



## SA/NT Division Committee Chair's Report 2024

### CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN RESTRUCTURING INSOLVENCY AND TURNAROUND ASSOCIATION (SA/NT DIVISION)

**HELD ON: Wednesday, 03 April 2024 at 5pm via Zoom**

It is a pleasure to submit my report to the AGM of the SA/NT Division Committee of ARITA in respect of the 2023/2024 term of the Committee.

#### 1. Committee Membership and Roles

Listed below is the 2023/2024 Division Committee:

Member	Firm
Craig Hannam RITF, Chair	Ferguson Hannam
Natasha Riach RITF, Deputy Chair/Secretary	Maurice Blackburn
David Colovic RITP	LK Law
Mike Hayes RITF, SA/NT Board Representative	Piper Alderman
Andrew Langshaw RITP	Duncan Powell
Robert Naudi RITF	Rodgers Reidy
Thomas Salleh RITP	Pitcher Partners
Sam Sellahewa RITP	Rodgers Reidy
Victoria Young RITP	Heard Phillips Lieberenz

I would like to acknowledge and thank each of the other committee members for their contribution over the course of the past 12 months and acknowledge outgoing member Robert Naudi for his contribution and service to the Committee.

## 2. Events

### **State Conference**

Focused on regional content and designed for senior practitioners, the 2023 SA/NT Division Conference was held on 25 May at Mayfair Hotel & Borsa Pasta Cucina in Adelaide. 76 delegates attended the half-day conference, and 85 guests joined the networking opportunities at the dinner.

The 2024 SA/NT Division Conference will be held on 11 September at the Law Society SA, followed by a networking Dinner at Jolleys Boathouse.

### **Small Practice Conferences**

Held on 4-6 October in Queenstown, New Zealand. The two-day conference exclusive to ARITA Professional and Associate members is focussed on relevant, day-to-day issues for small practices. We had 82 delegates attend the conference and 100 guests attend the networking dinner.

In 2024 the Small Practice Conference will be held on 12-14 June on Hamilton Island, Queensland.

### **National Conference**

Held on 31 July to 2 August on the Gold Coast, our National Conference sold out during the early bird period. The two-day conference attracted 251 delegates and featured well-respected experts and thought leaders giving presentations on a range of topical issues. It also included unique networking opportunities such as group activities (new in 2023), a Welcome Reception, and the Conference Dinner, with almost 250 guests in attendance.

In 2024, we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the National Conference with a new event format – over three days. The conference be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, on 10-12 April.

### **Expert Series Seminars**

Curated with the mid to senior practitioner in mind, the 2023 online Expert Series attracted close to 600 attendees nationally across four headline topics: Bankruptcy, Insolvency, Restructuring & Turnaround and Small Practice.

In 2024 ARITA will spread out the online Expert Series Seminars with two seminars in July-August and two in November.

## **Forums**

Delivered by subject matter experts, the forums are highly regarded for the insight the presenters provide on important emerging issues and for the networking opportunities.

In 2023 the Division ran three forums attracting 115 attendees. A special thanks to DMAW Lawyers for hosting the August forum.

The SA/NT committee recently hosted their inaugural International Women's Day luncheon. The lunch was a sell out and well received by all of those who attended. A special thanks to Victoria and Natasha for organising the lunch and also to our three presenters. We look forward to hosting a similar lunch next year.

The ARITA National office delivered six forums online and attracted over 970 attendees nationally. These Forums were offered free of charge for ARITA Members.

## **3. Education**

Education of members will always be one of the top priorities for ARITA and the SA/NT Division.

### **Introduction to Insolvency Program (IIP)**

Developed and presented in a live interactive environment facilitated by trainers with extensive hands-on experience in insolvency, ARITA's Introduction to Insolvency Program has provided the most reliable and accurate education to new entrants in the profession since 2005.

In 2023, an IIP course was offered in-person or online at least every eight weeks, providing firms with timely training for their junior staff. The course attracted five attendees from the Division, spread across the five online courses.

### **On-demand courses**

ARITA's on-demand training offers convenience, flexibility, and cost-effectiveness, making it a valuable option for individuals seeking to enhance their skills or expand their knowledge base.

- Professional Standards courses – Independence and Remuneration – are free of charge for ARITA Members.
- Essential Skills series: There are currently 23 courses available, with more released every month.

### **Advanced Certification**

I would like to congratulate all students in the Division that graduated from the ARITA Advanced Certification in 2023.

I would also like to thank the following members who volunteered as workshop leaders for the ARITA Advanced Certification during 2023:

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Member	Firm
Nick Cooper RITP	Oracle Insolvency Services
James Devonish RITP	Oakbridge Lawyers
Mike Hayes RITF	Piper Alderman
Rob Naudi RITF	Rodgers Reidy
Matthew Ormsby RITP	SV Partners
Leigh Prior RITF	Agile Business Advisory
Ben Renfrey RITP	Johnson Winter & Slattery
Natasha Riach RITF	Maurice Blackburn
Maris Rudaks RITF	BRI Ferrier

## 4. National Board

Mike Hayes continues to serve as the SA/NT Committee Member on the national board and was appointed Vice President in 2023. In addition, Mike sits on the Membership committee and is Deputy Chair of the Professional Conduct committee. We are grateful to Mike for his ongoing reports at the Committee Meetings on board matters and matters affecting ARITA nationally.

## 5. Membership

Set out below is a table of the current membership of the SA/NT Division:

Category	Number of Members (SA/NT) as at 05/03/2024	Number of Members (ALL) as at 05/03/2024*
Professional Members (inc Life)	97 (21 Fellows)	1,155 (151 Fellows)
Academic	0	10
Associate	1	28
Lender & Investor	1	14
Honorary Members	0	5
Graduates	28	401
Students	20	465
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>2,095</b>

\*list extracted before non-financial strike off (does not include current non-financial members for 2024)

Category	New members (SA/NT) 2023	New members (ALL) 2023
ARITA Academic	0	1
Associate	0	1
Professional Member	2	23
Lenders & Investors	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>

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## 6. Divisional Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the SA/NT Division of ARITA is to be held on 03 April 2024 at 5pm (local Adelaide time) via Zoom. The CEO will announce the 2024/2025 Committee members at the AGM. The Committee resolved to have a maximum of 10 members for the upcoming year.

If you have any feedback, wish to discuss any issue, or feel you are able to make a contribution to the profession, please do not hesitate to email either myself, John Winter, one of my fellow Divisional Committee members or the ARITA National Office on 02 8004 4344.

Dated: 3 April 2024



**Craig Hannam**

*Chair*

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