



Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees

14th Biennial ACPAC Conference

19 - 21 April 2017
Queensland Parliament
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE

Location:

Parliamentary Annexe, Cnr George and Alice Streets
Brisbane Qld 4000

Overview:

Welcome function - Wednesday 19 April

Level 7 of the Parliamentary Annexe from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Day One - Thursday 20 April

Welcome and Sessions 1 to 4 from 8:00am - 5:15pm

Formal Dinner from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Day Two - Friday 21 April

Sessions 5 to 8 from 8:30am - 4:30pm

Farewell function from 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Housekeeping:

Security - there is a security process to go through on arrival at the Parliamentary Annexe. Please arrive ten minutes early to allow time to go through this process.

A government issued identification will be required for this process.



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DAY ONE

Thursday 20 April

Time	Event Details	Location
8:00am - 9:30am	Registration	Reception, Level 3 Parliamentary Annexe
9:30am - 10:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
10:00am - 10:30am	Group Photograph and Morning Tea	Grand Stair Case and Level 5 Colonnade
10:30am - 11:45am	Session 1	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch	Level 7, Parliamentary Annexe
1:00pm - 2:15pm	Session 2	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
2:15pm - 2:45pm	Afternoon Tea	Level 5 Colonnade
2:45pm - 4:00pm	Session 3	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
4:00pm - 5:15pm	Session 4	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
5:15pm	Close	
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner	Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House

Dress code for dinner is Business Attire

DAY TWO

Friday 21 April

Time	Event Details	Location
8:30am - 9:15am	Registration	Reception, Level 3 Parliamentary Annexe
8:45am - 9:15am	Coffee and Tea available	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
9:15am - 10:15am	ACPAC Meeting	Committee Room 3, Level 6 Parliamentary Annexe
9:30am - 10:00am	Tour of Parliament (optional for those not attending ACPAC Meeting)	Reception, Level 3 Parliamentary Annexe
10:15am - 11:00am	Session 5	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
11:00am - 11:30am	Morning Tea	Level 5 Colonnade
11:30am - 12:30pm	Session 6	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	Level 7, Parliamentary Annexe
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Tour of Parliament (optional)	Reception, Level 3 Parliamentary Annexe
1:30pm - 3:00pm	Session 7	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea	Level 5 Colonnade
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Session 8	Undumbi Room, Level 5 Parliamentary Annexe
4:30pm	Close	
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Farewell Reception	Level 7, Parliamentary Annexe

DAY ONE

Thursday 20 April

9:30am - 10:00am

Welcome **Opening Remarks**

Presented by Mr Peter Russo MP - Chair, Finance and Administration Committee, Queensland Parliament

Hon Peter Wellington MP - Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Queensland Parliament

Keynote address Mr Brendan Worrall - Managing Partner, Crowe Horwath Audit and Assurance

10:30am - 11:45am

Session 1 **Strategic Reviews of Auditors-General**

Presented by Ms Phillippa Smith and Mr Graham Carpenter - Queensland Audit Office Strategic Reviewers 2017

Mr Danny Pearson - Chair, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Victorian Parliament

Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA - Chair, Public Accounts Committee, Australian Capital Territory Parliament

A discussion on the various methods of external review of the Offices of Auditors-General.

1:00pm - 2:15pm

Session 2 **Parliamentary Public Accounts Oversight - Holding PACs to Account**

Presented by Mr Neil Laurie - Clerk of the Queensland Parliament

Mr Peter Russo MP - Chair, Finance and Administration Committee, Queensland Parliament

Mr Ray Stevens MP - Deputy Chair, Finance and Administration Committee, Queensland Parliament

Mr Steve Austin, ABC Radio

Session 2 cont.

How can Parliaments build the capacity of members of public accounts oversight committees?

What training is provided to PAC members? Is this sufficient? How can we improve?

How is the performance and effectiveness of parliamentary public accounts oversight monitored? What happens once the PAC has reported?

Overseeing the overseer - is the media effective in keeping PAC's to account? How do PAC's engage the media and the public?

2:45pm - 4:00pm

Session 3 **Following up on audit reports - how can parliamentary oversight add value?**

Presented by Mr Chris Bishop MP- Chair, Finance and Expenditure Committee, New Zealand Parliament

Hon Mbongeni Radebe - Chairperson of Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa

Facilitated discussion on how PAC's consider and inquire into the activities and reports of Auditors-General. Do we add value?

Consideration of best practice. What roles do the Offices of Auditors-General aid PAC's in the consideration of the audit reports?

