

# **COLIN MACLEOD:**

## **MEDIATOR**

*RETIRED MAGISTRATE, FORMER JUDGE*

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **1. ACTIVITIES SINCE RETIREMENT**

#### **(a.) ACCREDITED MEDIATOR**

Gazetted pursuant to sec 21 Evidence Act Vic as mediator Disputes Settlement Centre of Victoria and currently engaged in a scheme integrating the facilities of the Centre with the Magistrates Court civil jurisdiction. So far attaining about a 87 % settlement rate. Currently 2010 performing\ about 70 mediations per year.

One time member Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators of Australia

Recently Member Victorian Bar Mediation list

Completed Uni of Melb Mediators course April 2004

Completed Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria Certificate in Community 2005

2005 Mediation Feb 2007

Conducted mediations in Aboriginal artifacts disputes

#### **(b.) STUDENT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY**

Will graduate 2010 Bachelor of Theology to become culturally and sensitive aware of current issues. In particular Studied Aboriginal religion, Islam and early Christianity

#### **(c.) VOLUNTEER assisting ex prisoners**

### **2. MAGISTRATE 1993- 2004**

Considerable experience in all areas of commercial and personal injury litigation.

The magistrate's jurisdiction in Victoria for civil cases is \$100,000 and includes all manner of civil disputes, an equitable jurisdiction, family law matters and industrial matters. At times sat in Mildura and took interest in local Aboriginal community

### **3. JUDGE 1988-1992**

Judge on Accident Compensation Tribunal until its abolishment. Very wide experience in personal injuries and workers compensation. This Tribunal had the same ranking as the Victorian County Court and appeals lay to the then Full Court of the Supreme Court. Written decisions were often required particularly with complicated medical and statutory interpretation points.

### **4. BARRISTER 1963-1988**

Initially my practice was in crime. I acted for both defense and prosecution. I gained experience in many murder trials, rape, robbery and crimes of violence. However in later years I specialized in civil juries, and acted in two Royal Commissions eg The Woodward meat substitution scandal and a minor part in the Costigan Commission.. Considerable experience was gained in negotiating settlements, summarizing evidence and gaining skills in assessing clients and witnesses.

### **5. MILITARY SERVICE**

Squadron Leader RAAF Reserve. RFD. I was one of the initial members of the RAAF Legal Reserve Panel. I acted in many Courts Martial and some Inquiries necessitating living on base in Victoria and interstate.

For a number of years I was a member of the University of Melbourne Squadron and the Squadron's legal officer

Completed National Service in navy 1955; HMAS Vengeance as a Telegraphist.

### **6. COUNCILLOR CITY OF SOUTH MELBOURNE 1975-1979**

Experience in chairing meetings of local citizens and representing them in industrial and governmental settings.

I set up local action groups to campaign on local issues..

This municipality had many of Melbourne's Greek population. It was both a pleasure and a necessity to be aware of their cultural activities.

### **7 ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY POSITIONS**

During the 1960's I held the following positions.

Tutor in commercial, contract and criminal law at Melbourne and Monash universities

Lecturer in commercial law at the then Prahran Technical College

Lecturer in civil procedure for article clerks at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

## **8. PRIVATE PILOTS LICENCE**

No longer current. This license was gained in the hope of using it in the Northern Territory. I had endorsements for both Tiger Moths and Auster aircraft.

## **9. PATROL OFFICER NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Experience **working with Aboriginal people** and negotiating problems between them and pastoralists. It was imperative to have knowledge of Aboriginal anthropology and to be sensitive to the culture of Aboriginal people. I had the privilege of being in a patrol that probably made contact with the last of the Australian Aboriginal people, the *PINTUBI* still living totally according to their own ancient culture.

Completed twelve months course in Anthropology and legal studies at the **Australian School of Pacific Administration** which I attended for twelve months in 1956. During this course I attended lectures with students from Papua and New Guinea and took lectures in anthropology.

## **10 PUBLISHED AUTHOR**

*Patrol in the Dreamtime*, Central Queensland Uni. Press. This book was discussed in the Federal Parliament and was used as the basis of a Government submission to the Senate. It's now in its third print. The book details my experience in the Northern Territory

*A Strong Song*; ditto. This is a novel concerning the Pintubi people and their life immediately prior to and after contact with Europeans.