



# CONFERENCE GUIDE 2023

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*We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of Meanjin/ Brisbane, the Turrbal and Yuggera peoples. We recognise and value their continuing connection to the land and waters.*

*We acknowledge the connection between land and identity for First Nations people and communities. Additionally, we acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and thank them for their continued generosity and work.*

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# ANTHONY ALBANESE

## PRIME MINISTER

### WELCOME TO THE 49TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY.

We gather in Brisbane in the truest spirit of our movement: open, democratic, progressive, and dedicated to building a stronger, fairer and more unified Australia.

Before last year's election, we shared our plans with the nation. From the moment the Australian people entrusted us with the privilege of forming Government, we have been repaying that trust by getting the job done.

We've been powered every step of the way by the same instinct that drives all Labor governments. The instinct to improve the lives of our fellow Australians. To make a positive difference that lasts. To shape the future so that our great country can become even greater. And, above all, to bring Australians closer together.

That's exactly what we've been doing. Our achievements range from cheaper medicines to fee-free TAFE places to the National Reconstruction Fund; from cheaper child care to positioning Australia for our rightful future as a renewable energy superpower.

*What it all adds up to is fulfilling the promise we made of a better future.*



Our record so far includes the most jobs created in the first year of any Australian government; record levels of participation, including a record number of women in full-time work; inflation heading in the right direction; and wages growing at the fastest rate in a decade, with real wages forecast to grow next year.

Amid it all, we have delivered the first Budget surplus in 15 years – the result of responsible financial decisions in the face of \$1 trillion of debt inherited from the previous government with not much to show for it.

In the great tradition of Labor governments, we are addressing the challenges of this moment, while always building for the long term. And it is my deep hope that this is a Labor government for the long term. Because real, enduring reforms – reforms that change a country for the better – take time.

Later this year, a constitutional referendum will give Australians the opportunity to recognise the privilege we have of sharing this extraordinary continent with the oldest continuous culture on Earth. A chance to take up that gracious invitation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to walk together towards a better future. It will be an act of recognition and listening, in order to make a real difference in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We know there's much to do, and our focus remains on positive, practical reform.

This conference is an opportunity to chart our path forward for the coming years. To once again demonstrate that we have the plans, the ideas and the determination to build the better future the Australian people deserve. ALP National Conference is always a proud demonstration of the dynamism that characterises our party. Members join Labor because they passionately believe in creating a better society – as Ben Chifley declared, that is our "light on the hill."

I'm proud of what together we have achieved so far, but it is just the beginning. Maintaining the momentum we have built is an important part of the responsibility and privilege of power.

On election night, I repeated Labor's vow: That we would be a government as courageous and hardworking and caring as the Australian people are themselves.

This conference will equip us to live up to that commitment every single day.





## LINDA BURNEY

### MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

THIS YEAR, WE ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR UNITY, HOPE AND TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE.

The referendum will give all Australians the opportunity to come together to finally recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution.

Voting **'Yes'** for constitutional recognition through a Voice is about recognition, listening and getting better results.

**Recognising** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution and paying respect to 65,000 years of culture and tradition.

**Listening** to advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about matters that affect their lives, so governments make better decisions.

Importantly, it's also about **getting better results** – by making practical progress in Indigenous health, jobs and housing, so people have a better life.

122 years after the Australian Constitution was formed.

We are so close to realising the promise of the Uluru Statement from the Heart – that historic First Nations consensus on the way forward.

Where 250 Indigenous Elders and leaders gathered at Uluru to issue the Statement from the Heart.

The idea of constitutional recognition through a Voice came from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people themselves, not government.

We know the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is not closing fast enough.

Just 4 out of 19 Closing the Gap targets are “on track”.

There is an eight year gap in life expectancy.

Worse rates of disease and infant mortality.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are 55 times more likely to die from rheumatic heart disease than non-Indigenous people.

WE CAN AND WE MUST DO BETTER.

**A Voice to Parliament will change the lives of First Nations Australians for the better.**

We have within our grasp the opportunity to make lasting practical change.

The Voice is about getting the best possible advice from the ground.

The Voice is a way for us to listen to Indigenous communities about what is working and what is not.

Let me give you an example of how the Voice might work in a practical way.

An Indigenous community identifies a problem, like low school attendance.

The community identifies that this is a challenge and wants to explore local solutions to improve school attendance.

The community approaches their representative on the Voice and raises this issue with them.

The Voice then has the power to make representations on how to improve school attendance in that local community to government and the parliament.

This example shows the links between local decision-making and local knowledge with policy-makers in government that can exist through a Voice.

When you listen to people with local knowledge, you get better results.

Friends, we are on the cusp of doing something great, but I need your help.

I need you to talk to your friends, family and neighbours and start a conversation about why we need the Voice and how it will make a practical difference.

**History is calling us - and I hope more than anything that the answer is 'Yes'.**

**'Yes' to making practical difference and improving people's lives.**

**'Yes' to a stronger and more united country.**

**'Yes' to constitutional recognition through a Voice.**

*Ngali Yarhagi barranjirra,  
Manwunbul*

*Let's get this done, together.*



# WAYNE SWAN

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### THINKERS AND ACTIVISTS – YOUR TIME IS NOW.

It's an honour to serve once again as National President of our great party and to work with our two vice presidents, Michelle Myers and Susan Close.

In my first term as President we worked together to win government back nationally and hold our previous gains in the states and territories. 14 months on from Anthony Albanese's inspiring victory we've already seen what a difference a good Labor government makes.

The job is far from over. It's barely begun. We must aim for long-term government to create lasting improvement for the Australian people.

Even though we hold government in every mainland state and territory, there is absolutely no room for complacency in modern politics.

Even being the oldest continuing social democratic party in the world doesn't guarantee us a future.

Our parliamentary numbers are strong, but the grassroots of our movement – our membership, our union supporters, and our electoral base – need to be continuously nurtured. Only that will sustain us as an election-winning force beyond the electoral horizon.

We must continuously re-energise the progressive side of politics. As avid



followers of politics, you will be well aware of the fate of some of the grandest social-democratic parties in the world in recent years. Many have simply disappeared into the mists of history.

You will also know that divisive populists of left and right – the Greens, One Nation and others – want to poach our base to advance their electoral prospects and divide the country. Their slick and angry messages appeal to many but can only wound our democracy just when democracy is so under threat across the world.

It's time to re-affirm Labor as the inspiring standard-bearer of decency and progress.

This conference therefore has three big challenges:

- to win the battle of ideas, kicking trickle-down economics and dangerous American-style culture wars into the rubbish bin of history
- to strengthen our primary vote to build a strong coalition of middle and lower income earners, and
- to grow Labor's membership, especially among the young and outside our capital cities

In many parts of the country our membership base is too small, rapidly ageing, too narrowly concentrated – and our presence too shy.

I pay tribute to the party activists who have contributed many decades to the cause. There's no ageism at work here – I'm one of those lifelong members – but we all understand that in the long run winning over the next generation will determine our electoral fate.

That generation understands the new politics of social and economic inequality instinctively, and is impatient for action to save the planet it will inherit.

Good leadership and the good luck of having unpopular opponents won't pull us through forever as the global political agenda continues to evolve in unexpected ways.

If like me you've ever been a surfer, you will know that if you stop paddling like crazy to position yourself for the next wave, someone else will grab it and ride it to shore.

In Labor's 132 year history our fundamental objective has been to improve the material lives of working people.

In that time our 48 national conferences have debated critical nation building/nation-changing policies: the minimum wage and industrial safety net, the industrial umpire, free trade or protection, the defence of the nation in war and international relationships, universal health care and education, the social contract and national superannuation, the NDIS amongst them.

The Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, in preparing its program for the next 3 years, will draw upon this platform as it prioritises its policy agenda.

At this Conference we are joined by 402 delegates and 200 proxies who come from multi-cultural backgrounds and diverse genders and occupations. By reflecting our nation we are a Party of modern Australia and at this Conference we must broaden and entrench community understanding of our policies and the values that underpin them.

This Conference will succeed by delivering a Labor Platform built on the belief that Government must step in and provide the means for reducing economic insecurity and inequality.

So there's a massive job ahead of us over the next few days.

New future leaders, new thinkers, new activists... your time is now.

**| Delegates, let's get to work.**



## ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

DELEGATES, WELCOME TO QUEENSLAND!  
BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY, PERFECT THE NEXT.

Home to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and host to our 49th ALP National Conference.

The last ALP National Conference held in Queensland was on the Gold Coast in 1973.

The Queensland of today is a vastly different place to that of 50 years ago. A time when Joh Bjelke-Petersen's National Party was 16 years into their 31-year conservative rule.

Queensland's progress over the last 50 years is a Labor story.

A story made possible by millions of hardworking, determined and resilient Queenslanders.

There's no better representation of this progress than our transformational Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan launched last year.

Who would have thought that a traditional resource state like Queensland would now be leading the way in becoming a renewable energy superpower.

We're able to do this this because we have the renewable energy above the ground and the critical minerals below the ground.

We can also do it because we kept our energy assets in public hands.

Throughout our state's history we've created our success by building and developing our regions.

With our Energy and Jobs Plan, 95 per cent of investment will be in regional Queensland.

This includes the world's largest pumped hydro and the largest energy SuperGrid in the country to connect our vast array of solar, wind and batteries.

All of this will power Queensland's clean, green industrial revolution.

Not only will we mine the critical minerals the world needs, but we'll process them right here to manufacture batteries and new technologies, supporting new industries across the state.

Importantly, our plan will also ensure 70 per cent of Queensland's energy supply is renewable by 2032.

So, delegates, the future is bright for Queensland.

It's bright, not just because of the modern, prosperous economy we're building, but because we're doing it in a way where everyone can share in the opportunity.

That's one of the reasons why we've introduced free kindy, helping get 8000

more young Queenslanders into kindy who are currently missing out during those critical early years of learning.

It's why we're delivering free TAFE and free apprenticeships.

It's also why we're undertaking the largest school building and modernisation program in Queensland's history.

After years of being attacked by the Federal LNP Government in Canberra, Queensland finally has a Prime Minister that wants to work with us, not against us.

Right now, we're partnering with the Albanese Government to build a new worldclass Queensland Cancer Centre here in Brisbane – all part of our Government's \$9.7 billion Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan.

Delegates, as we meet for this 49th ALP National Conference, it's important to reflect on our forebearers.

The men and women – the striking shearers – who gathered under a ghost gum in Barcaldine in 1891, giving birth to an Australian Labor Party that would fight for working people over the past 132 years.

It's these enduring principles and values that guide us into the future and are what this conference is all about.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of the affiliated unions represented here at conference and recognise everything you do for working people.

*Delegates, enjoy your time in Brisbane and have a great conference.*



## DR SUSAN CLOSE VICE PRESIDENT

### HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE 49TH AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

It's wonderful to be with you all in Brisbane - Meanjin and I pay my respects to the traditional owners, the Turrbal and Yuggera people.

As we set our agenda for the coming years and take the chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues, we

do so from the privileged position of government throughout most of the country.

Having so many Labor governments provides us with a rare opportunity to address many of the challenges that went ignored or even denied by the

Coalition, including lifting productivity in the economy, improving Australians' standard of living, increasing housing affordability, and making the transition to a low carbon economy.

Our electoral success gives us the opportunity to create a fairer, greener and more secure nation and we must grasp it for the sake of Australia's future prosperity and sustainability.

Prime Minister Albanese and his team have wasted no time in implementing the commitments we took to last year's election.

They have shown what can be achieved through working constructively and respectfully with people, both at home and abroad, and it's been a breath of fresh air after 10 years of Coalition divisiveness and short-sighted political games.

We have done the right thing is supporting the Voice, a generous offer from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for us to heal together, and we must see this through over the coming months. South Australia is proud to have led the way in creating the SA First Nations Voice to Parliament and including recognition in our constitution. I sincerely hope the opportunity to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and to address the real challenges of lasting disadvantage will be taken by the Australian people.

