

## COMMENTARY

Elsewhere in this issue of the *Arbitrator* reference is made to courses conducted by the Institute for specialised groups such as barristers and solicitors.

These Courses form part of the Institute's education and training programmes leading to the grading examination and grading of arbitrators. The Courses are as intensive as the traditional General and Advanced Arbitration Courses but have the advantage that the content of the syllabus is structured bearing in mind the professional skills and knowledge of the specialist group involved.

Through these Courses the Institute is able to extend its sphere of influence and actively promote the arbitral process as a means of settling commercial disputes and promote the inclusion of arbitration clauses in contracts throughout the broad commercial community. Institute membership continues to increase and many new members have joined as a result of an exposure to our specialist Courses.

Courses have already been conducted for barristers and solicitors and those with an interest in resolving disputes in the maritime area and later this year a course will be conducted for those involved in the growing of cereal crops and their export to overseas markets.

Since the foundation of the Institute some 17 years ago, education and training has been the major activity of the Institute not only in the training of Arbitrators, but in the provision of continuing education programmes for members, as well as the promotion of the arbitral process as a means of settling disputes.

The move into providing courses for specialist groups is a natural progression for the Institute and subject to the availability of resources will be expanded in the future.

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## **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?**

**If so, have you advised the Institute?**

**If not, please do so—we would like to hear  
from you.**

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