4:00pm - 5:15pm

Session 4 **Auditors-General Panel**

Presented by Mr Martin Matthews - Controller and Auditor-General, New Zealand

Ms Margaret Crawford - Auditor-General, New South Wales

Ms Maxine Cooper - Auditor-General, Australian Capital Territory

How do we ensure our system of public management accountability and parliament scrutiny are in great shape for 2025?

DAY TWO

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10:15am - 11:00am

Session 5 **Global investments and Public Private Partnerships – how can PAC’s oversight multi-national projects**

Presented by Hon Kenalemang R. Phukuntsi - Member, Free State Legislature, South Africa

Mr Grant Hehir - Australian Auditor-General

A discussion on how single jurisdiction PAC’s can effectively oversight large public private partnership projects with private, multi-national investors.

11:30am - 12:30pm

Session 6 **Beyond the audit: inter-agency cooperation to maintain integrity**

Presented by Mr Alex McKean - Lecturer, USC Law School, University of the Sunshine Coast

Mr David Goody - Manager, Proceeds of Crime, Crime and Corruption Commission, Queensland

A discussion on how anti-corruption and integrity agencies and Auditors-General and agencies work together.

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Session 7 **Parliamentarians v politicians**

Presented by Mr Julian Hill MP - Deputy Chair, Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Australian Parliament

Ms Di Farmer MP - Deputy Speaker, Queensland Parliament

Ms Fiona Simpson MP - Member for Maroochydore, Queensland Parliament

Hon Alexander O’Connor - Assistant Minister for Health and Medical Services, Parliament of the Republic of Fiji

Session 7 cont.

A discussion on the role of some PAC members wearing two hats - one as parliamentarian holding the Government and Executive to account and the other as politician and member of the political party in government.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Session 8 Jurisdiction reports

Presented by Mr Julian Hill MP - Deputy Chair, Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Australian Parliament

Mr Lee Odenwalder MP - Presiding Member, Economic and Finance Committee, South Australian Parliament

Mr David Morris MP - Deputy Chair, Public Accounts & Estimates Committee, Victorian Parliament

Mrs Vicki Dunne MLA - Chair, Public Accounts Committee, Australian Capital Territory Parliament

This will be a panel discussion.

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Chris Bishop MP

Chair, Finance and Expenditure Committee,
New Zealand Parliament

Chris Bishop was elected to the New Zealand Parliament as a National Party List MP at the 2014 election. He was born and raised in Lower Hutt, Wellington. He holds a first class Honours degree in Law and a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University of Wellington, and has been admitted to the bar as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. He worked as a researcher for the National Party in opposition before spending two and a half years working as a Ministerial Advisor to the then Minister of Energy and Resources and Leader of the House, Hon Gerry Brownlee. Between 2011 and 2013 he lived and worked in Auckland as Corporate Affairs Manager for Philip Morris New Zealand, before returning to Parliament to work as a Senior Advisor to Hon Steven Joyce.

In the 2014 Parliament he serves as the Chair of the Finance and Expenditure Committee, a member of the Justice and Electoral Committee, and a member of the Regulations Review Committee.

He lives in Petone.

Graham Carpenter

Graham Carpenter is a Chartered Accountant, former Assistant Under-Treasurer at Queensland Treasury and a former Partner of BDO. Graham was one of the Reviewers for the Strategic Reviews of the Queensland Audit Office both in 2010 and 2017.

Graham is currently a member of CQ University Council and is on the Board of Brisbane South Primary Health Network. He has extensive governance experience in the including as Chair of Construction Skills Queensland (2013 - 2016), Chair of Stanwell Corporation / Tarong Energy (2005-2012) and a member of the Board of the then Ports Corporation Queensland (2001-2007).

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Graham currently chairs or is a member of a number of audit/finance/compliance/risk management committees.

Graham's other past work experience includes as Comptroller-General in the Victorian Treasury, as Northern Territory Auditor-General and as a Partner of a Chartered Accounting firm in South Australia / Northern Territory.

Margaret Crawford

New South Wales Auditor-General

Margaret Crawford commenced as the Auditor-General of New South Wales in April 2016.

Margaret has over 20 years of experience as a senior executive across many large, complex public sector organisations - local, State and the Commonwealth governments - including the Victorian Department of Human Services, the Australian Taxation Office, the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and Australia's largest local government, Brisbane City Council. Most recently, before joining the Audit Office, she held the position of Deputy Secretary at the NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

Margaret has worked across a diverse range of sectors, including housing and homelessness, community and disability services, road transport policy and regulation, taxation administration and gaming regulation.

