



**Victorian
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TUESDAY

20 February 2018

Venue: Coopers Inn
Cnr Exhibition & Little
Lonsdale Streets
Melbourne.

Time: 5:45pm–6:15pm
Socialising

Drinks at bar prices
Finger food provided

Presentation: 6:15pm–7:15 pm

Cost: No charge VADR members
\$25 Non-members
Membership \$85 pa,
\$42.50 half yearly.
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RSVP: by Friday 16 February 2018
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Book early to ensure a place

SUSAN HAMILTON-GREEN

The Role of FDRPs and Family Lawyers in the Resolution of Family Disputes – Evolution or Revolution?

Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) is now a fundamental part of the Australian dispute resolution landscape for family disputes. A good understanding of the principles underlying this process and the role of FDR in the overall dispute resolution field is crucial for guiding participants from presentation to outcome.

Susan will explore the evolution of family mediation and FDR since the early 1980s, and the impact on this process of the significant legislative and other changes that have taken place since then. Her focus will be the role of the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner within FDR and the role of the family lawyer in supporting this process. This will lead to a consideration of the current position of FDR and the impact of FDRPs and family lawyers on the provision of this method of dispute resolution.

Susan is a family lawyer and a Specialist in Family Law (LIV) since 1990. Experienced in parenting and financial matters, and as an ICL, Susan has also been a Specialist in Mediation (LIV) since 1993 and a registered FDRP. She is a trained arbitrator and conflict coach, and provides mediation training, coaching and supervision. Susan undertakes private mediation, and conferences for FDRS through VLA. She is also a lecturer for the College of Law, a principal of InTandem Legal Services and the principal of Creative Family Law Solutions.