And, finally, we are seeing real action on climate change – both addressing its effects on Australians and making the economic transition to a net-zero world.

We are seeing the Commonwealth partner with the states and territories to arrest the impact it is having on communities and address climate change. The Disaster Ready Fund is an example of planning for resilience, and it is already helping communities respond to the impacts of climate change. Flood and fire-affected communities need our collective support, and we need to recognise they are the first to suffer from the effects of increasingly severe weather as a result of climate change.

By locking in a 43 per cent emissions reduction target by 2030, alongside serious investment in alternative energy sources such as hydrogen and technologies for low carbon transport, the Albanese government has given government and industry the confidence to invest in reducing emissions. A low-carbon future is an economic necessity for Australia as much as it is a global environmental task shared by all. Only Labor has the determination to accept the scientific truth of a warming world, and the capacity to make the economic transition necessary alongside the Australian community.

That is Labor's role in Australian politics: to understand what is required for the future and to respond with all Australians' interests front and centre of every decision we make.

***| Have a great Conference.***





## MICH-ELLE MYERS

### VICE PRESIDENT

#### IT IS AN ABSOLUTE HONOUR TO BE RE-ELECTED AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR GREAT PARTY.

Working with Wayne and Mark for the past term has been a great experience and I look forward to doing more good work with Wayne and our new Vice President, Dr. Susan Close.

This National ALP Conference will be the first in government since 2012. I am sure all ALP members will agree with me when I say it's been so good to see real policies that care for people finally being implemented.

We have a unique opportunity now to build our party and membership because people want to be a part of what we are doing.

I would like to encourage you all to use this time to recruit new members and get them involved. This year we will all be campaigning for a Voice to Parliament.

Getting out speaking to people - in the street, while door knocking, and in our

own homes, we can change the hearts and minds of our friends, family and strangers to Vote Yes to improve the lives of First Nations people. This is an exciting and historic campaign to make that happen.

Many years ago, I started my journey for First Nations justice after I heard Uncle Terry O'Shane, a wharfie from my union the MUA, tell a story at our National Conference. He said the first time he felt like he counted, and his voice mattered was when he had a book in his top pocket that told him he was recognised, and part of something. That book was his Seaman's Union Book.

What a terrible disgrace it was that Australia's First Nations people felt invisible for most of their lives.

My friend and workmate Thomas Mayo has been working so hard on the Voice campaign and I am so proud to know him. We first met at the Patrick EBA as young wharfie delegates in 2000. I support and will back him any day of the week over the people that seek to divide us and attack him. First Nations leaders have been calling for a Voice for over a decade. As a nation we have a once in a lifetime chance to work and walk together on this journey to a referendum. I look forward to all of you walking with us.

Another piece of work I am very proud of is co-chairing the ALP Reconciliation Action Plan working group, originally with Dr Chris Bourke and then Senator Dodson and now Dr Gordon Reid MP. The work on the RAP has been careful and considered. As we finalised the ALP's second RAP our Party continues in the right direction to ensure that we are a Party that gets things done and empowers First Nations people within our Party in addition to what we do as a Party of government.

Lastly, I want to pay tribute to everyone that worked on the new platform. It's not an easy task but it has been done methodically and in good spirit and has resulted in a platform that will move us forward and continue the good work started by our Albanese Labor Government.

Oh how good is it to say "Albanese Labor Government". Let us campaign hard and build our movement so we can continue to say it for many more terms to come.

***Lets campaign hard and build our movement!***



## VALE SIMON CREAN

Simon Crean was a public figure for over forty years. He served in four Labor ministries. He held elected office for the labour movement and party in five decades; he was representing Australia in a sixth decade of public service when he died in Germany on 25 June. Simon was 74 at the time of his death.

The continuity of Simon Crean's service was surely matched by the continuity of his policy passions. In season and out of season, Simon Crean was an advocate for industry policy and a minister who delivered. In season and out of season, Simon Crean was an advocate for arts policy and a minister who delivered. Few of his policy achievements are controversial today.

### **They outlive their sceptics.**

Simon Crean was a modernising unionist and a reforming minister. His life and career mark out a distinct Australian Labor era – baby boomer, child of a Whitlam minister, university-educated official at a blue-collar union – present at the creation of the 1980s reforms, present at the end of the Gillard and Rudd Prime Ministerships.

### **And he was a Labor Leader.**

As the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party's sixteenth leader, Simon Crean was right about a lot of things. He called for the resignation of a Governor-General who had failed to protect vulnerable children and he called for vulnerable children to be released from immigration detention.

He led an expansion of affirmative action and used his authority to promote a new generation of Labor frontbenchers which included two future Prime Ministers.

And as our Party's leader, Simon Crean was right to oppose the second Iraq War.

His courage and resolve over Iraq in 2003 ranks with that of Arthur Calwell over Vietnam in 1965. Not even Calwell's "drums of war" speech was given on the troopdeck of an Australian naval vessel about to deploy to a war he opposed, as Simon's was in the January of that terrible year – or in the personal presence of the President whose policy he opposed, as Simon's was that October when George Bush Jr visited Canberra.

It was a catastrophe for the people of Iraq and a tragedy for Australia and our allies that his warnings were not heeded. After that dreadful human disaster, the legacy

of that year in Australian politics is small consolation. But every centre-left party in the world that supported that war paid a terrible price in public opinion; not all survived. The Labor Party that Simon Crean led did.

Simon Crean's most dramatic warning was given in his final statement as Labor leader: "don't put a revolving door on the entrance to the opposition leader's office". It is a warning the next Labor generation heard and lived by after 2013.

The legacy is a Labor Government that acknowledged Simon's passing with sorrow and pride. His State funeral in Melbourne in July was a gathering worthy of the life Simon Crean lived. This first Labor Conference since Simon Crean's death will not forget him.

**| Vale Simon Crean.**



# MINISTRY

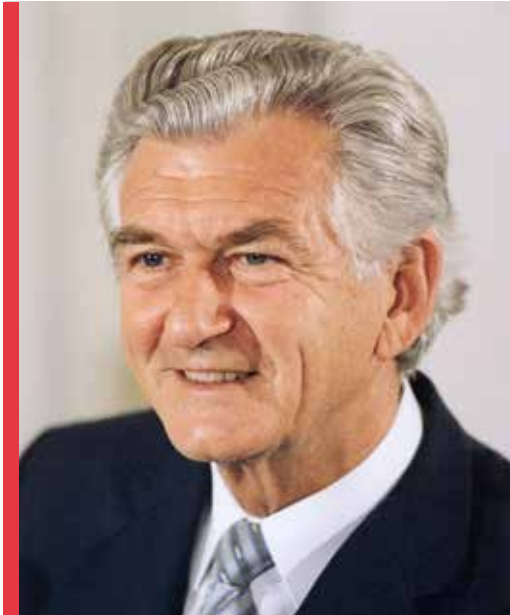




# CAUCUS

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**HON. ROBERT HAWKE AC**  
**(9 DEC 1929–16 MAY 2019)**  
**ACTU President (1969-1980)**  
**ALP President (1973-1978)**  
**Prime Minister (1983-1991)**

Bob was a leader that Australians loved. The former ACTU and ALP President was elected Prime Minister in March 1983.

Bob governed by consensus, bringing together unions and business successfully on many occasions to achieve a number of great legislative reforms.

Under his Prime Ministership, his government introduced groundbreaking legislation such as:

- ▶ The Industrial Relations Act 1988, replacing the Conciliation & Arbitration Act 1904;
- ▶ The Social Security Act 1991, replacing the Social Security Act 1947;
- ▶ The World Heritage Properties Conservation Act; and
- ▶ The Sex Discrimination Act 1984, outlawing sex discrimination in the workforce.

He was Australian Labor's – and Australia's – most successful leader, with four consecutive election victories. These wins consolidated reforms such as Medicare and superannuation, ensuring they could not be wound back easily.

Launching Medicare, saving Tasmania's Franklin River, floating the Australian dollar, opening the Australian economy to global competition, banning uranium mining at Jabiluka, Arnhem Land, establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and outlawing gender discrimination in the workplace, are just a few of his more significant contributions as Prime Minister.

The success of the governments he led is remembered fondly by broader Australia.

*We remember him not with sadness but with gratitude and with love.*



**HON. SUSAN RYAN AO**  
**(10 OCT 1942–27 SEP 2020)**

The Hon. Susan Ryan AO had an outstanding career in the Labor Party. Susan's long and varied contribution to public life also included her role as Age Discrimination Commissioner, her broader work with the Human Rights Commission and the Australian Republican Movement.

Susan is remembered for many important achievements, most prominently being the first female in a federal Labor cabinet. She was instrumental in driving Australia's first sex discrimination laws through the Federal Parliament.

Her commitment to the education, training, employment, and income for the betterment of women, encompassed Susan's sense of fairness and justice for women not just in Australia but right across the world.

**HON. CHRISTOPHER HURFORD AO**

**(30 JUL 1931–15 NOV 2020)**

The Hon. Chris Hurford AO, was elected to Parliament as the Member for Adelaide in 1969 and held the seat until 1987. Chris served as a Labor Shadow Minister for seven years prior to his appointment as Minister for Housing and Construction in the first Hawke ministry in 1983.

He was promoted to the Cabinet in 1984 as the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. During this time Chris was instrumental in developing a skills-based immigration policy. He also worked to improve the 'special humanitarian program in relation to South Africa, focusing on victims of apartheid who had suffered politically motivated persecution'.

Following his resignation from politics in 1987 he served as Australia's Consul-General in New York for four years. Chris maintained his interest in Australian Constitutional Reform following his retirement from political life – along with his keen interest in politics overall.





## ALEXANDER GALLACHER

(1 JAN 1954–29 AUG 2021)

Senator Gallacher was a great friend and colleague to many throughout his working life, particularly to those in the Transport Workers Union.

He was a conscientious, no-nonsense man who knew what he stood for. He was particularly dedicated to road safety for those people in the transport sector who keep our country going.

At a young age Alex felt the impact of poverty, insecure work and inadequate housing. He channelled those experiences into a life of fighting for those who needed an advocate, those who did not have the capacity to speak up for themselves. Alex was a Labor champion and is remembered as someone who never relented in his pursuit of a fair go for others.



## HON. DR DON GRIMES AO

(4 OCT 1937–20 NOV 2021)

The Hon. Dr Don Grimes joined the Australian Labor Party in Tasmania as a result of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War and an ALP proposal for Medibank.

He was elected as Labor Senator for Tasmania in a double dissolution election in 1974 and was appointed to the Shadow Ministry in the Whitlam led Opposition in 1976. Following the Hawke election in 1983 he was appointed Minister for Social Security and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate.

He was then appointed Minister for Community Services the following year.

As Minister for Community Services, Don oversaw the enactment into law of the Disability Services Act 1986. His advocacy for social policy extended way beyond his service to the Parliament ensuring his legacy remains.

Don established the Disability Advisory Council of Australia, 'to give disabled people a direct voice in their own futures' – a portent to today's National Disability Insurance Scheme perhaps. His regard for the dignity of minorities was also apparent in his significant contribution to the Government's effective and enlightened response to the appearance of AIDS in the early 1980s. In 1983 he took the early lead in convincing Cabinet that the issue warranted an urgent science-based policy response.

Following his retirement from the Parliament he went on to serve as Australia's Ambassador in the Netherlands. Don also Chaired a World Health Organisation committee on AIDS in prisons and served on the Australian National Council on AIDS.

## HON. JANE GARRETT

(16 MARCH 1973–2 JULY 2022)

Jane Garrett was Vice President of the Australian Labor Party from November 2011 until December 2018. Her strong work ethic and strong voice was evident in the National Executive meetings she attended.

