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Dale is the convener and Chair of the Elder Mediation Australasian Network (EMAN), an Advanced Certified Elder Mediator with the Elder Mediation International Network (EMIN) and an adjunct Associate Professor, Justice and Society, University of South Australia. She was previously a Head of the School of Psychology, Social Work & Social Policy, Director of Postgraduate Studies, Program Director for the Masters/Graduate Diploma in Mediation and Conflict Resolution and the Doctor of Human Service Research, and Director of the Centre for Peace, Conflict and Mediation (1973-2009). In 2007, she led the research team that wrote the first South Australian Government's 'Strategy to Prevent the Abuse of Older South Australians 2007-2014' and is an ongoing member of the Steering Committee, Office for the Ageing, Department for Health and Ageing which reviewed the plan and produced the report – 'Strategy to Safeguard the Rights of Older South Australians 2014-2021'. The Safeguarding Steering Committee oversees the implementation of the new plan and advises on other matters to do with elder abuse, including legislation.

Dale has led many research teams at a national and international level and supervised many PhD students, with a focus on gender, culture, domestic and family violence, family law, elder abuse and elder mediation, has published the findings of her research in many peer reviewed journals and books and presented many papers at national and international conferences as a Keynote speaker. One research project focused on the use of older-person-centred mediation as a strategy to prevent the financial abuse of older people by their family members and was funded by an ARC-Linkage grant and the SA Office for Ageing Well, with in-kind contributions from 5 partner agencies.

Dale co-convoked the 6th World Summit of Mediation with Age-Related Issues in Adelaide in 2013, created and developed EMAN post-Summit, and has developed and maintains a comprehensive resource-rich website for elder mediators, older people and their families (www.elder-mediation.com.au). She is a member of the International Board and Certification Committee of the Elder Mediation International Network (EMIN) and has contributed to EMIN's Code of Ethics and international certification requirements for elder mediators.



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In April 2015, she developed and delivered the first comprehensive training programs for elder mediators from Australia and New Zealand and has continued to give elder mediation presentations and training workshops (including online) in NZ and most Australian States.



Since retiring from UniSA she has also been a Visiting Professor with the National University of Ireland, a consultant with the South Australian Office for the Public Advocate and Catalyst (previously the Seniors Information Service) and is an elder mediation practitioner, consultant and trainer in private practice.

In 2013, Dale was awarded the Sherren Leadership Award by the EMIN Board for her 'contributions to the global advancement of mediation with age-related issues'. In 2014, she received the LEADR Michael Klug Award for her 'innovation and leadership in the field of dispute resolution'; and in 2015 the Resolution Institute's Practitioner Award for her 'contribution to the development of others in DR'. In 2019 she received the John Haynes Distinguished Mediator Award, presented annually by the Association for Conflict Resolution in the US to a 'prominent and internationally recognized leader in mediation who demonstrates personal and professional commitment to finding mediation solutions to conflict'.