



# Report of the NSW ASPG Chapter 2017

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## Membership

The current members of the NSW ASPG Chapter (as at 31 August 2017) are:

1. Brett Rodgers	18. The Hon. Paul Green MLC	33. Catherine Watson
2. Susan Want	19. Julie Langsworth	34. Jonathan Elliott
3. Eric Jones	20. David Blunt	35. Carly Maxwell
4. Jonathan O'Dea MP	21. Jenny Lamont	36. Clara Hawker
5. Christine Thai	22. Sharon Ohnesorge	37. Jason Arditi
6. Liz Clark	23. Steven Reynolds	38. Simon Johnston
7. Mark Webb	24. The Hon. Matt Kean MP	39. Ben Foxe
8. Tanja Zech	25. Ramzy Mansour	
9. Anne Twomey	26. Kenneth Turner	
10. Beverly Duffy	27. Gareth Ward MP	
11. Russell Grove	28. The Hon. Greg Donnelly MLC	
12. Marie Ficarra	29. Rohan Tyler	
13. The Hon. Thomas George MP	30. Elaine Schofield	
14. Jennifer Aldred	31. Kevin Rozzoli	
15. Luke Sikora	32. David Hale	
16. Cheryl Samuels	33. Helen Minnican	
17. Rodney Smith	34. Les Gonye	

## Chapter activities

Since the presentation of the last chapter report the Chapter has held 3 events.

1. Presentation from Professor Steffen Ganghof from the University of Potsdam, Germany, on 29 September 2016. The presentation focused on comparisons between parliamentary systems in Europe and in New South Wales.

The Chapter has held 2 member activities to date in 2017:

2. Presentation by a delegation from the Parliament of the United Kingdom, 23 March 2017. A delegation from the House of Lords and the House of Commons gave a presentation and answered questions about the political landscape of the United Kingdom and of Europe.
3. ASPG-ANZACATT Procedure Seminar, 5 May 2017. Parliament of NSW staff who presented at the January 2017 ANZACATT Professional Development Seminar gave abridged versions of their presentations on the general theme of 'Tradition v Innovation: Managing the Tension'.

Two additional activities are being planned for later in 2017, one being an event to be hosted by the Department of the Legislative Council on 19 September 2017 regarding the Egan cases. Looking forward, the Chapter plans to hold one event every three months. The administration of the NSW Chapter will pass from the Department of the Legislative Assembly to the Department of the Legislative Council at the Chapter AGM in November 2017.

Cheryl Samuels of the NSW Chapter was elected as the 2017-19 National ASPG Secretary on 17 August 2017.

Rohan Tyler of the NSW Chapter also contributed to the ASPG Website Working Group's continuing review of the national ASPG website. The Chapter contributed to the 2017 Parliament and Democracy Unit of Study offered to postgraduate students by the University of Sydney and coordinated by NSW member Prof Rodney Smith.

Nine NSW ASPG members attended the 2016 ASPG Annual Conference in Adelaide, South Australia: the Hon. Don Harwin MLC, Jonathan O'Dea MP, Leslie Gonye, Julie Langsworth, Kerri O'Neill, Steven Reynolds, Cheryl Samuels, Tanja Zech, and Ben Foxe.

### **Chapter representative at the AGM**

The NSW Chapter representative at the upcoming September 2017 AGM will be the Secretary/Treasurer, Ben Foxe (Department of the Legislative Assembly, Parliament of NSW), with assistance from Rohan Tyler.

### **Finance**

- For the 2016/17 financial year, \$2440 was owed to the National Body in remittances pertaining to the 61 members for that period.
  - \$1080 was paid directly to the National Body by members paying via credit card.
  - \$1360 is to be paid to the National Body as the remainder of the remittances.
- For the 2016/17 financial year the NSW Chapter collected \$305 in revenue from membership fees.
- As at 1 August 2017, the Chapter's account held \$11,274.83
  - As at 31 August 2017, the cheque for \$1360 for the remainder of the remittances had yet to be processed.

I provide an assurance that these details are correct.

Ben Foxe  
Secretary/Treasurer  
NSW ASPG Chapter

Date: 31 August 2017