

# Mediation Workshop Retreat in Tuscany

**A Five-Day Workshop Retreat for Practicing Mediators at the 'Fattoria L'Ottavo' at Lucolena/Greve in Chianti, Italy.**

**18 - 25 June 2016**

**“Shifting the Focus from Mediating the Problem to Mediating the Moment.”**

**With: Greg Rooney (Australia)  
Margaret Ross (Australia) – Barbara Wilson (United Kingdom)**

**Conducted in English**

Join experienced and novice mediators for a workshop retreat at a family run winery in the Chianti region of Tuscany in Italy. It is an opportunity to spend time with fellow professionals in a very earthy setting exploring the art of being present in the moment with particular emphasis on how that translates into what practising mediators do in the mediation session and why they do it.

The workshop retreat will focus on the mediator's use of self and include topics such as how to be and remain present in the moment, the use of intuition in mediation, the mediator as an irritant, and concepts such as 'the Third', 'the Field' and meditation (mindfulness).

They will be viewed from a practitioner's perspective with an emphasis on mediator self awareness and self-care. It will explore the concept of expertise and how skilled mediators think.

Greg, Barbara and Margaret have each been practising mediators for more than 25 years working in a broad range of disputes. They will bring a practitioner's perspective to the workshop.

**Fee structure:-**

- AUD\$2,250 (Australian Dollars)  
*Approx €1,547, £1,168, USD \$1,755, DKK 11517, CAD \$2,207 and HKD 13,612 as at Feb 2015. (There is no liability to pay or claim GST for Australian residents)*  
The fee will include all course materials, a welcome meal for participants and their partners on Saturday evening 18 June and lunches for participants on each of the course days plus morning and afternoon tea. Accompanying partners can join participants for the lunches at their own cost through Anna-Maria at the Fattoria.

Photos of previous workshops 2012 -2015, participant reviews and a paper outlining the theoretical underpinnings of the workshop in English and Spanish see: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fhf3scbxvb681fn/O6O4gA1gqo>

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Greg and Margaret are lawyers and hold accreditation under the Australian National Mediation Accreditation Standards. Both are Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners under the Family Law Act of Australia.  
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#### **The workshop will run as follows:**

- Arrive at and book into the Fattoria on Saturday 18 June 2016
- Day 1- Sunday, 19 June 2016, (9.00am for 9.30am –4.30pm for 5pm each day with a long table Tuscan lunch prepared by Roberto each workshop day )
- Day 2 and 3 – Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 June 2016
- There will be a rest day on Wednesday 22 June 2016
- Day 4 & 5 – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 June 2016

#### **Continuing Professional Development**

This course will provide up to a maximum of 20 hours Continuing Professional Development under Section 6 (b) (i) of the Australian National Mediation Standards. It may be eligible for category B CPDs in England and Wales.

## WORKSHOP LEADERS AND FACILITATORS

**Greg Rooney** has been a practising mediator in Australia since 1991. Greg has mediated more than 1,500 disputes in a diverse range of conflicts including multi-party disputes involving government institutions, commercial and industrial disputes, agricultural disputes, franchise disputes, matrimonial disputes and disputes involving conflict in the workplace. For the last eleven years Greg has mediated over 200 face-to-face mediations between religious leaders and individual victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic, Anglican and Protestants religions in Australia. He has lectured in mediation, dispute system design and project Alliancing in a number of Australian universities, including the University of Queensland and Southern Cross University. Greg has conducted dispute resolution training for a number of public and private Australian institutions. He has published papers on mediating sexual abuse cases, the use of intuition in mediation, Project Alliancing and a number of other mediation based topics in a number of national and international journals copies of which can be downloaded from his web site.

