners</i>	Telephone dispute resolution service: Managing high volume, virtual Family Dispute Resolution Service. <i>Tim Guest, Relationships Australia QLD</i>	Mapping hybrid dispute resolution in Aotearoa New Zealand. <i>Dr Grant Morris, Victoria University of Wellington NZ</i>	
5.00	DAY TWO CLOSE				
6.30 – 10.00pm	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b> "Threads of Connection: Honey, Craft & Conversation" <i>Great time to relax and join the conversation</i> <i>Dress Code: 'Bee' as you like</i>				<i>Grand Ballroom</i>



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WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2025 “Connecting”					
8.00am	Registration, coffee cart and exhibition opens				Conference foyer
	<b>PLENARY 6</b> <i>Chair: Melissa Stubbings</i>				
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome				
9.15 – 10.00	<b>First Nations Yarning Circle</b>  facilitated by <b>Melissa Stubbings</b> , Senior Dharug Woman <b>Jackie Stewart</b> , Director of Youth Led Services				
10.00 – 10.45	KEYNOTE:  <b>Reflective practice in the corporate world - I promise we won't finish by singing Kumbaya.</b> <b>Stuart Wesley</b> , Principal Consultant, OASIS People and Culture				
10.45 – 11.15	MORNING TEA				
11.15 – 1.15	<b>3.1 Family Violence</b>  <i>Facilitator: Alyson Boyle</i>	<b>3.2 First Nations Practice</b>  <i>Facilitator: Melissa Stubbings</i>	<b>3.3 Data Driven Professional Skills</b>  <i>Facilitator: Lola Akin Ojelabi</i>	<b>3.4 Crafting Dispute Resolution</b>  <i>Facilitator: Samantha Hardy</i>	<b>3.5 Bougainville Experience</b>  <i>Facilitator: Maureen Inglis</i>
<i>Room:</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 1</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom 2</i>	<i>Hyde Park Room</i>	<i>Phillip Room</i>	<i>Times on the Park</i>
11.15 – 11.45	Navigating complexity: mastering nuanced risk assessment in high-risk family violence contexts. <b>Marney Bowden</b> , Relationship Matters	WORKSHOP:  Mediation through Gurrutu - further learnings. <b>Noelene Marika</b> , ARDS Aboriginal Corporation; <b>Helen Nyomba Gandaju</b> , ARDS Aboriginal Corporation; <b>Ted Gondarra</b> , ARDS Aboriginal Corporation; <b>Lulu Guyula</b> , ARDS Aboriginal Corporation	WORKSHOP:  Conflict coaching techniques and skills for convenors: Preparing parties for RJ conferences. <b>Dr Judith Rafferty</b> , Conflict Management Academy; <b>Richard Dening</b> , ACT Restorative Justice Unit		WORKSHOP:  Home is where the heart is: community mediation to sustain peaceful relationships. <b>Dr Serge Loode</b> , Pacsia; Presenting: <b>Dennis Kuiai</b> , Autonomous Bougainville Government
11.45 – 12.15	Adjusting more than percentages: mediating property after the 2025 Family Violence Amendment. <b>Michele Brooks</b> , Victorian Bar				
12.15 – 12.45	Mediating in the age of rage. <b>Miriam Ziegler</b> , Miram Ziegler Mediation; <b>Danielle Jaku-Greenfield</b> , Jaku Mediation	WORKSHOP:  Yarning about First Nations Family Dispute Resolution. <b>Kathy Cullen</b> , Victoria Legal Aid; <b>Zack Smith</b> , Victoria Legal Aid <b>Bianca Evans</b> , Victoria legal Aid	Legal Aid NSW Family Dispute Resolution (LANSWFDR) ADR: the road less taken. <b>Gabriela Nitsolas-Pirc</b> , Legal Aid NSW; <b>Eloise Riches</b> , Legal Aid NSW; <b>Corrina Faulkner</b> , Legal Aid NSW	Mediation Makeover: Transforming how you think and talk about what you do. <b>Sarah Blake</b> , Sarah M Blake	

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12.45 – 1.15	<p>"We've separated, so why are we still living under the same roof?"  <b>Tara Houseman, Relationships Australia;</b>  <b>Naomi Doyle, Relationships Australia</b></p>		<p>AI and tech-enabled abuse in family mediation: recognising, responding, and resolving.  <b>Fiona Kirkman, CORTO;</b>  <b>Pip Raedio, Upstream Educator</b></p>	<p>Empowering parties to seek accommodations, support, and accountability when facing practitioner misconduct.  <b>Dan Berstein, MH Mediate (via recorded presentation)</b></p>	
1.15 – 2.15	LUNCH			Conference foyer	
	<b>PLENARY 7</b>			Grand Ballroom	
2.15 – 2.45	<p><i>Chair: Deborah Lockhart</i>  <b>PANEL:</b>  <b>Ethics</b></p> <p><b>Mary Walker OAM, IMI Ethics Committee</b>  <b>Lola Akin Ojelabi, IMI Ethics Committee</b></p>				
2.45 – 3.30	<p><i>Chair: Alysoun Boyle</i>  <b>PANEL:</b></p> <p><b>Strengthening Cohesion: Minority groups and their approaches to conflict.</b>  A panel of overseas and Australian speakers share their expertise and discuss with each other their experiences working with minority groups and First Nations peoples who are in conflict. This is a unique opportunity to hear more from notable conference presenters who work in these areas.</p> <p><b>Cherise Hairston, Dayton Mediation Centre, Ohio USA</b>  <b>Dr Monique Williams, CEO Cure Violence Global, Chicago USA</b>  <b>ARDS Aboriginal Corporation representatives;</b>  <b>Noelene Marika,</b>  <b>Helen Nyomba Gandaŋu</b>  <b>Ted Gondarra</b>  <b>Lulu Guyula</b></p>				
3.30 – 4.00	<p><b>Wrap up of NMC2025</b>  <i>Chair: NMC Ltd</i>  NMC2027 – destination announcement</p> <p><b>NATIONAL MEDIATION CONFERENCE 2025 CLOSE</b></p>				
4.00 – 5.30	<b>CLOSING DRINKS</b>			Conference foyer	

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THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025     "Connect & reflect" walking tour	
9.00am – 3.00pm	<p><b>"Connect &amp; reflect in nature" walking tour</b></p> <p><b>A guided walk for reflection, connection and creation</b></p> <p><i>Franca Petrone, Dispute Management Services; Anne Sutherland, Sutherland Kelly Mediation; and Nicole Arendsen, Cullaborate</i></p> <p>How often do you pull out your notes following a conference?</p> <p>This guided walk is designed to create the space for you to relax, restore and integrate your conference learning whilst walking in nature; connecting with others; sharing reflections on sessions you attended and hearing about sessions you didn't.</p> <p>Meet at 9 am at Circular Quay, catching a ferry together to a north shore coastal walk and returning to Circular Quay around 3pm</p> <p><i>Limited places available. Cost is \$50 per person</i> <i>Register as part of the conference or email <a href="mailto:nmc@conlog.com.au">nmc@conlog.com.au</a></i></p>