



PRESIDING OFFICERS  
& CLERKS

48th ANNUAL CONFERENCE • SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<b>MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017</b>	
9.00 am – 9.45 am	<b>Refreshments available.</b> [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]
9.00 am – 9.45 am	<b>Registration</b> Delegates and partners will need to proceed through security screening upon arrival at Parliament House. Delegates will receive security passes at registration.
9.45 am – 10.00 am	<b>Briefing</b> regarding opening ceremony [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]
10.00 am – 10.15 am	<b>Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and traditional Pacific Welcome</b> [Venue – Forecourt, NSW Parliament]
10.15 am – 10.45 am	<b>Opening of Conference</b> <b>Election of Chair and Deputy Chair for the Conference</b> <b>Procedural motions</b> <b>Opening Address</b> by Professor the Hon Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO [Venue – Legislative Assembly Chamber]
10.45 am – 11.00 am	<b>Conference Photograph</b> [Venue to be determined]
11.00 am – 11.30 am	<b>Morning tea</b> [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]

11.30 am	<b>Partners depart for Partners' Program</b>																																
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	<p><b>Conference Papers</b>  [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House]</p> <p>The Hon. John Ajaka MLC, President, NSW Legislative Council  <i>“Re-engaging the disengaged: Why parliamentary education and community engagement is core business.”</i></p> <p>The Hon. Stephen Parry, President, Australian Senate  <i>“Security in the parliamentary precincts.”</i></p> <p>The Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni, Speaker, Fiji  <i>“Leadership, co-ordination, advocacy and communications for the effective implementation of the SDGs.”</i></p>																																
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## TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2017

9.00 am – 9.15 am	<b>Refreshments available.</b> [Venue – Seminar space, Parliament House]
9.15 am – 10.45 am	<b>Conference Papers</b> [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House]  The Hon. Chester Borrows MP, Deputy Speaker, New Zealand House of Representatives <i>“Procedural innovations in the New Zealand Parliament”</i>  The Hon. Dr. Aisake Eke MP, Tonga <i>“Holding the government to account: How effective is Parliament?”</i>  Mr David Blunt, Clerk, NSW Legislative Council <i>“Accountability of statutory bodies to Parliament: The case study of Greyhound Racing NSW.”</i>
10.45 am – 11.30 am	<b>Morning tea</b> [Venue – Members' Dining Room, Parliament House]  <b>Observe NAIDOC Week celebrations</b> Venue – Fountain Court
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	<b>Conference Papers</b> [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House]  The Hon. Cyril Buraman MP, Speaker, Nauru <i>“Leadership code in Nauru—From select committee to legislation, a leap forward toward transparency.”</i>  Mr Michael Tatham, Clerk, Northern Territory Legislative Assembly <i>“The ICAC is coming—What consequences for the Assembly and what do we need to be ready for?”</i>  Mr Tom Duncan, Clerk, ACT Legislative Assembly <i>“Decoding the code: Applying the CPA Code of Conduct benchmarks to the Legislative Assembly for the ACT.”</i>
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> [Venue – Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House]

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm	<p><b>Conference Papers</b>  [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House]</p> <p>Mr Richard Pye, Clerk, Australian Senate  “Search warrants, privilege and intrusive powers.”</p> <p>Mr Nigel Pratt, Clerk, WA Legislative Council  “A matter of privilege.”</p> <p>Mr Michael Ries, Deputy Clerk, Queensland Legislative Assembly  “<i>A dilemma of rights, powers and immunities: A call to constrain the power of parliamentary committees to send for the documents of members in the possession and control of third parties.</i>”</p>
3.30 pm to 3.45 pm	<p><b>Afternoon tea</b>  [Venue – Members’ Dining Room, Parliament House]</p>
3.45 pm – 4.30 pm	<p><b>It must soon fall to ruin</b> — Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Rum Hospital, and recent refurbishment of Parliament House.  [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]</p> <p>Presentation by Mr Paul Brunton OAM, Emeritus Curator, State Library of New South Wales followed by tours of the precinct.</p>
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	<p><b>Refreshments</b> together with musical treats  [Venue – Fountain Court, Parliament House]</p>
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	<p><b>Presiding Officers’ Dinner</b> (including spouses and partners)  <b>Clerks’ Dinner</b> (including spouses and partners)</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2017</b>	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p><b>Refreshments available.</b>  [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]</p>
9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p><b>Education Trust Fund meeting</b>  [Venue – McKell Room, Parliament House]</p>

9.30 am – 10.30 am	<p><b>Celebration of 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Twinning</b>  [Venue – Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House]</p> <p>Messages from the Chairperson of the International Executive Committee and the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.</p> <p>Five minute presentations from each group of twinned Parliaments:</p> <table data-bbox="510 512 1294 765"> <tbody> <tr> <td>ACT</td> <td>↔ Kiribati</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern Territory</td> <td>↔ Niue</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Queensland</td> <td>↔ Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Australia</td> <td>↔ Tonga</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victoria</td> <td>↔ Fiji, Nauru, Tuvalu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tasmania</td> <td>↔ Samoa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Australia</td> <td>↔ Cook Islands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New South Wales</td> <td>↔ Bougainville, Solomon Islands</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ACT	↔ Kiribati	Northern Territory	↔ Niue	Queensland	↔ Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu	South Australia	↔ Tonga	Victoria	↔ Fiji, Nauru, Tuvalu	Tasmania	↔ Samoa	Western Australia	↔ Cook Islands	New South Wales	↔ Bougainville, Solomon Islands
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1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	<p><b>Lunch</b>  Venue – Speaker’s Courtyard (weather permitting)</p>																

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	<p><b>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Pacific Region Management Committee meeting</b>  Venue – Members' Dining Room</p> <p><b>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Australian Region Management Committee meeting</b>  Venue – Strangers' Dining Room</p>
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	<p><b>Afternoon tea</b>  [Venue – Seminar space, Parliament House]</p>
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	<p><b>Joint Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Pacific Region and Australian Region Management Committees</b>  Venue – Strangers' Dining Room</p>
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	<p><b>Formal closing session</b>  [Venue – Legislative Assembly Chamber, Parliament House]</p> <p>Conference reflections—5 minute presentations from:  A Pacific Presiding Officer  An Australian Presiding Officer  A Pacific Clerk  An Australian Clerk</p>
7.00 pm – 10.00 pm	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b> (including spouses and partners)  [Venue – Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House]</p>

## **THURSDAY, 6 JULY 2017 – FULL DAY EXCURSION**

All day	Full day excursion to the Blue Mountains
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## **FRIDAY, 7 JULY 2017 – Workshops for Pacific Presiding Officers and Clerks**

9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p><b>Refreshments available</b>  [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]</p>
9.30 am – 12.00 pm	<p><b>Workshop for Pacific Presiding Officers</b>  <b>Workshop for Pacific Clerks</b></p>