Jane was a tireless member who worked hard and advocated strongly for her constituents, and those within her community. Her fearless advocacy was most notable in her representation of Eastern Victoria, working hard in communities for better support for education, health services and more jobs.

Jane held deep values, enormous strength and spirit and was deeply committed to her progressive ideals, to the labour movement, and to making Victoria a fairer and more just state.

From a young age she took to the streets to rally against injustices that were important to her and her family. She was a tireless Member for Eastern Victoria who worked hard and advocated strongly for her constituents, and those within her community.



## KIMBERLEY KITCHING

(16 FEB 1970–10 MAR 2022)

Kimberley Kitching joined the Senate in October 2016 and wasted no time in establishing her credentials as a hard-working Senator and advocate across a range of issues including legal, foreign affairs, defence, education and human rights.

Senator Kitching's lasting legacy will be her strong and abiding human rights advocacy. Kimberley's unswerving commitment to the cause was instrumental in legislating an Australian Magnitsky Act into the Australian Parliament. Her efforts in achieving this were recognised with Kimberley receiving the Sergei Magnitsky Human Rights Award.

Her tireless work earned Kimberley the greatest respect from across the Parliament.





## HON. MICHAEL BEAHAN AM

(21 JAN 1937–30 JAN 2022)

Michael Beahan wore many hats through his life he would wear many hats: electrician, peace activist, teacher, union member, encourager, changemaker, Labor true believer.

In the early 1980s Michael was elected as the Western Australian state Labor Secretary. He worked through the decade to modernise the Party and was a cornerstone of the Party's successes at a state and Federal Level.

In 1987 he was elected to the Senate and then in 1994 he was the President of the Senate until 1996 when he retired. He is remembered as being a kind and gentle man.



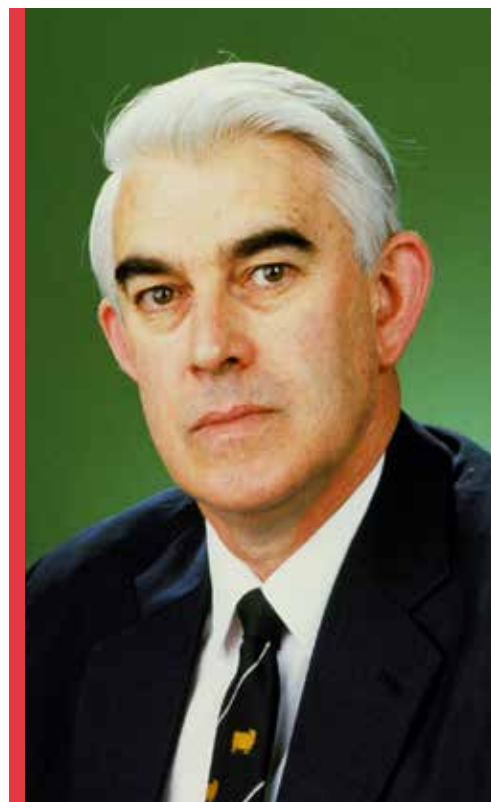
## HON. STEWART JOHN WEST

(31 MAR 1934–29 MAR 2023)

Stewart West became the member for Cunningham in a by-election in 1977. Before entering Parliament, he was president of the Port Kembla branch of the Waterside Workers Union.

In 1980 he was appointed the Shadow Minister for the Environment. In that role he worked tirelessly on Labor's environment policy to take to the National Conference, subsequently saving Tasmania's Franklin River and Kakadu.

Stewart was well known for his principled stands and deeply admired by his colleagues.



## HON. JOHN CHARLES KERIN AO

(21 NOV 1937–28 MAR 2023)

John Kerin grew up farming, gaining experience as an orchardist, forestry worker, brick setter and poultry farmer.

As an economist with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and eventually as the member for Macarthur and subsequently Werriwa, he knew how to make a difference.

Serving in the Hawke Government, John held many ministries including Primary Industry, Treasurer and Communication amongst others.

He made his main mark as one of our longest-serving ministers for primary industries. He took to his work with experience, pragmatism, courage and an endless willingness to consult, a scientific dedication to facts and an insatiable curiosity.

## BRUCE KENNETH CHILDS

(23 AUGUST 1934 – 4 MAY 2023)

Bruce Childs political career commenced in his early years. An etcher by trade, he worked as an apprentice on the shop floor of a newsprint organisation, moving on to joining the Amalgamated Printing Trades Employees' Union, rising to assistant federal secretary.

Bruce was elected assistant secretary of the NSW Branch of the ALP in 1971 – the first left faction assistant secretary in the branch.

He was elected to the Senate in 1981 and resigned in September 1997. Bruce was an active member of numerous parliamentary committees and held the position of national co-convenor of Labor's left-wing for the entire Hawke-Keating governments.

Following his career in the Parliament, Bruce served as president of the Evatt Foundation from 1998 – 2006, and a life member.

Bruce was an early supporter of feminism, demanding a greater role for women in politics and public life – he attended every Labor Women's conference as an observer for 25 years. He was a hero of the peace movement, a unionist, and a feminist.

Bruce was an extraordinary contributor to the labour movement throughout his life.



# AGENDA



<p><b>DAY 1</b></p> <p>Thursday 17 August, 2023</p>
<p>10.00 AM <b>Conference Commences</b></p>
<p>Opening/Welcome ToCountry/ President's address</p> <p><b>LEADER'S FOREWORD</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 1</b> <b>AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE</b></p>
<p>12.30 PM <b>Conference Adjourns</b></p>
<p>1.45 PM <b>Conference Resumes</b></p>
<p><b>Chapter 3</b> <b>PROTECTING AUSTRALIA'S CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY SECURITY</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b> <b>A STRONG AND HEALTHY SOCIETY</b></p>
<p>4.00 PM <b>Conference Closes</b></p>

<p><b>DAY 2D</b></p> <p>Friday 18 August, 2023</p>
<p>10.00 AM <b>Conference Commences</b></p>
<p><b>Chapter 7</b> <b>AUSTRALIA'S PLACE IN A CHANGING WORLD</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 6</b> <b>STRENGTHENING AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY</b></p>
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<p><b>Chapter 2</b> <b>OPENING THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY</b></p>
<p>4.00 PM <b>Conference Closes</b></p>

<p><b>AY3</b></p> <p>Saturday 19 August, 2023</p>
<p>10.00 AM <b>Conference Commences</b></p>
<p><b>Chapter 5</b> <b>BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER</b></p> <p><b>ALP Constitution</b></p> <p><b>RULES AND ORGANISATIONAL POLICIES</b></p>
<p>Conference Ends</p>

**49<sup>th</sup> ALP  
National  
Conference**





# Referendum 2023.

Later this year Australians will come together to consider a change to our constitution.

## The referendum is an opportunity to vote for:

- ✓ **Recognition**  
Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our Constitution and paying respect to 65,000 years of culture and tradition.
- ✓ **Listening**  
Listening to advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about matters that affect their lives, so governments make better decisions.
- ✓ **Better Results**  
Making practical progress in Indigenous health, education, employment and housing, so people have a better life.

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# CONFERENCE IN ACTION

The ALP Conference is the largest democratic decision-making forum held by any Australian political party.

Over the past 12 months 60 delegates to the National Policy Forum have been working together to facilitate policy development and debate between the Federal Labor Caucus, ALP branch members and our affiliated trade unions in the lead up to National Conference.

The result is the draft National Platform which is now before Delegates.

*There are 402 Delegates to the 2023 Conference.*

The National President and two Vice Presidents preside over Conference and are non-voting delegates.

In the 12 months before National Conference each state and territory branch elects their voting delegations.

- 106** delegates from New South Wales
- 90** delegates from Victoria
- 72** delegates from Queensland
- 42** delegates from Western Australia

- 32** delegates from South Australia
- 22** delegates from Tasmania
- 6** delegates from the Northern Territory
- 8** delegates from the Australian Capital Territory

The other voting delegates are drawn from:

- 4** Federal Parliamentary Labor Party leaders
- 8** State and Territory Leaders
- 6** Delegates elected by the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party
- 3** Delegates elected by Australian Young Labor

The delegations are supplemented by proxy delegates.

In accordance with the Party's affirmative action rules, at least one third of all delegates are women.

## WHAT HAPPENS ON THE CONFERENCE FLOOR?

The ALP National Conference is chaired by the incoming National President and Vice-Presidents who facilitate contributions from conference delegates and apply the standing orders.

Delegates are able to propose amendments and resolutions to the draft National Platform which is circulated to delegates one month prior to Conference.

The draft Platform is divided into chapters, which are considered, in turn, according to the Conference agenda.

To begin each debate, the relevant Minister moves a Chapter draft on behalf of the National Policy Forum.

The Minister's short speech is then followed by discussion over proposed amendments and resolutions to the draft Platform.

After each issue is considered, a vote, if required, then takes place. The outcomes of this process are then incorporated into the Platform draft, which, at the completion of Conference, becomes the official National Platform of the Australian Labor Party.

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**ALL PARTICIPANTS TO CONFERENCE MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.**

*There is no onsite registration for any category.*

## OBSERVER REGISTRATION:

Observers can access the conference venue from the Grey Street entrance only.

There is no access for Observers to the Conference from the main entrance off Merivale Street.

## WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST:

11am to 5pm (pass collection only – no access to venue rooms)

## THURSDAY 17 & FRIDAY 18 AUGUST:

7.30am to 4pm (access via Grey St only)

## SATURDAY 19 AUGUST:

8am to 12pm (access via Grey St only)

## LOCATION:

Plaza Level (Grey Street entrance only)

## ID REQUIRED:

Conference ticket (with QR code), Photo ID, membership card (party), supporting letter (if required)

There may be delays in moving through security once you receive your conference pass – please arrive early.



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## SECURITY

For safety, all Conference attendees must pre-register.

- All participants must wear their Conference Security pass at all times and follow the directions of conference and security staff.
- Accredited media are required to display photo identification.
- Suitcases and large bags should not be taken to the venue.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The ALP and the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC) strive to provide safe, equitable and inclusive access for all attendees.

For detailed information about venue accessibility, please visit the BCEC accessibility information page. (<https://www.bcec.com.au>)

- Auslan interpretation is provided throughout the main conference program – please contact the conference team for more information [info@laborconference.org.au](mailto:info@laborconference.org.au).
- Building access – the building can be accessed via a combination of stairs, ramps and lifts.
- Accessible seating - there is wheelchair and companion seating locations in the Observer gallery. Entry from Door 7.
- Accessible toilets are located throughout BCEC and are located adjacent to the major restroom blocks.
- Guide, hearing and assistance animals may access the BCEC, subject to accreditation or other requirements. See the BCEC website for more information.
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- Directional signage is clear and easy to read. Main signage, and internal lifts, have braille tactile indicators.

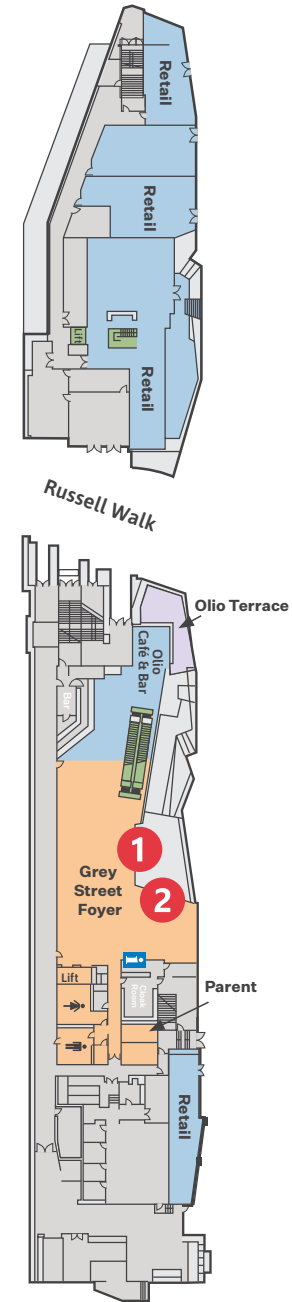
## BANNERS AND SIGNS

Banners, placards and signs are not allowed in the conference hall or other conference areas without the prior permission of the conference organisers.



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- 2 OBSERVER ENTRANCE**  
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**Gnocchi Gnocchi Brothers** Shop 10 Little Stanley Street South Brisbane. **(07) 3734 2280**  
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**Tippler's Tap** 3/184 Grey Street South Brisbane. **Untappd.com**  
*Great variety of craft beers and delicious bar food including wings and sliders.*

**Ahment's Turkish Restaurant** 10/168 Grey Street South Brisbane. **(07) 3846 6699**  
*Great atmosphere and recommended by Turkish friends as THE Turkish restaurant in Brisbane.*

**Baba Ganouj** 6A Little Stanley Street South Brisbane. **(07) 3846 3402**  
*If you love Lebanese food this is the place to eat.*

**Bourbon Street** 184 Grey Street, South Brisbane. **(07) 3255 3229**  
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**Plough Inn** 29 Stanley St Plaza, South Brisbane. **(07) 3844 7777**  
*Solid pub style food with a great view of the city and big tap selection*

**Fish Lane** Corner of Grey St and Fish Lane, South Brisbane.  
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**Lina Rooftop** 74/80 Tribune St, South Brisbane. **(07) 3187 4590**  
*Good Food, Better Views, Great Lifestyle*

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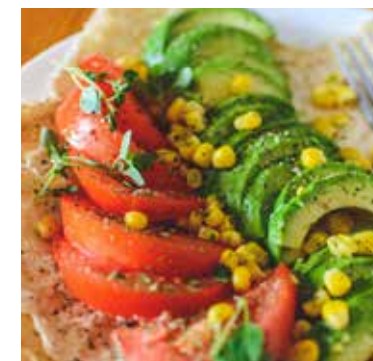
**Viet De Lites** 4A Little Stanley Street South Brisbane. **(07) 3844 8979**  
*Fresh and fabulous Vietnamese food – that is reasonably priced.*

**Little Big House** 271 Grey Street South Brisbane. **0478 518 885**  
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**Buffalo Bar** 169 Mary Street Brisbane City. **(07) 3051 7620**  
*Big style American pub meals with a great range of craft beers and whiskey.*

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*Up market set menu and a great place for wine connoisseurs.*



**Gerard's Bistro** 14/15 James Street, Fortitude Valley. **(07) 3852 3822**  
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**Scan here for tickets and online program**



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# A VOICE WILL BE LIFE CHANGING

## How will a Voice change the lives of First Nations people?

Join Linda Burney, Malarndirri McCarthy, Kyam Maher and Lara Watson as they discuss the upcoming referendum and what it will deliver for First Nations people.



**12.45pm - 1.45pm**  
**Thursday 17 August, 2023**

# FROM WHITLAM TO NDIS.

Labor Enabled Australia Fringe  
Event

**17th August, 11 am**  
**Brisbane Convention Centre**

**Guest speakers:**

- Bill Shorten MP
- Ali France
- Tony Clark
- Gary Allen
- Leili Golafshani

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## OUT OF THE NAUGHTY CORNER – AUSTRALIA'S BID TO CO-HOST A CLIMATE COP

The official Australian Government bid to co-host a UN climate conference (COP) in partnership with the Pacific could see 35,000 participants from every nation come to our shores in 2026.

What version of Australia do we want to show the world? How will the Pacific partnership work? What Australian city could credibly host the major event, which rivals the FIFA World Cup in size?

**DATE:** Thursday 17 August

**TIME:** 8:30am (Coffee and Pastries) for 8:45am start

### SPEAKERS:

- MC – Terri Butler, President, Smart Energy Council
- Senator The Hon Jenny McAllister, Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy
- The Hon Dr Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier of South Australia and Minister for Climate, Environment and Water
- Karrina Nolan, Executive Director, Original Power (*invited*)
- Kavita Naidu, Senior Strategist - Pacific, Climate Action Network Australia (*invited*)
- Richie Merzian, International Director, Smart Energy Council



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COP27 SHARM EL-SHEIKH EGYPT 2022



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## Renewable Energy Superpower: Beyond the Rhetoric

Facilitated by Kelly O'Shanassy, CEO ACF



The Australian Conservation Foundation invites all conference delegates and fringe attendees to join us for a panel discussion with experts and activists from the world of Renewable Energy for a discussion on how Australia can move beyond the rhetoric and into implementation of policies that enable our country to seize the opportunities and become a renewable energy superpower!



### Dr Amanda Cahill, CEO of The Next Economy

Amanda is the CEO of The Next Economy. Over the last decade, Amanda has supported government, industry, workers and community groups to understand and manage the energy transition.



### Tim Buckley, of Clean Energy Finance

Tim founded Climate Energy Finance Australasia at the start of 2022, having co-founded and worked with the global energy finance thinktank IEEFA over 2013-2021. Tim has published over 100 reports on the global energy transition.

More speakers to be announced!

Thursday 17 August 3:30pm

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Nature  
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Panel: Preparing for Disasters | Creating Our Future

# Believe it or not there is NO such thing as a Natural Disaster

This is a critical social justice issue.  
Find out how we can use creative innovation  
to better prepare our communities for  
escalating global disasters.

Panel Speakers | 17.08.23 | 11-12pm | RSVP at [laborfringe.org.au](http://laborfringe.org.au)

### Distinguished Emeritus Professor Stuart Cunningham AM - University of Canberra

Stuart is one of Australia's best-known media scholars with a special interest in policy. Stuart's recent investigations consider how creative arts-led initiatives can help us prepare for and prevent climate related disaster and make communities more resilient.

### ARC Laureate Fellow Professor Dennis Del Favero - University of New South Wales

Dennis is an internationally recognized digital media researcher focused on the use of Artificially Intelligent visualisation that explores unpredictable extreme events using immersive systems.

### Ms Simonne Pengelly - University of Newcastle

Simonne's research investigates the role of creativity and arts based approaches in international crisis planning and response, with a particular focus on disaster risk reduction and community transformation.

### Panel Facilitator:

Dr Kristefan Minski - University of Newcastle / Ambassador Ars Electronica



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# ADVANCING AUSTRALIA'S ANIMAL WELFARE & THE LIVE SHEEP EXPORT PHASE OUT

Animal welfare is important to Australians – so here's what we can do about it and why we need to **#LegislateTheDate** to end live sheep export

**Dr Suzie Fowler,**  
Chief Science Officer,  
RSPCA Australia

**Thursday 17 August 2023**  
**11:00am – 12:00pm**  
Get your ticket at  
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National Voice for our Children

## Hear their Voices - Investing in First Nations Children

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have 60,000 years of success in raising our young ones to thrive.

Yet today our children are removed from family at horrifying rates, they lag in school readiness and the gaps in some cases are widening.

Join SNAICC CEO Catherine Liddle, Gretchen Young from the Connected Beginnings program and special guests to discuss how a Voice enshrined in the Australian Constitution can create a stronger, fairer future for our children.

**11.00am - 12.00pm on 17 August 2023.**  
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# Fight inflation, support good jobs, and address climate change

## Australia's response to the Biden Inflation Reduction Act

The US Inflation Reduction Act has injected between \$500 billion and \$1.2 trillion into fighting climate change through tax incentives for clean energy take up. This mega bill from the Biden Administration has seen huge flows of capital into the US to build solar, batteries and wind components needed for the world's renewables.

The transition to a 100% renewable energy system requires Australia to invest in the electrotechnology workforce of the future we need to power our homes and the economy while meaningfully addressing climate change.

The Inflation Reduction Act is built on a good jobs agenda and promises to deliver improved employment opportunities and skills training to American energy workers.

This panel discussion is an opportunity to hear from leading advocates for public investment into an energy system that supports a more sustainable and fairer Australia.

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### Felicity Wade

Labor Environmental Action Network  
Felicity Wade is the National Co-convenor of the Labor Environment Action Network and believes sitting between the labour and climate movements to build a more just and safe future is a good place to be.



### Saul Griffith

Rewiring Australia  
Saul is an engineer, inventor and advocate for investment in renewables and electrification of the Australian home and economy.



### Janaline Oh

Labor Environmental Action Network  
A former Australian diplomat, Janaline is focussed on the use of Australian public funding institutions to support a just transition.



### Michael Wright

Electrical Trades Union  
Michael is the ETU's National Secretary and determined advocate for putting Australian electro-technology workers at the centre of our national energy system.



### Dave Roberts

Volts Podcast, Washington  
A former Vox journalist, Dave Roberts hosts the popular Volts podcast that covers all things energy and the economy.



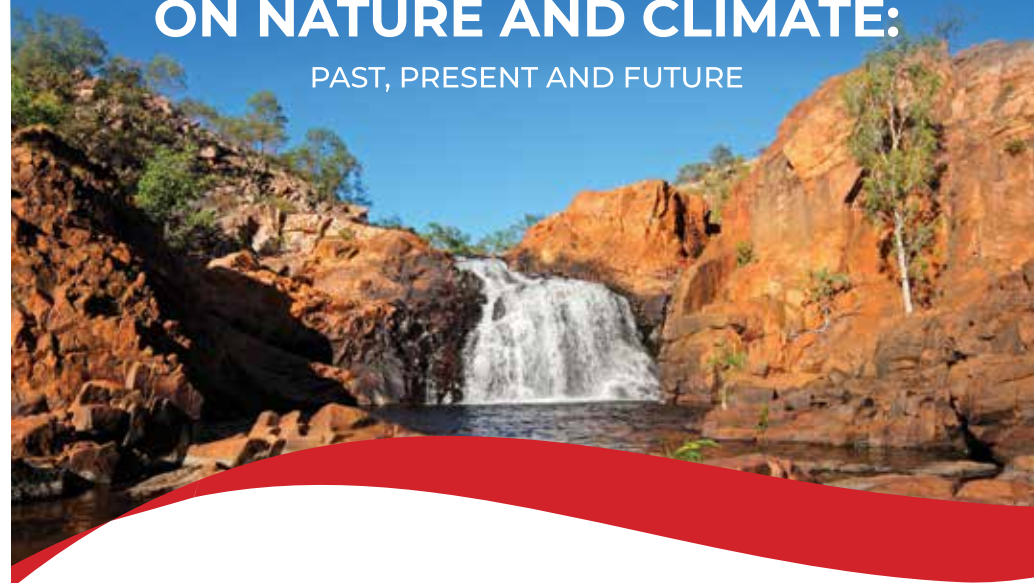
### John Grimes

Smart Energy Council  
John is the Chief Executive of the Smart Energy Council, Australia's peak body for Solar, Batteries, Renewable Hydrogen and the whole Smart Energy ecosystem.



# LABOR'S LEGACY ON NATURE AND CLIMATE:

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



THURSDAY 17.08.23

FREE DRINKS | 4.30-6PM

Immediately after Conference close

## SPEAKERS



Kelly O'Shanassy  
ACF



Felicity Wade  
LEAN



Professor  
John Thwaites AM



Minister  
Tanya Plibersek



Minister  
Chris Bowen

LOCATION North Terrace Bar, follow the LEAN T-shirts to the fringe area

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# A Fair Go for Animals

The future of animal welfare policy

EXPERT PANEL SESSION




**The Hon Dr Craig Emerson**  
Chair, Australian Alliance for Animals



**Dr Jed Goodfellow**  
Director of Policy and Government Relations, Australian Alliance for Animals



**Nicola Beynon**  
Head of Campaigns, Humane Society International Australia



**Ben Pearson**  
Country Director, World Animal Protection Australia and New Zealand

The expert panel will consider key animal welfare trends and priorities for the Australian Government, and what it means for the future of animal industries, trade and Australian politics.

