



Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees **17th Biennial Conference**

Conference Information Pack No. 1



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Key Information

Registration

Registration options:

- Full registration (inc. all Conference catering) **\$550**
- Day 1 registration (for ACAG members only; inc. Welcome Reception; exc. Conference Dinner) **\$250**
- Conference Dinner – additional guest **\$200**

To register, please fill in the [Eventbrite registration form](#). Registrations close on **8 March 2024** by COB.

If you are unable to pay through Eventbrite, please contact the ACPAC secretariat at lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

If you are purchasing an additional conference ticket, please forward your guest's details and any dietary requirements to the ACPAC secretariat at lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Cancellations will be processed on a case-by-case basis; requests must be made prior to **21 March 2024**.

Presentations

Sessions run for 45 minutes, with the exception of Session 10, which runs for an hour.

Individual presentation time will be 10-15 minutes, depending on the number of presenters in each session. Presentations will be followed by Q&A and general discussion.

Audiovisual equipment will be available to display PowerPoint presentations. Presentations will be uploaded to the [ACPAC website](#) following the Conference.

Jurisdiction Reports

Jurisdiction Reports for ACPAC 2024 will comprise two parts:

- Prior to the Conference:
 - Each jurisdiction should submit a written report summarising their recent activities. Please send the report to lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au by COB on **5 April 2024**.
- During the Conference:
 - A panel will discuss key themes of the written reports, facilitated by a WA Parliament staff member.

Timeline

- Registrations close by COB: **8 March 2024**
- Presenter Nomination Form to be submitted by COB: **8 March 2024**
- Acceptances of EOIs to be advised by COB: **22 March 2024**
- Jurisdiction Reports to be submitted by COB: **5 April 2024**
- Presentation PowerPoint slides to be submitted by COB: **12 April 2024**

Please forward all documents to lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest

If you are interested in presenting or being a panel member for the thematic discussion of Jurisdiction Reports, please fill in the Presenter Nomination Form on the following page and return to lapac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Presenter Nomination Form

Name:	
Organisation:	
Position:	
Phone number:	
Email:	

Please indicate your preference to present from the list of sessions below. You may nominate for more than one session, and we will advise which session you have been allocated.

Presentation preference/s	
Session 1: Sustainability reporting – Is there a role for PACs? <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 2: Measuring how procurement policies shift government spending to achieve intended outcomes <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 3: Gender responsive budgeting – How governments can identify and fund measures to help close the gender gap <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 4: Beyond economic outcomes – Adopting a wellbeing approach to measure progress <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 5: Managing occasions of non-provision of information <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 6: The state of State finances – Experiences with qualified audit opinions <i>(Auditors General panel with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 7: Conducting statutory reviews of audit offices – Sharing experiences and lessons learned <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 8: Jurisdiction Reports <i>(Facilitated thematic discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 9: Public Accounts Committee experiences with Parliamentary Budget Offices <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Session 10: Closing the Gap – Government spending on Aboriginal programs and services <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>	
Proposed title and short summary of presentation	

Indicative Conference Programme

Optional pre-Conference activities – Sunday 21 April 2024

The ACPAC secretariat is offering two optional pre-Conference activities for Sunday 21 April 2024 at a cost additional to the registration fee.

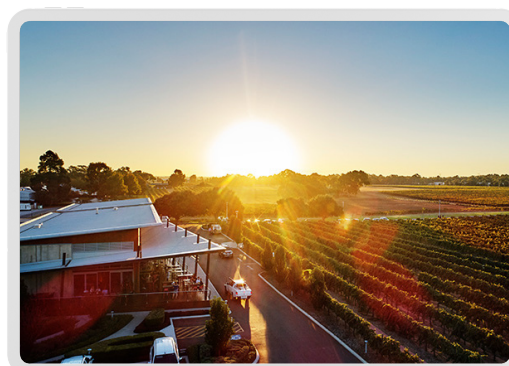
To assist us with planning, please indicate on the [Eventbrite registration form](#) if you would be interested in attending either of these activities. If we receive sufficient interest, further information will be provided in the next information pack.

- **Swan Valley wine tour**

The Swan Valley is WA's oldest wine growing region. Located only 30 mins from Perth CBD, the region is filled with famous wineries, breweries and restaurants.

Private tours organised by specialist tour operators take guests to a selection of venues, showcasing highlights of the region. Tours usually operate on buses or minibuses.

Depending on the length/provider, tours cost around \$150-\$200 per person.



- **Perth CBD Aboriginal cultural walking tour**

Discover Noongar history and culture with a guided walking tour around the Perth CBD. Tours take guests on a journey from the Dreamtime through Noongar history to the present day.

Depending on the provider, tours run for around 60 minutes, for approximately \$90 per person.



Sunday 21 April 2024

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Welcome Reception

Art Gallery of WA Rooftop Bar – TBC

Indicative Conference Programme

All Conference proceedings will be held in the Members' Dining Room at Parliament House.

Monday 22 April 2024	
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration Forrest Foyer, Parliament House
9.00am – 9.20am	Welcome to Country Opening Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair of ACPAC Conference 2024
9.20am – 10.05am	Keynote Speech Caroline Spencer Auditor General for Western Australia
10.05am – 10.45am	Morning Tea Parliament House Courtyard Official Conference Photo Parliament House front steps
10.45am – 11.30am	Session 1: Sustainability reporting – Is there a role for PACs? <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
11.30am – 12.15pm	Session 2: Measuring how procurement policies shift government spending to achieve intended outcomes <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch Parliament House Courtyard
1.15pm – 2.00pm	Session 3: Gender responsive budgeting – How governments can identify and fund measures to help close the gender gap <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Session 4: Beyond economic outcomes – Adopting a wellbeing approach to measure progress <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea Parliament House Courtyard
3.15pm – 4.00pm	Session 5: Managing occasions of non-provision of information <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
4.00pm – 4.45pm	Session 6: The state of State finances – Experiences with qualified audit opinions <i>(Auditors General panel with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
6.30pm – 10.00pm	Conference Dinner Drinks from 6.30pm; dinner from 7.00pm. <i>Location TBC</i>

Indicative Conference Programme

Tuesday 23 April 2024	
9.45am – 10.15am	ACPAC General Meeting Legislative Assembly Chamber
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning