



# Report of the Queensland Chapter of the ASPG

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## Membership

The Queensland chapter currently has 43 full members and 4 associate members.

## Chapter activities

The Queensland Chapter of the ASPG welcomed a new Chair, Mr David Fraser, from 4 September 2017.

In Queensland there was a dissolution of the parliament for the 2017 state election, which occurred on 25 November 2017.

Following the state election, the Chapter embarked on a recruitment and membership campaign consisting of formal introductions to all MPs of the parliament, and a welcome presentation to new MPs during their induction program in 2018.

The executive committee has actively worked throughout 2017-18 to plan and prepare for the 2018 National ASPG Conference in July 2018. An academic sub-committee was created to receive and consider submissions for presentation at the conference, while the executive committee met on more than eight occasions to resolve key strategic planning decisions.

The Chapter hosted 2 events in the year:

1. *End of year Drinks December 2017.* The ASPG-Q executive committee hosted an enjoyable end-of-year gathering to celebrate the end of a busy year in the parliament.
2. *Panel discussion on the composition and dynamics of the new 56<sup>th</sup> parliament.* The ASPG-Q presented a panel discussion on the outcome of the 2017 state election. An audience of many enjoyed the following panellists:

Chair – Felicity Caldwell, State Political Reporter, Brisbane Times

Sandy Bolton, MP Member for Noosa (Ind)

Graham Young, Executive Director, Australian Institute for Progress; Chief Editor, On Line Opinion

Sarah Mawhinney, Assistant Secretary, ALP (Qld)

Lincoln Folo, Campaign Director, LNP

Dr Paul Williams, Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities, Griffith University

Dr Chris Salisbury, Sessional Lecturer and Research Associate, Australian Catholic University and University of Queensland.

Refreshments followed the event where many of the Chapter's members continued the lively discussion.

### **Finance**

The Chapter has remitted \$704 membership fees to the Group for the financial year.

I provide an assurance that these details are correct.

Ciara Furlong  
Treasurer  
Queensland Chapter

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