Thursday 17 August at 12:45-1:45pm

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# ENDING NATIVE FOREST LOGGING

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE PROOF JOBS IN RESTORING OUR FORESTS?



**FELICITY WADE**  
LEAN National Co-convenor



**HON TANYA PLIBERSEK**  
Minister for the Environment and Water



**PROFESSOR ANDREW MACINTOSH**  
Environmental Law, ANU



**DAVE COPEMAN**  
Director, Queensland Conservation Council

It's not only about Elon Musk and new tech. Australia has the opportunity to create a world leading industry and regional jobs in land carbon.

There is a new commodity lurking in the forests! We log our native forests for low value wood products, and clear forests at astronomical rates for conversion to pasture but with a world needing to decarbonise, Australian forests are packed with a new commodity - carbon.

A panel to discuss the economic and job opportunities in restoring and managing carbon stores, not to mention the huge benefits for nature and climate.



Queensland Conservation Council

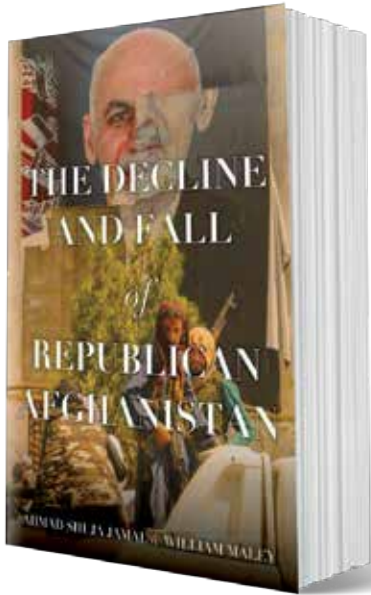
11AM-12PM 17 AUGUST

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More info at [qldconservation.org.au](http://qldconservation.org.au)





## Book Launch + Author Talk



### *The Decline and Fall of Republican Afghanistan*

**How did Afghanistan collapse so suddenly?  
What does it mean for the Labor government's  
foreign, security and humanitarian policy? The  
authors - a former high level Afghan official and  
an ANU emeritus professor - discuss these issues  
and more.**



**8:30 am - 9:30 am 17 August 2023**



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# Australian Inequality Index

**A Per Capita initiative**

**A ground-breaking new tool  
to measure inequality**

The Australian Inequality Index examines seven dimensions of inequality and brings them together: income, wealth, gender, generation, ethnicity, disability and First Nations.

This open source, interactive online data tool is intended to provide community and not-for-profit organisations with access to the kind of data that informs policy making and is too often inaccessible to individuals and groups without significant resources. Explore the interactive tool online at [inequalityindex.org.au](http://inequalityindex.org.au)

Join Per Capita's Emma Dawson and Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities, Treasury and Employment, the Hon. Dr Andrew Leigh to discuss measuring inequality in Australia.

**17 August 2023  
2:00pm - 3:00pm  
RSVP at [laborfringe.org.au](http://laborfringe.org.au)**

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Emma Dawson  
and  
Assistant Minister  
for Competition,  
Charities, Treasury  
and Employment  
Andrew Leigh**

# Palestine

Reality, recognition & rights

Hear from parliamentarians and union leaders about their recent study tours to Palestine with APHEDA and APAN, and steps Australia can take to support justice and self-determination of Palestinians

## Speakers

- ▶ **Senator Louise Pratt**  
Labor Senator for WA
- ▶ **Danae Bosler**  
Chief of Staff at Victorian Trades Hall Council and AHEDA Committee of Management member
- ▶ **Shayne Kummerfeld**  
Assistant National Secretary, RTBU
- ▶ **Andrew Isfree-Irvine**  
Media Officer, ETU QLD/NT Branch
- ▶ **Mr Nasser Mashni**  
APAN President and Palestinian Australian

**BOOK NOW**

**Date** Thursday 17 August 2023

**Time** 5:00–6:00 pm

**Venue** Fringe at Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

**RSVP** [www.laborfringe.org.au](http://www.laborfringe.org.au)  
to book your seat



# LET'S TALK: A CONVERSATION ABOUT DRUG REFORM

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2PM - 3PM**

## WITH PANELLISTS



**Amelia Callaghan**  
Acting Executive Officer  
Queensland Mental Health  
Commission



**Geoff Davey**  
Chief Executive Officer  
QuIHN



**Emma Kill**  
Chief Executive Officer  
QuVVA



**Rebecca Lang**  
Chief Executive Officer  
QNADA



**Chloe Span**  
VIC  
Clinical Services Manager  
for Family Drug Support

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

**Getting serious about drug reform.**

**Do we need stronger legislation?**

**What would decriminalisation mean?**

**What about harm reduction measures?**

**MODERATED BY PETER RUSSO**



## CRITICAL MINERALS: Presented by the Australian Workers' Union

Australia has some of the largest reserves of critical minerals – used to make batteries, solar panels, and the technology we use every day. **What do we need to do to take advantage of this?**

With the Labor Government announcing its National Critical Minerals Strategy in June, we discuss the opportunities for Australia to make the most of our resources and achieve the green energy transition.

**With speakers from government, industry and civil society, this event is not to be missed.**



**17 August 2023**

**Time 2-3PM**

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# Unionism Beyond 2023

**Building workers power for the next generation**

Join host Stephen Donnelly alongside a panel of leaders from the Australian Trade Union Movement in this live recording of the popular *auspol* podcast, *Socially Democratic*.

Featuring:



**Melissa Donnelly**  
National Secretary  
CPSU



**Michael Kaine**  
National Secretary  
TWU



**Michelle O'Neil**  
President  
ACTU

**SOCIALLY  
DEMOCRATIC**

**3.30pm – 4.30pm**

**17 August 2023**

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## Introducing Reproductive Leave and breaking menstrual and menopause taboos

Experts discuss the benefits of introducing reproductive leave and flexible work entitlements under the Fair Work Act.

Join an expert panel discussion including leading advocates on the topic of reproductive leave, and learn how you can help end the stigma that exists around menstruation and menopause.

**L** Thursday, 17 August 2023 | 2:00 – 3:00 pm

**📍** Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

**💬** RSVP at [laborfringe.org.au](https://laborfringe.org.au)



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# Reclaiming the Progressive Vote

**9am - 10am, Saturday 19 August**

**As the party of progressive government in Australia, how can Labor win back the progressive inner-city vote?**

### Speakers

**Ged Kearney MP**

Member for Cooper

**Jo Haylen MP**

Member for Summer Hill

**Chris Ford**

State Secretary, Victorian Labor

**Councillor Darcy Byrne**

Mayor of Inner West Sydney

**Senator Anthony Chisholm**

Senator for Queensland



PROGRESS

# Protecting Australia's Sub-Antarctic Islands:

## an opportunity to build on Australia's proud marine parks legacy



SHORT FILM

From the creation of one of the world's largest marine parks networks to the recent expansion of the Macquarie Island Marine Park, Australia has a proud marine parks legacy.

This event features a new short film which showcases the stunning natural beauty and unique marine life of Australia's Macquarie Island and presents a globally significant opportunity to build on Australia's legacy by increasing the protection around some of the world's most important Sub-Antarctic Islands - Heard & McDonald Islands.

Speakers: **The Hon Tanya Plibersek**, Minister for Environment.

**Tim Jarvis AM**, Antarctic explorer and **Fiona Maxwell**, The Pew Charitable Trusts

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 17th August,

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SAVE OUR MARINE LIFE



AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE AND  
BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION

# NATURAL CAPITAL: REVITALISING REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

**Date** 17 August 2023

**Time** 2 to 3pm

**RSVP** [laborfringe.org.au](https://laborfringe.org.au)

Dr Ken Henry will chair a panel of experts to discuss the role of natural capital in generating good livelihoods, economic growth and a new future for regional and remote Australia based on the protection and restoration of Australia's carbon stocks and biodiversity.

## Speaker



Dr Ken Henry  
Chair

[climatebiodiversity.org](https://climatebiodiversity.org)



# Climate Change and Natural Disasters: The Mental Health Imperative

Is climate change a mental health issue and, if so, how can government mitigate its impact on emotional distress, crisis and suicidality?

Join Lifeline Australia to examine the impact that climate change and recurring natural disasters have on our mental health and what governments and communities can do to safeguard emotional and mental wellbeing in the wake of disaster events.

Featuring

**Dr Anna Brooks,**  
Chief Research Officer, Lifeline Australia

**Rod Welford**

Queensland Minister for Environment and Heritage in the Beattie Government and sustainable business and clean energy expert

With other speakers to be announced.

**12:45pm - 1.45pm**  
**17 August 2023**

# Australian Aid for a Safer World for All

Never has there been more at stake for both people and planet.

Despite decades of progress made in the fight against extreme poverty, multiple crises - including conflict, climate shocks, and the ongoing fallout from COVID-19 - threaten to derail hard-earned gains for millions of the world's most vulnerable people.

Join our expert panel hosted by Labor for Aid, as we explore how Australia can help create a safer world for all, through rebuilding our aid program, acting on climate change, and ensuring progress is made on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Speakers:

**Rev. Tim Costello**

Executive Director  
Micah Australia

**Kate Lee**

Executive Director  
Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA

**Kirsty Robertson**

CEO  
Caritas Australia

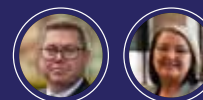
**Marc Purcell**

CEO  
Australian Council for  
International Development

**Thenu Herath (MC)**

Human Rights Advocate

**3.30pm - 4.30pm, Thursday 17 August**  
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Followed by drinks with **The Hon Pat Conroy MP**, Minister for International Development and the Pacific and **Lyn Morgain**, Chief Executive of Oxfam Australia.





# Aid & Development Drinks

Hosted by:



**Lyn Morgain**  
Chief Executive  
Oxfam Australia



**Pat Conroy**  
Minister for International  
Development and the Pacific

An informal reception for supporters of the Aid and Development Sector to discuss the future of Australia's aid program in a changing world.

Meet supporters of a renewed aid agenda for a safer world through action on climate change, rebuilding the aid program and making progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.

**4.30pm - 6.00pm, Thursday 17 August**  
*(Following panel discussion)*

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
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**If you love birds,  
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Splendid Fairy-wren by John Barkla

## BirdLife Stall

The Albanese Government is rewriting our national nature laws. This is a once in a generation opportunity to put nature on the path to recovery!

**See us today!**



# MEETING AUSTRALIA'S SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS

2.00PM - 3.00PM  
17 AUGUST 2023



The session will delve into rental stress and homelessness across Australia but with a particular focus on Queensland. We will also take a look at what it costs to buy the land and build the homes and the sort of subsidy we might need. And discuss how this should shape the ten year National Housing and Homelessness Plan.

## SPEAKERS

### Wendy Hayhurst,

CEO Community Housing Industry Association;

### Dr Ryan van den Nouwelant,

City Futures Research Centre, UNSW,

### Dr Laurence Troy,

Senior Lecturer in Urbanism, University of Sydney

### Aimee McVeigh,

CEO, QCOSS

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**Community Housing**  
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

# The future of writing in Australia

Thursday 17 August  
12.45pm - 1.45pm

Writers are at the heart of our national culture, writing the stories that inspire, educate, and entertain us. Yet, as was evident in the deluge of submissions made to the National Cultural Policy, it's impossible to earn a living wage from writing. In preparing for a new body - Writers Australia, to be established in 2025 - we consider: what are the big issues facing writers today? Have we done enough? And will Artificial Intelligence herald the end of professional writers?

## Hear personal reflections from a panel of authors:



Nick Earls



Ashley Hay



Kris Kneen

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## FUTURE PROOFING OUR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES




The importance of Australian storytelling

3.30pm, Thursday, August 17

For the first time in a decade, Australia has a National Cultural Policy but what does it mean in practice?

