



The Australian Justice Tribunal

NOTICE BOARD – Historical

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

- **National Corruption Tribunal (NCT)**

- The Federal Party of Australia drafted the Constitution of the NCT in mid-1988
- The NCT was inaugurated on 18 November 1988
- National President – Garth William Eaton
- Wholly ceased in 1996
- NCT bank account at CBA, Queen Street, Brisbane was closed in 1997

- Queensland's Justice Minister, Paul Clauson, placed a notice in *The Courier-Mail* on 24 January 1989 claiming that NCT advertisements taken out in *The Courier-Mail* were not sanctioned by the Government.

The fact remains to this day that the NCT **did not** need the sanction (i.e. authoritative permission) of the State Government, nor any other government – State or Federal – for that matter; and nor did the NCT ever hold out that its advertisements were sanctioned by any government.

- **Headquarters of the NCT**

- Spine Street, Sumner Park, Brisbane 1988/89
- AMP Place, Brisbane CBD 1989/90
- Adelaide Street, Brisbane CBD 1990-94
- Maurer Street, Middle Park, Brisbane 1994-96

- **The Australian Justice Tribunal (The AJT)**

- The Federal Party of Australia commenced drafting the National Constitution of The AJT in October 2004
- The AJT was inaugurated on 31 December 2005
- National President – Garth William Eaton (31.12.2005 to 3.5.2011)
- Chairman – Garth William Eaton (The AJT was incorporated – 3.5.2011)

- The National Constitution of The Australian Justice Tribunal (The AJT) was lodged with the Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) on 12 January 2006 at the time of opening the Organisation's "Society Cheque Account"; a title that was changed to "Community Solutions Cheque Account" on 10 February 2006.

- Associates of the Chairman and his Federal Party of Australia have continued to volunteer their assistance to The AJT since the commencement of drafting the National Constitution in 2004.
- The Chairman of The Australian Justice Tribunal commenced writing his autobiography, *Beneath The Bench*, in July 2006, completing it in 2009. One purpose of this eBook is to emphasise the absolute need for The Australian Justice Tribunal’s pro bono (free) legal services.
- **www.BeneathTheBench.com** was activated on Australia Day, 26 January 2010.
- **www.gartheaton.com** was activated in January **2003**, and modified on 26 January 2010 and 17 April 2011 partly to direct visitors to www.BeneathTheBench.com and www.TheAJT.org (subsequently www.TheAJT.org.au – the post incorporation domain name for The AJT).
- The Australian Justice Tribunal [ABN: 53 150 698 516] was registered (incorporated) as a not-for-profit, special purpose public company limited by guarantee on 3 May 2011.
- The National Constitution of The Australian Justice Tribunal was lodged with the Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) at 360 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria on 31 May 2011 at the time of opening the Company’s “Community Solutions Cheque Account”.
- The Australian Justice Tribunal’s applications for endorsement as a Tax Concession Charity (TCC) and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) were approved by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on 29 July 2011. The ATO now recognises this company as a **Public Benevolent Institution** as at 6 May 2011, being the date of those applications.
- **Central AJT Pty Ltd**, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Australian Justice Tribunal, opened its bank account with the Westpac Banking Corporation (Westpac) at 360 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria on 29 July 2011.

Summary:

The origins and pro bono legal services offered by The Australian Justice Tribunal date back to 18 November 1988 irrespective of:

- (a) a change of name and upgraded National Constitution in December 2005;
- (b) incorporation as a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee on 3 May 2011; and
- (c) ATO endorsement as a Tax Concession Charity (i.e. Public Benevolent Institution) on 6 May 2011 – **none of which would have occurred throughout the years without the input of Officeholders and Associates of The Federal Party of Australia.**