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Vicki Dunne MLA

Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Public Accounts Committee,
Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly

Vicki Dunne is currently the Deputy Speaker of the ACT Legislative Assembly. From 2012 to 2016 she served as Speaker and was the first opposition member to be elected to that position. She is the Liberal Member for the seat of Ginninderra which has held continuously since 2001.

As well as being a busy parliamentarian and fulfilling a full range of constituency obligations, Vicki has, throughout her parliamentary career, been involved in wider discussions and activities around the issue of people trafficking for forced labour and especially the exploitation of women and children. In 2012 she chaired an inquiry into the operation of prostitution laws and has actively campaigned to change Australian laws dealing with the way women, trafficked for prostitution, are treated. In 2014 she led a multi parliamentary delegation to France and Sweden to study the operation of their prostitution laws and the way they address the issues confronted by women trafficked for prostitution.

David Goody

Manager, Proceeds of Crime, Crime and Corruption
Commission, Queensland

David Goody is the Manager, Proceeds of Crime at the Crime and Corruption Commission, Queensland. His team is responsible for the administration of the Chapter 2 (confiscation without conviction) and the Chapter 2A (serious drug offender confiscation order scheme) provisions of the Criminal Proceeds Confiscation Act 2002 for the State of Queensland.

David is an accountant by profession and his formative professional

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years were spent in a big four Chartered Accounting firm and the Queensland Audit Office (QAO).

He was seconded from the QAO to the Queensland Police Service Fraud Squad and then a Commission of Inquiry which led to his interest in forensic accounting. After a number of years as a senior investigator with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission he joined the now named Crime and Corruption Commission where he has 25 years' experience in organised crime, corruption and proceeds of crime investigations.

Grant Hehir

Auditor-General of Australia

Grant Hehir commenced his term as Auditor-General for Australia on 11 June 2015.

Before his appointment as Commonwealth Auditor-General, Grant served as the Auditor-General of New South Wales (NSW) between November 2013 and June 2015. He worked for the State Government of Victoria between 1998 and 2013 in a number of senior roles including as Secretary of both the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Education and Training. He also served as Chair of the Victorian Leadership Development Centre and CenITex, and as a Director of the Treasury Corporation of Victoria and the Victorian Funds Management Authority.

Prior to this Grant worked in senior executive roles within the Commonwealth Department of Finance and Administration. He is a fellow of CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Administration Australia.

The Auditor-General is responsible, under the *Auditor-General Act 1997*, for providing auditing services to the Parliament and public sector entities. The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) supports the Auditor-General, who is an independent officer of the Parliament.

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Julian Hill MP

Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Australian Parliament

Julian Hill was elected as the Member for Bruce in the Australian Parliament in July 2016. He is Deputy Chair of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, and a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth. He was elected as the youngest ever Mayor of Port Philip Council at the age of 25 and has held a number of senior positions within the Victorian Public Service. He graduated from Monash University with degrees in Science and Law and is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Victoria.

Neil Laurie

Clerk, Queensland Parliament

Neil Laurie has been the Principal Officer of the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Executive Officer of, and the Accountable Officer for, the Parliamentary Service since February 2003. Neil has 23 years' experience with the Parliamentary Service, including six years as Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees and over 13 years as Clerk.

Martin Matthews

Controller and Auditor-General, New Zealand

On 1 February 2017, Martin Matthews began his seven-year term as New Zealand's Controller and Auditor-General. Martin has worked in the public service for more than 36 years. He joined the (then) Audit Office in 1979 and spent the first 18 years of his career in the office. He was an Assistant Auditor-General from 1990 to 1998, holding various portfolios during this period.

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Martin then spent 10 years as Chief Executive of the Ministry of Culture and Heritage. He later served as Secretary for Transport and Chief Executive of the Ministry of Transport, from 2008 to June 2016.

Martin was the select committee's advisor on the *Public Finance Act 1989* and led much of the policy design work for the *Public Audit Act 2001*. As Controller and Auditor-General, Martin's principal functions and duties are set out in the Public Audit Act 2001. In summary, they are to:

- ensure that the office carries out its obligation to conduct audits of public sector bodies, and report to Parliament on the results of the audits; and
- ensure the efficient, effective, and economical management of the Office of the Auditor- General.

Martin is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, New Zealand Institute of Management, New Zealand Institute of Chartered Logistics and Transport, and Companion of the New Zealand Institute of Professional Engineers.

Alex McKean

Lecturer in Law, USC Law School, University of the Sunshine Coast

Alex McKean is a lecturer in law at the University of the Sunshine Coast. He is undertaking research for his PhD on the topic of the accountability of a broad-based Commonwealth anti-corruption agency. Alex has been at the private Bar on the Sunshine Coast, having worked as a solicitor at Maurice Blackburn. Whilst at that firm Alex worked as part of a team representing Dr Mohamed Haneef, with responsibility for conducting litigation under the freedom of information and right to information regimes.