Hear from a panel of creative workers about why Australian storytelling needs to be nurtured; the urgency for streaming services to be investing in local content; how AI will impact on workers in the media, arts and entertainment; and why the issues that screen actors and writers are striking over in the US are just as important for the cultural workforce here.

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 1300 656 513  
 [members@meaa.org](mailto:members@meaa.org)

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# SPOTLIGHT ON MENTAL HEALTH POLICY: A CONVERSATION ON EATING DISORDERS

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 11AM

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SARAH MAGUIRE OAM  
DIRECTOR INSIDEOUT INSTITUTE

HON EMMA MCBRIDE MP  
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

HON EMILY SUVAAL MLC  
CHAIR OF NSW PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF MENTAL HEALTH

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# CHANGING HEARTS. CHANGING MINDS. CHANGING BEHAVIOUR.

Whatever your cause, whatever your audience, whatever your budget, join us as we discuss campaigning for a fairer society.

Hear leading researcher **John Armitage's** latest insights about what the nation's thinking, what they care about and value the most, his finger firmly on the pulse of our national psyche.

**Social Justice Lawyer, Jen Kanis**, will share her learnings from the 'Women Deliver' conference in Rwanda, where she recently participated in the largest gathering of women uniting to advance gender equality.

**Campaign Strategist Paul Thomson** will dissect the latest techniques for creating and running successful grassroots campaigns.

And **Creative Director Michael Davey** will discuss ideas that cut-through and create the change we want to see in society.

Join panelists for a Q&A session



John Armitage

Director of Research,  
QDOS Research



Jen Kanis

Principal Lawyer,  
Maurice Blackburn



Paul Thomson

Political Strategist,  
The Creative Works



Michael Davey

Creative Director,  
The Creative Works

Thursday 17 August 5pm  
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## NATIONAL LAUNCH

### NATIONAL LABOR CAMPAIGN FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

#### PANEL: The future of campaigns in digital, field and tech and how we rise to meet future elections.

A discussion on the rapidly changing landscape of political campaigns in media, field, digital organizing and the challenges it presents. To rise to meet the challenge we will be launching the National Labor Campaign Fellowship program. A national training program that has been developed between the ALP National Secretariat and all State and Territory Labor Branches to skill Labor members with the latest in campaigns and develop the current and future campaign leaders who are critical to the success of State, Territory and National elections.

**DATE: 18th August**  
**TIME: 11:15AM**



# Labor Women's Networking Breakfast

7.30am 18 August

## Speakers

**Hon Katy Gallagher MP**

Minister for Women

**Hon Amanda Rishworth MP**

Minister for Social Services

**Lauren Cayoun**

WA Labor Acting Secretary



## Poverty through Policy - the impact of excluding people seeking asylum from mainstream support

 8.30 - 9.30am, Friday 18 August

 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

People seeking asylum in the community currently do not have the ongoing right to work, study and rebuild their lives with access to mainstream social supports. Australia as a whole is diminished when some people are denied human rights.

To learn more about what people seeking asylum face when they arrive, join Ogy Simic, Director of Advocacy at ASRC, in discussion with:

- Josh Burns MP, Member for Macnamara
- People seeking asylum
- Service providers

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# SAVE THE WORLD DO A TRADE

The electrical and plumbing trades are essential workers transforming Australian homes, businesses and infrastructure with renewable and clean energy and water for the zero-carbon future.

**Save the World: Do a Trade** is a panel dedicated to the importance of Australian trades as a tangible pathway for young people to build a more environmentally and economically sustainable future for Australia.

As some of the first responders to reconnect and rebuild communities after severe weather events, tradespeople look after the community in times of national emergency.

Critical to this workforce is a thriving and accountable trades training system that supports apprentices on every step of their journey.

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**Professor Ty Christopher**  
University of Wollongong

Ty is the Director of the Energy Futures Network at UOW and is one of Australia's leading experts in trades training and energy transition workforce preparedness.

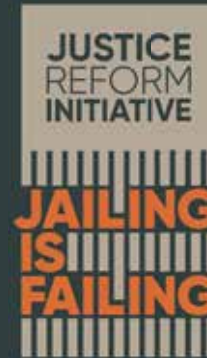
**Earl Setches**  
Plumbing and Pipe Trades Employees Union

Earl has been the PPTEU's National Secretary since 2001 and is passionate about fighting for the rights of members in the evolving and changing plumbing industry.

**Michael Wright**  
Electrical Trades Union

Michael is the ETU's National Secretary and determined advocate for putting Australian electrotechnology workers at the centre of our national energy system.

Further Speakers to be announced.



## “Reducing recidivism, turning lives around and making communities safer - An evidence-based criminal justice system for Australia”

A panel discussion featuring:

- **Robert Tickner AO** (former Hawke and Keating Government Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs and Chair of the Justice Reform Initiative)
- **Mick Gooda** (former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, former Commissioner in the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory and Justice Reform Initiative patron)

**Date**  
18 August

**Time**  
11.15am

**RSVP**  
[laborfringe.org.au](http://laborfringe.org.au)

The Justice Reform Initiative seeks to shift the public conversation and public policy away from building more prisons as the primary response of the criminal justice system and move instead to alternative evidence-based approaches which break the cycle of incarceration.

We are committed to elevating approaches which address the causes of contact with the criminal justice system including homelessness, mental ill-health, cognitive impairment, unemployment, lack of access to education, and alcohol and other drug dependency.

More details at: [justicereforminitiative.org.au](http://justicereforminitiative.org.au)





## **Australia and Timor-Leste: Understanding the Past - Looking to the Future**

**Labor Life members and former Presidents of the Australia-East Timor Association, Dr Helen Hill and the Hon. Jean McLean OA, bring together a panel to discuss the future of our nation's relationship with our neighbours in Timor-Leste.**

Now that the Permanent Maritime Boundary Treaty between Timor-Leste and Australia has been signed, and Penny Wong's appointment as Foreign Affairs Minister warmly welcomed by Timor-Leste's President Jose Ramos Horta: how can Australia's relations with this extremely close neighbour reach new heights?

How can Timorese and Australians get to know each other better, contribute to each other's prosperity and security, and both play a greater role in the region getting closer to the Sustainable Development Goals?

**Hosted by Australia-East Timor Association**

**8.30 am - 9.30am  
Friday 18 August**

# Intuit Small Business Summit

Intuit is proud to support Australia's 2.6 million small businesses. Join us for a panel discussion featuring the Hon. Julie Collins MP, Minister for Housing, Minister for Homelessness, and Minister for Small Business, on Friday, 18 August from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on the challenges and opportunities facing Australian small businesses.

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## Towards a better aligned tertiary education system

A modern world, a modern economy, a modern workforce



**EMMA DAWSON**  
Executive Director  
Per Capita



**DR. CARINA GARLAND**  
Member for Chiscolm



**ANDREW DETTMER**  
National President  
AMWU



**TOM BENTLEY**  
Executive Director  
PSI, RMIT University

### TOPICS AND DISCUSSION

- Better system governance
- Better system connection
- Better outcomes for learners, industry and economy

**FRI 18  
AUGUST**

**8:30AM - 9:30AM**

Brisbane Convention Centre  
Glenelg St, Sth Brisbane 4101

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# Our Housing Future

Australia is facing a housing challenges that has far reaching economic and societal and political implications.

This session brings together leaders in the housing sector to consider what reforms are needed for housing policy in Australia to ensure that everybody has a place to call home, and to secure the economic productivity of our cities and regions.

Introductory remarks from:

**Minister Julie Collins MP**

Minister for Housing  
and Minister for Homelessness

Panellists include:

**Michael Fotheringham**

Executive Director Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

**Ivan Simon**

CEO National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Association (NATSIHA)

**Professor Hal Pawson**

Professor Housing Research and Policy UNSW

**Julijana Todorovic**

Labor for Housing

The panel will be facilitated by  
Emma Greenhalgh, CEO National Shelter.

**Friday 18th August 2023,**

**11.15am - 12.15pm**

**RSVP at [laborfringe.org.au](https://laborfringe.org.au)**







# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## The Current Crisis and the Future of Early Learning in Australia

Early education and care is fundamental to the wellbeing of children, parents who need it to work, and our society and economy. It's also a sector currently in crisis.

Join a panel discussion with United Workers Union National President Jo Schofield, UWU Educators and Jessica Rudd, CEO of The Parenthood on the current crisis and future of early learning in Australia.

Learn about the significant reform being sought to achieve an early learning sector that delivers for children, families and educators.

### Labor Fringe Event

**11:15am - 12:15pm, Friday 18 August 2023**

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# Rebuilding the Public Square



10am – 11am | Friday 18 August

### An interactive campaign sandpit

Deep cracks in our public square are emerging, caused by the polarisation of media and the businesses models of the digital platforms.

This interactive session will talk through new methodologies and ideas and get you using the tools we can all use to build more constructive public conversations.

It will draw on the engagement work Essential has been undertaking as a Yes23 campaign partner as well as new collaborations across the Disability Sector.

### Be part of a great conversation with



**Peter Lewis**  
Co-Founder of Civility



**Sue Templeman**  
Federal MP for Macquarie



**Elly Desmarchelier**  
Disability Advocate



**Ariane Stark**  
Essential project lead



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# ROBODEBT AND RESPECT@WORK

WHERE TO FROM HERE? A community legal centre perspective



Kara Cook	CEO of Basic Rights Queensland and Working Women Queensland
Kate Allingham	Acting CEO of Economic Justice Australia
Sam Tracy	Director Basic Rights Queensland
Jill McKay	Director Working Women Queensland

**Basic Rights Queensland is a statewide community legal centre, incorporating Working Women's Queensland, and working in partnership with Economic Justice Australia, the peak for a fair social security system.** The recommendations of Respect@Work and the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme have brought an opportunity to improve women's safety and equality at work, and ensure humane transparent and accountable government decision making. This session will reflect our client experiences and trends, the impacts of the reports, and how these inquiries improve access to justice.

10am - 11am Friday 18th August 2023  
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# Real Solutions for Australia's Housing Crisis

Centre for Equitable Housing

A Per Capita Initiative

Join Per Capita's Centre for Equitable Housing for a panel discussion on housing, homelessness and renters' rights.

## Panel featuring:

- Matt Lloyd-Cape, Director of Per Capita's Centre for Equitable Housing
- Kate Colvin, CEO of Homelessness Australia
- Hal Pawson, Professor of Housing Research and Policy at UNSW's City Futures Research Centre
- Penny Carr, CEO of Tenants Queensland
- Josh Burns MP, Member for Macnamara

Chaired by Per Capita's Emma Dawson

18 August 2023  
10:00am - 11:00am  
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## Challenges of work, family and care for Australia's retail, online retail, warehousing and fast food workers.

### DATE

**Friday 18 August 2023**

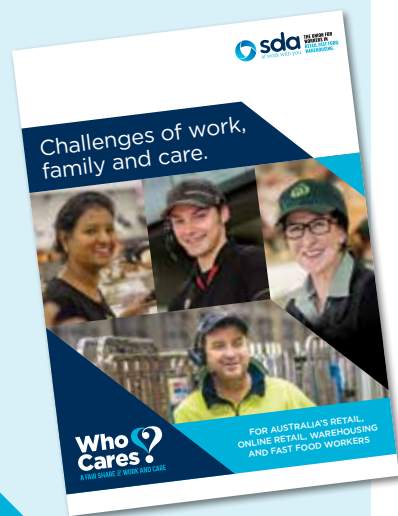
### TIME

**10.00-11.00am**

### SPEAKERS

**Julia Fox**

*SDA National Assistant Secretary and other keynote speakers.*



The SDA in partnership with the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW commissioned a first ever study into the challenges of work, family and care for workers in the retail industry. It paints a dire picture of daily life for the country's largest private sector.

