



AUSTRALASIAN STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP
South Australian Chapter

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
5-7 OCTOBER 2016
PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
ADELAIDE

Program

Day 1: Wednesday, 5 October 2016 (Afternoon)

- 2.30 – 4.00 pm ASPG Executive Meeting & APR Editorial Board Meeting – Watarru Room
4.15 – 5.15 pm AGM – Balcony Room
From 5.15 pm Conference Registration – Old Library, Old Parliament House
5.30pm – 7.00pm Welcome Reception
Muriel Matters – *The Suffragist and The Grille*

Day 2: Thursday, 6 October 2016

- 8.30 am *Registration, Tea and Coffee*
- 9.00 am Welcome to Country, Kurna Greeting**
Official Opening of Conference.
Georgina Williams (Kurna People)
Hon M Atkinson MP (Speaker, House of Assembly)
- 9.15 am Opening Address**
Chair: Colleen Lewis
Dr John Hewson
- 10.00 am *Morning tea*
- 10.30 am Session 1: Is anybody listening – real engagement or lip service?**
Chair: Kris Faafoi MP
Tanja Zech (NSW Parl) – Digitalisation of Parliamentary Records.
George Williams (NSW Uni) – Petitions.
Chris Picton MP – Local Member perspective
David Speirs MP – Local Member perspective
- 12.15 pm *Optional Parliament House Tour* *Lunch (12.30 pm)*
- 1.30 pm Session 2: How parties and politics have fettered our parliaments.**
Chair: Mark Parnell MLC
Steven Reynolds (NSW Parl) - Political Parties, Parliament and Policy.
Kylie Coulson (Curtin Uni) – Budget Estimates Committees.
- 3.00 pm *Afternoon tea*

3.15 pm **Session 3: The impact of the media on the parliamentary process.**
Chair: John Gardner MP
Ray Stevens MP (QLD) – Politics – The Greatest Reality TV Show on Earth.

Media Panel: Tom Richardson – InDaily editor
David Bevan – ABC Radio Adelaide
Mike Smithson – Channel 7 News
Tory Shepherd – The Advertiser

6.30pm Conference dinner (Adelaide Oval)

Guest Speaker - Amanda Vanstone

Day 3: Friday, 7 October 2016

8.30 am *Tea and Coffee*

9.00 am **Session 4: Lobbyists influencing government – the mutual appreciation society.**
Chair: Rosemary Crowley
Wayne Matthew (Former MP) – Lobbyists, Playing a Crucial Role in Process of Govt.
Colleen Lewis (Monash Uni) – Political Funding.
John Hill (Former MP) – Community Campaigns.

10.30 am Conference Photograph – Front Steps? *Morning tea*

11.15 am **Session 5: The Executive's contempt for parliament.**

Chair: Steph Key MP
John Seal-Pollard (WA Parl) – Can committee systems ameliorate the ever growing power disparity between the executive and the parliament?
Tom Spencer (QLD Uni) – Uncourtly Behaviour.
Sarah Moulds (ADL Uni) – Committees of Influence: The capacity to change Australia's counter-terrorism laws.

12.45pm *Lunch*

1.45 pm **Session 6: Through the looking glass – external scrutiny of parliaments.**

Chair: Lee Odenwalder MP
Wayne Lines (SA Ombudsman)
Anna Olijnyk (Adelaide Uni) – Constitutional limits, a restraint on legislative process.

3.15 pm *Afternoon tea*

3.30 pm **Session 7: Confidence in our parliaments and our MPs.**

Chair: Stephen Wade MLC
Jonathan O'Dea MP (NSW) – Out of the Bear Pit.
Laura Grenfell (ADE Uni) – History of Parliamentary Committees.
Ralph Clarke (Former MP) – Democratic Governance of Political Parties.

5.00 pm **Closing of Conference by Colleen Lewis, National President ASPG**

Farewell Drinks – Balcony Room