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Lee Odenwalder MP

Presiding Member, Economic and Finance Committee,
South Australian Parliament

Lee Odenwalder was born in London and migrated to Australia with his parents in 1981.

Lee studied at the University of South Australia and University of Waikato (NZ) before completing his honours degree in History at the University of Adelaide. After university, Lee served as a Police Officer, based at Elizabeth Patrols and Elizabeth CIB.

Lee was elected to the South Australian parliament in 2010. Lee has served on a number of parliamentary standing committees, including the Public Works Committee, the Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, the Environment, Resources and Development Committee and the Legislative Review Committee. He also chaired a select committee investigating the possibility of solar thermal power generation in Port Augusta.

As well as his work on parliamentary committees, and his involvement in his local community, Lee has a particular interest in urban planning and the development of liveable urban environments; policing operations and criminal law reform; and the legislative, systemic and operational responses to domestic and family violence.

In May 2014, Lee became the Presiding Member of the Economic and Finance Committee.

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Peter Russo MP

Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee,
Queensland Parliament

Peter Russo is the State Member for Sunnybank, having been elected to Parliament in January 2015.

In the time since he was elected, Peter has served as the Acting Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee and is currently the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Prior to being elected, Peter was the Principal of Russo Lawyers and is admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and New South Wales, Western Australia and the High Court of Australia. He holds a Master of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology.

He has been practising as a lawyer for approximately 27 years, with particular focus in the area of criminal law. He is a past member of the Queensland Law Society Criminal Law Committee.

Phillippa Smith

Phillippa Smith was Deputy Controller and Auditor-General for New Zealand from 2005 until 2015. She also spent five years in the New Zealand Office of the Auditor-General in the 1990s as Assistant Auditor-General - Legal. She has led reviews of the Queensland Audit Office in 2016, and of the Irish Comptroller and Auditor-General's Office in 2008. Phillippa is a lawyer by training, and has worked in the public and private sectors in New Zealand and in the voluntary and private sectors in England. She holds degrees in Law, Arts, and Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

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Ray Stevens MP

Deputy Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee,
Queensland Parliament

Ray Stevens is currently Member for Mermaid Beach in the Queensland State Parliament.

Ray was elected to the Queensland State Parliament in September 2006 for the seat of Robina, which was renamed to Mermaid Beach prior to the 2009 election.

Ray was born in Townsville in 1953 and remained there while he studied initially at James Cook University before moving to Sydney and completing his studies at Macquarie University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Finance and Economics. Ray was admitted to the Australian Association of Accountants in 1974, and worked for Price Waterhouse in Sydney until returning to the family cattle and sheep station "Doncaster" in Richmond, North Queensland. Ray moved to the Gold Coast in 1979 establishing local businesses around Pacific Fair, Surfers Paradise and Nerang before moving to make a community contribution to the area he had made his home.

Ray is a member of various local sporting and community organisations. Interests include rugby, tennis, clay target shooting, horse racing and breeding, theatre and music.

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Brendan Worrall

Managing Partner, Crowe Horwath Audit and Assurance

On the 23rd of March 2017, the Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP Premier of Queensland announced Brendan Worrall's appointment as the next Queensland Auditor-General.

Brendan is the Managing Partner of Crowe Horwath Audit and Assurance. In this role, Brendan provides leadership to the audit and assurance service line across Australia and New Zealand which comprises more than 250 professionals with annual revenue in excess of \$55 million. In addition to this, Brendan is also lead audit partner for the audits of a variety of entity types across differing industries. For the past three and a half years, Brendan has represented the Australia-New Zealand firm as a member of the Crowe Horwath International Accounting and Audit Committee.

Prior to joining Crowe Horwath more than 10 years ago, Brendan worked in a number of government central agencies including the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Queensland Audit Office, Queensland Treasury and the Queensland Police Service. Prior to this, Brendan worked for Pannell Kerr Forster in their audit division.

Brendan is an active member of the Chartered Accountancy profession and was the Queensland state chair in 2011 and since 2012, has been a member of the Audit Advisory Committee to the Board of Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand.

Brendan was raised and educated in Brisbane and holds a number of graduate and post-graduate qualifications.

Brendan is married with two children and has a variety of interests centred on family, friends and pets and includes: staying fit and healthy through swimming and walking; cooking; gardening; snow skiing; reading; photography and travel.