The study demonstrates the overwhelming emotional and financial stress facing workers as they struggle with precarious hours, being unable to find suitable childcare they can afford and dealing with retribution for asking for shifts that fit their responsibilities.

Almost six and half thousand workers responded to the survey with the results exposing the immense pressure of grappling with irregular work and concern their hours are negatively affecting their children's lives.

**The key issues include:** roster justice, insecure hours, changeable rosters and an inability to make work fit around caring responsibilities for children, elderly and disabled family members.

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[www.national.sda.com.au/care](http://www.national.sda.com.au/care)



# A HUMAN RIGHTS ACT FOR AUSTRALIA

**With a Human Rights Act, we can create better lives for ourselves, our communities, and for those around us. Join Amnesty International Australia for a conversation on the campaign for an Australian Human Rights Act.**

Amnesty International is a global movement of more than 10 million people in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end abuses of human rights.

**11.15am - 12.15pm, 18 August 2023**

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# An **Australian Republic**

**Positive, optimistic and future-focused**

Hear from the **Australian Republic Movement** and **Labor for an Australian Republic** on how we can work together to make it happen.



**2.00pm - 3.00pm Friday 18 August**

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## Can the free market make the internet safe?

The Burning Platforms podcast goes live at the ALP National Conference Fringe.



Join **Peter Lewis** from The Australia Institute's Centre for Responsible Technology and **Lizzie O'Shea** from Digital Rights Watch as they unpack the news and dive deep into the pressing problems.



Friday, **18 August 2023** | 2:00 – 3:00 pm



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# WHY JOIN THE **LABOR** **PARTY?**

A panel of rank-and-file party members about why they joined Labor and **why you should too.**

**18 August 12.45pm – 1.45pm**



# COME AND DISCUSS **TERRITORY RIGHTS**

**ANDREW BARR**  
ACT CHIEF MINISTER

**RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH**  
ACT MINISTER FOR HEALTH



**CHANSEY PAECH**  
NT ATTORNEY GENERAL

## **Food and Drink Provided**

**This Friday 5pm-6pm**

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr, NT Attorney General Chansey Paech and ACT Minister for Health Rachel Stephen-Smith will discuss the need for greater Senate representation and why we need to kick the Federal Government out of territory decision making.



Hosted by the **CFMEU** and moderated by Zach Smith (National Secretary and ACT Branch Secretary)



# EMILY's List Australia Fringe Event: How many generations will it take to close the Gender Pay Gap?

When: Friday 18th August 2023, 12.45pm - 1.45pm.

Where: ALP National Conference Fringe Program.

Speakers:

Pamela Anderson – MC

Sharon Claydon - Moderator

Panel – Marjorie O'Neill, Lisa Darminan (ASU), more to be confirmed.

Light Lunch Provided  
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# Why is Ageism EVERYONE'S BUSINESS?

**LABOR ENGAGED '23.**

**12.45PM - 1.45PM  
FRI 18 AUGUST 2023**

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Climate Change, #MeToo,  
Black Lives Matter,  
Indigenous Recognition... These  
movements have all started to  
change the way people think.  
**Age-based injustice is next.**

MARK BUTLER MP  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AGED CARE



AUSTRALIAN YOUNG LABOR

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE POLITICS IN THE PUB



18 AUGUST

6.00 PM

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GUEST SPEAKER THE HON  
AMANDA RISHWORTH MP

BLACK SHEEP BOTTLE SHOP  
35 PEEL ST, SOUTH BRISBANE QLD 4101

## Engaging Young People In Our Democracy

Join us for a panel of Young Labor members, academics and representatives of the Make It 16 campaign to discuss lowering the voting age to 16!

Friday 18 August  
12:45 to 1:45 pm

Young Australians are more engaged in the issues of our time than ever before. In 2015 the ALP supported lowering the voting age. Let's do it again.



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#makeit16  
www.makeit16.au





# COMBATTING MINING COMPANY SCARE CAMPAIGNS

Some of Australia's largest companies use labour hire loopholes to drive down wages. Mining companies are currently spending millions on a scare campaign to stop fairer laws.

Join our panel discussion with the Mining and Energy Union and affected coal mineworkers to hear how we're planning on winning the fight against some of Australia's most profitable companies, while supporting the Federal government to deliver on their election promise.

## DATE AND TIME:

12.45PM - 1.45PM  
18 AUGUST 2023

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# Looking to the future: what does AI mean for the modern world?

18 August, 12.45pm – 1.45pm

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

WITH SPEAKERS



## Tracey Spicer AM

Walkley Award Winning Journalist  
Author "Man-Made"



## Dr Matthew Holt

Lead, Applied Cybernetics Associate Director  
(Education), School of Cybernetics ANU



## Dr Safiya Okai-Ugbaje

Lecturer, School of Cybernetics ANU  
Convenor - CECS8001 Building  
Cyber-Physical Systems

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**50 Years on**

**Celebrating 50 years of the  
Pink Bans!**

**August 18th**

Location: Labor Fringe  
Time: 3.30pm-4.30pm

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Join us for a discussion with the CFMEU on the history of the Pink Bans, the links with gay liberation and the future of LGBTIQ+ equality.

# VOLUNTEERING: CIVIC DUTY, OR LABOUR EXPLOITATION?

2PM – 3PM 18 AUGUST 2023



Regular volunteering is at record lows across Australia, yet younger generations are still giving their time, just differently to those past. Volunteering is part of the fabric of our society that brings communities together, but **at what point does volunteering become labour exploitation?**

## PANELLISTS INCLUDE

**Dr Craig Furneaux**, Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Non-profit studies, Queensland University of Technology

**Ms Mara Basanovic**, CEO Volunteering Queensland

**DJ Cronin**, Volunteer Experience Manager UnitingCare

**Chaired by Dr Wendy Scaife**, Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Non profit studies, Queensland University of Technology

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# Legacy & Emerging Weapons

## in Australian Foreign Policy

Join us for an expert panel discussion and Q&A focusing on explosive remnants of war in the Pacific and autonomous weapons, as regional and global issues. We consider how policy in these areas can be developed to advance Australia's interests in the foreign policy space and as a positive contributor to the Pacific region.

18th August, 2023 – 14:00-15:00

Toby Walsh, Chief Scientist, UNSW AI Institute  
Matilda Byrne, National Coordinator, Stop Killer Robots Australia  
Kim McCosker, Mine Action Specialist, SafeGround

Add to your conference calendar: [laborfringe.org.au](https://laborfringe.org.au)  
Register: [tinyurl.com/legacyemerging](https://tinyurl.com/legacyemerging)



# Modern Campaigning Beyond 2023

Where can the party continue to grow and develop in campaigns - with a focus on organising, digital, data & messaging.

Join host Stephen Donnelly alongside an experienced panel of campaign leaders in the digital, organising, data and messaging space to reflect on the successes of recent electoral campaigns and consider where we must grow as a campaign movement for progressive change.

Featuring:



**Eloise Young**

Founder of Love Reacts Only & former Digital Director for Dan Andrews



**Kate Flanders**

Campaign Director and State Secretary for QLD Labor



**Nadia Montague**

National Training Organiser for ALP National Secretariat

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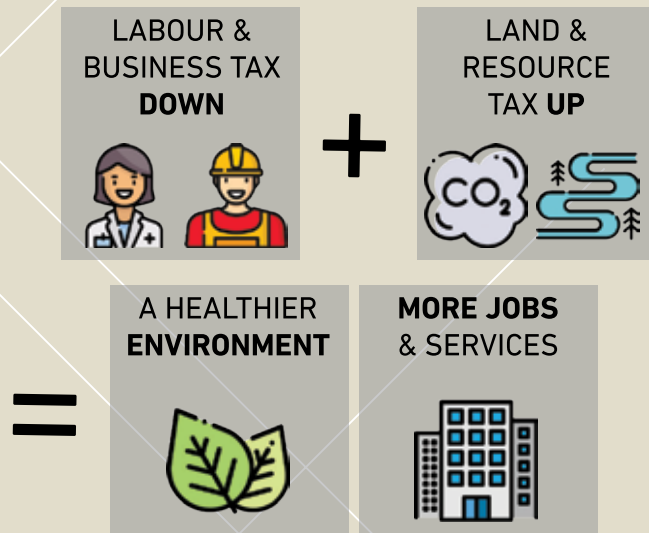
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**3.30pm – 4.30pm 18 August 2023**

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# A TAX SHIFT FOR OUR FUTURE ▶



The power of our tax system to restructure our economy and society for the better is underestimated. Bold tax reform will allow all of us to prosper. It's time to talk about the tax shift we need for Australia.

**FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST**  
3:30–4:40PM

Featuring:

Dr Cameron Murray, economist and coauthor of *Rigged*  
Daniel De Voss, former economic advisor to QLD Treasurer  
Jane Body, General Manager at Think Forward  
Emily Sims, Director of Advocacy at Prosper Australia

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# Labor and the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty

Friday 18 August at 2-3pm

The essential role of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in addressing nuclear dangers, and Labor's imperative to sign and ratify.



Josh Wilson MP  
Federal member for Fremantle, WA



Cr Linda Scott  
President, Australian Local Government Assn



Imogen Sturni  
Australian Services Union, Vic Branch Secretary



Melissa Parke  
Former Labor Minister, and ICAN Ambassador



Robert Tickner AO  
Former Red Cross CEO, and ICAN Ambassador

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## (In)justice beyond the grave: stopping the “dead man’s defence” from denying abuse survivors their rights

Be part of an expert conversation led by **Michelle James**, head of the national abuse law practice at Maurice Blackburn Lawyers, joined by leading survivor advocates.

 Friday, 18 August 2023 | 3:30 – 4:30 pm

 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

 RSVP at [laborfringe.org.au](https://laborfringe.org.au)



## Navigating major societal transformations as emerging technologies scale

Join us for conversations designed to reveal Artificial Intelligence in its simplest form and how we can harness cybernetic tools and thinking to navigate complexity.

Discussion featuring Associate Professor Matthew Holt, Researcher and Lecturer Safiya Okai-Ugbaje from ANU College of Engineering, Computing and Cybernetics.

### Workshop: Let’s demystify Artificial Intelligence

Together we will break AI down and empower you with a stronger and clearer understanding of AI technologies, their implications and controversies. This taster class will leave you focused on potential for impact and ways to frame AI application towards a more hopeful future.

**Friday 18 August,  
3.30pm - 4.30pm  
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# THE RISE OF PLACE-BASED SERVICE AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

18 AUGUST 10.00AM – 11.00AM

A new kind of service delivery is emerging in our communities.

Hear from sector leaders about the success of place-based service delivery models and how social philanthropy is helping to fund better outcomes for our communities through profit-for-purpose.

## SPEAKERS



**Richard Warner**  
CEO Nundah  
Community Enterprises  
Cooperative



**Natalie Egleton**  
CEO Foundation for Rural  
and Regional Renewal



**Sara Parrott**  
CEO Hand Heart Pocket



**Dr Michelle Lucas**  
Executive Director  
Logan Together

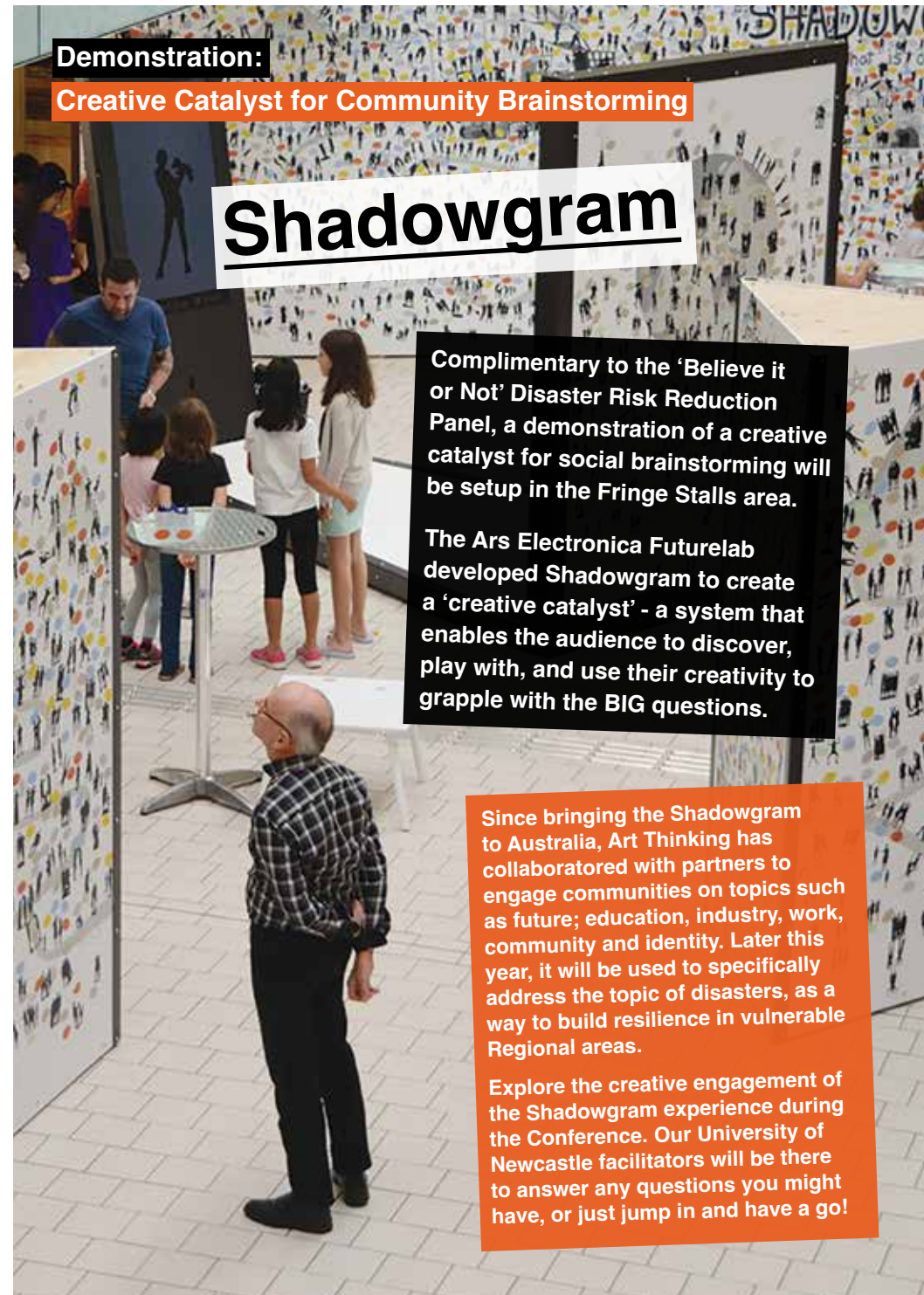


**Yas Grigaliunas**  
Qld Social Enterprise Council  
President & Founder & Chief  
Evangelist, Circonomy



**Tony Sharp**  
Founder and Manager  
Substation33

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**Demonstration:**

**Creative Catalyst for Community Brainstorming**

## Shadowgram

Complimentary to the 'Believe it or Not' Disaster Risk Reduction Panel, a demonstration of a creative catalyst for social brainstorming will be setup in the Fringe Stalls area.

The Ars Electronica Futurelab developed Shadowgram to create a 'creative catalyst' - a system that enables the audience to discover, play with, and use their creativity to grapple with the BIG questions.

Since bringing the Shadowgram to Australia, Art Thinking has collaborated with partners to engage communities on topics such as future; education, industry, work, community and identity. Later this year, it will be used to specifically address the topic of disasters, as a way to build resilience in vulnerable Regional areas.

Explore the creative engagement of the Shadowgram experience during the Conference. Our University of Newcastle facilitators will be there to answer any questions you might have, or just jump in and have a go!



## How do you change a bad law?

In the May budget, Treasurer Jim Chalmers announced an important change to the single parent payment: recipients will be able to remain on it until their youngest child turns 14, up from 8 years old.

A groundswell for change was led by advocates with lived experience as single mums, armed with independent research and supported by the Women's Economic Equality Taskforce and media coverage.

It's a powerful case study for anyone wanting to change bad laws.

Join us to hear insights on how activists, policymakers, researchers, and the community sector can work together to advocate for – and achieve – change.



### Speakers:

**Senator The Hon Katy Gallagher**  
Minister for Finance, Minister for Women,  
Minister for the Public Service

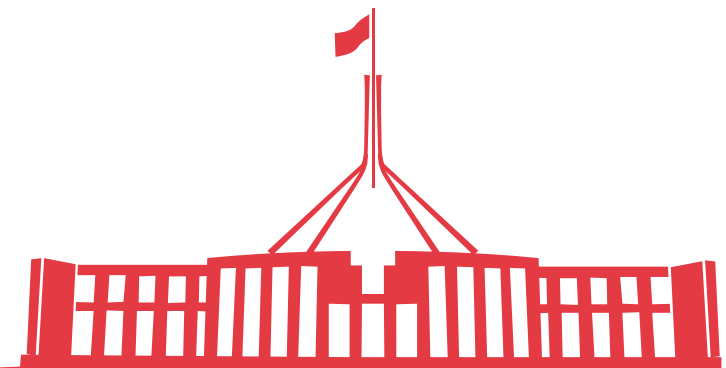
**Karen Wright**  
Councillor, Bega Valley Shire Council,  
and advocate for single mums



**Dr Anne Summers AO**  
Professor of Domestic and Family Violence, UTS

**Friday 18 August 2.00 – 3.00pm**  
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Hosted by the University of Technology Sydney



19 AUGUST, 10AM – 11AM

## HOW TO WIN ELECTIONS.

Labor strategists share some of their learnings from recent election victories across the country.



# Community Organising 101:

**Examining the practice of leadership, organising and action through a case study.**

How do you turn scattered, isolated, voiceless discontent into an organised, united movement for change?

The practice of leadership and organising is central to the work of power building and moving a constituency from inaction to action.

In this session Dunn Street's Stephen Donnelly, founder of Labor's Community Action Network and Teaching Fellow with Marshall Ganz's LOA class at the Harvard Kennedy School will examine the theory and practice of community organising through the lens of a community led campaign that took on the establishment and won.



**Stephen Donnelly**  
Dunn Street Founder

**DUNN  
STREET**

**10.00am – 11.00am**  
**19 August 2023**

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**What was life like on Nauru and Manus Island?**

**Why are there 12,000 asylum seekers from over 10 years ago still in limbo?**

**And should there be a Royal Commission on immigration detention?**



**Hear their voices and stories**

**10am Saturday 19 August 2023**

Hear from Jennifer Kanis, Principal Lawyer, Head of the Social Justice Practice, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers; Julie Macken, Justice and Peace Facilitator at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney; Claire Single, Convenor of Labor for Refugees (Queensland); Zaki Haidari, Refugee Rights Campaigner; and other brave asylum seekers speaking about their journey and experiences.

**#RealAustraliansSayWelcome**



**TOWARDS  
FIFTY**

## Building Women's Rank and File Membership

The Labor Party has walked the walk on women's representation in Parliaments around Australia, but we're yet to see a State Branch achieve 50% women members.

Hear stories and examples from across the country on strategies to grow women's rank and file membership, including from WA Labor which has used digital strategies to go from 36% - 45% in 6 years.

**Date:** Saturday 19 August

**Time:** 10am - 11am

**Speakers:** Lauren Cayoun - Acting State Secretary WA Labor  
Irene Monro - President QLD Labor Women's Network  
Others TBC

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# FABIAN

## Public sector reform: *a challenge for government*

The Australian Fabians Society presents an Australian Labor Party National Conference Fringe event with National Chair Sarah Howe, in conversation with Labor MPs and progressive thinkers, Julian Hill and Andrew Leigh.

For more than half a century, the Australian Fabians have been at the forefront of research and debate into progressive political ideas and public policy reform.

The Australian Fabians are distinctive from other think tanks as we are a democratically constituted membership-driven organisation and we are an independent not-for-profit organisation.

We are a movement of progressive thinkers, striving to see an Australia that works for everyone. Our members are part of an international social and intellectual movement.



National Chair,  
Sarah Howe

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 10-11am.**



Andrew will speak on 'How the Australian Centre for Evaluation will Help Reduce Inequality'

Andrew Leigh is an Australian politician, author, lawyer and former professor of economics at the Australian National University. He currently serves as the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury as well as the Assistant Minister for Employment.



Julian will speak on the full first principles review of Australia's employment services system.

Julian Hill is the Member for Bruce and the Deputy Chair of the Australian Parliament's Joint Statutory Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, which oversees the Commonwealth Auditor-General, the Parliamentary Budget Office and interrogates the Australian Government's expenditure, performance and financial statements.





MUA PRESENTS

# COME WALK WITH US



You are invited to a screening of the MUA Film Unit's **COME WALK WITH US**

Produced by the Maritime Union of Australia about the journey of MUA member and seafarer, Vicki Morta, and her efforts to bring Australians together in support of a Voice to Parliament.

**WHEN:** 9am, Sat 19 Aug

**WHERE:** Brisbane Convention Centre

**RSVP:** [laborfringe.org.au](http://laborfringe.org.au)

## FILM SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Speakers will include Vicki Morta, MUA Seafarer, Mich-Elle Myers, MUA Assistant National Secretary and ALP Vice President, and MC'd by MUA Deckhand and Labor Candidate for Manly, Jasper Thatcher.

The film showcases the MUA's long record of solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, from wharfie Fred Maynard who led the first all Aboriginal political Voice, the AAPA, to today supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the referendum for its key proposal: a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice.

Vicki is a Ngadjon-Jii and South Sea Island descendant who, as Bosun, has a leadership role aboard the RTM Weipa along the Queensland coast, carrying bauxite from Weipa to Gladstone.



## The Murdoch Press vs the Voice

Hear from Dr Victoria Fielding who currently is leading a team of researchers to monitor News Corp's Voice coverage. She will present data and case studies from this ongoing project and speak to the importance of holding news media accountable.

This work has been commissioned by Australians for a Murdoch Royal Commission.

Saturday 19 August, 9:00am

**Speaker:**  
**Dr Victoria Fielding,**  
Lecturer in Strategic Communication at The University of Adelaide



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# IT'S TIME TO **RETHINK ADDICTION**

**Saturday 19 August, 9-10am**

Every day, Australians from all walks of life who make up our families, communities, workplaces and sporting clubs experience drug or alcohol addiction, or choose to use recreational drugs. Unfortunately, due to stigma and the fear of engagement with police, many people can't access help to address their addiction or reduce the risks associated with drug use. This can have devastating consequences and costs our health system billions of dollars.

This panel brings together people with lived experience, sector representatives and policy makers from Victoria, Queensland and the ACT for a conversation on why it's time for Labor to take a more progressive and evidence-based approach to tackling addiction and reducing drug-related harm.

## **SPEAKERS**

**Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA**  
*ACT Minister for Health*

**Steve Michelson**  
*Founder and Director, Michelson Alexander*

**Chris Gough**  
*President, Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League; CEO, Canberra Alliance for Harm Minimisation and Advocacy*

**Rebecca Lang**  
*CEO – Queensland Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies (QNADA)*

**Raja Clay**  
*System Reform Officer, QNADA*

**Paul Healey**  
*Victorian Branch Secretary, HACSU*

**Facilitated by Michael Petterson MLA**  
*ACT Legislative Assembly*



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