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**Margaret Ross** is a barrister and mediator in Australia, where she has been a legal practitioner for 30 years and a mediator for 21 years. She has mediated in excess of 1,000 disputes since 1990. She specialises in Family Law, Mediation and Dispute Management in a wide area of disputes. Margaret is a Nationally Accredited Mediator and a Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner. She is a member of the National board of AIFLAM (Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators) and is a member of several Mediation panels, including the Advanced Panel of LEADR Mediators, the Office of the Mediation Adviser, the Law Society and Supreme Court of South Australia Panels, Flinders University and the Catholic and Anglican Churches. She has conducted dispute resolution and mediation courses for several Universities and has co-designed and facilitated dispute resolution courses for government and non-government organisations in Australia. Margaret has presented at a number of conferences in relation to mediation and the law, and has published several papers on this area. [mross@campbellchambers.com.au](mailto:mross@campbellchambers.com.au)

**Barbara Wilson** PhD has been a family mediator since 1990, and is an independent practitioner and consultant. She has mediated more than 1,900 conflicts. Barbara is based in Portsmouth, Hampshire in the UK. Barbara is Accredited by the Family Mediators Association, qualified to provide legally aided mediation on behalf of the Legal Aid Agency, and has extensive experience of mediating complex family and other disputes. Her earlier careers were with the Lord Chancellor's Department, and as a qualified social worker in a therapeutic family unit. She also led an Independent Adoption Support Agency. She has lectured on various Postgraduate Conflict Resolution and Mediation Studies courses run jointly by the Institute of Family Therapy with the University of London, and has lectured on gender and mediation at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Barbara runs advanced conflict resolution training workshops and is especially interested in ethical issues; she writes on mediation practice and is published in the UK and internationally.

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## 'Fattoria L'Ottavo'

The Fattoria is approximately 1 hours drive south of Florence for those hiring a car. If travelling by train from Rome or Florence you can get off at Figline Valdarno railway station and be collected by arrangement with Anna- Maria from Fattoria L'Ottavo. In the past groups of attendees have arranged to meet in Florence, Milan or Rome so as to travel together to Lucolena.

All apartments are in tranquil surroundings with both the outer structure of the buildings as well as the entire interior kept in the typical style of Tuscany. All apartments were recently restored and furnished with modern comfort like satellite TV, wall safes, modern baths, etc., and have a splendid view over the surrounding vineyards, as well as a garden or terrace. It is a working winery in a working village (it is more rustic than tourist orientated).

Each room in each apartment has its own separate bathroom ensuite so individual rooms can be booked separately if travelling by yourself. The costs of the apartment will then be shared on a pro rata basis.

The apartments are in the oldest original part of the winery, whose beginnings go back app. to the year 1000. The kitchens of all apartments are equipped with 4-flame gas stoves, electro ovens, filter coffee machines, crockery and cutlery, etc. You will find typical Tuscan restaurants in the local villages of Lucolena and Dudda and a supermarket in the town of Greve (20 minutes drive). Internet connection is available in most rooms including Wi-Fi.

There are 10 apartments each with a number of rooms available for families. Accompanying partners are welcome.

See photos of the rooms at <http://www.fattorialottavo.com/gliAppartamenti.page>

2015 prices -2016 prices to be advised

Apartment	No. of Persons standard			per week
Colombaia	2			€ 465
Cortile	2			€ 520
Lavanda	2			€ 680
Olivo	2			€ 600
LaVigna	4			€ 680
Aia	4			€ 695
Petralina	4			€ 695
Laura	4			€ 725
La Loggia	6			€ 775
Taverna	6 6			€ 775€ 775
Breakfast	€ 8,00 /day			

**The prices include** the use of the swimming pool, bed-linen, towels, the consumption of water, gas, power and heating as well as the final cleaning.



**TUSCANY 2012**



**TUSCANY 2013**



**TUSCANY 2014**



'Fattoria L'Ottavo' is a family run winery situated 500 meters from the village of Lucolena. It is a part of the municipality of Greve in Chianti and is situated right in the centre of the cultural triangle of Florence 50 km, Siena 40 km and Arezzo 40 km. The nearest exit of the highway (A1) is in INCISA (coming from the north it is the one after 'Florence South').