



PRESIDING OFFICERS & CLERKS

48th ANNUAL CONFERENCE • SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017	
9.00 am – 9.45 am	Refreshments available. [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]
9.00 am – 9.45 am	Registration 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	Briefing regarding opening ceremony [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]
10.00 am – 10.15 am	Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and traditional Pacific Welcome [Venue – Forecourt, NSW Parliament]
10.15 am – 10.45 am	Opening of Conference Election of Chair and Deputy Chair for the Conference Procedural motions Opening Address by Professor the Hon Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO [Venue – Legislative Assembly Chamber]
10.45 am – 11.00 am	Conference Photograph [Venue to be determined]
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Morning tea [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]

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11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Conference Papers [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House] The Hon. John Ajaka MLC, President, NSW Legislative Council <i>“Re-engaging the disengaged: Why parliamentary education and community engagement is core business.”</i> The Hon. Stephen Parry, President, Australian Senate <i>“Security in the parliamentary precincts.”</i> The Hon. Dr Jiko Luveni, Speaker, Fiji <i>“Leadership, co-ordination, advocacy and communications for the effective implementation of the SDGs.”</i>																																		
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch [Venue – Members' Dining Room, Parliament House]																																		
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Conference Papers [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House] The Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Speaker, NT Legislative Assembly <i>“Balancing two roles—Speaker as member and influencer: The RU486 story in the Northern Territory.”</i> Mr Ray Purdey, Clerk, Victorian Legislative Assembly <i>“The resignation of the Speaker.”</i> The Hon. Bruce Atkinson MLC, President, Victorian Legislative Council <i>“Presiding Officers in public controversies.”</i>																																		
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TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2017

9.00 am – 9.15 am	Refreshments available. [Venue – Seminar space, Parliament House]
9.15 am – 10.45 am	Conference Papers [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	Morning tea [Venue – Members' Dining Room, Parliament House] Observe NAIDOC Week celebrations Venue – Fountain Court
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Conference Papers [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	Lunch [Venue – Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House]

2.00 pm to 3.30 pm	<p>Conference Papers [Venue – Preston Stanley Room, Parliament House]</p> <p>Mr Richard Pye, Clerk, Australian Senate <i>“Search warrants, privilege and intrusive powers.”</i></p> <p>Mr Nigel Pratt, Clerk, WA Legislative Council <i>“A matter of privilege.”</i></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>Afternoon tea [Venue – Members' Dining Room, Parliament House]</p>
3.45 pm – 4.30 pm	<p>It must soon fall to ruin — Celebrating the 200th 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>Refreshments together with musical treats [Venue – Fountain Court, Parliament House]</p>
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	<p>Presiding Officers' Dinner (including spouses and partners)</p> <p>Clerks' Dinner (including spouses and partners)</p>
WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2017	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p>Refreshments available. [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]</p>
9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p>Education Trust Fund meeting [Venue – McKell Room, Parliament House]</p>

9.30 am – 10.30 am	<p>Celebration of 10th anniversary of the establishment of Twinning [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><tr><td>ACT</td><td>↔</td><td>Kiribati</td></tr><tr><td>Northern Territory</td><td>↔</td><td>Niue</td></tr><tr><td>Queensland</td><td>↔</td><td>Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu</td></tr><tr><td>South Australia</td><td>↔</td><td>Tonga</td></tr><tr><td>Victoria</td><td>↔</td><td>Fiji, Nauru, Tuvalu</td></tr><tr><td>Tasmania</td><td>↔</td><td>Samoa</td></tr><tr><td>Western Australia</td><td>↔</td><td>Cook Islands</td></tr><tr><td>New South Wales</td><td>↔</td><td>Bougainville, Solomon Islands</td></tr></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>Lunch Venue – Speaker’s Courtyard (weather permitting)</p>																								

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	<p>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Pacific Region Management Committee meeting Venue – Members' Dining Room</p> <p>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Australian Region Management Committee meeting Venue – Strangers' Dining Room</p>
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Afternoon tea [Venue – Seminar space, Parliament House]</p>
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	<p>Joint Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Pacific Region and Australian Region Management Committees Venue – Strangers' Dining Room</p>
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	<p>Formal closing session [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>Conference Dinner (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
FRIDAY, 7 JULY 2017 – Workshops for Pacific Presiding Officers and Clerks	
9.00 am – 9.30 am	<p>Refreshments available [Venue – Jubilee Room, Parliament House]</p>
9.30 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Workshop for Pacific Presiding Officers</p> <p>Workshop for Pacific Clerks</p>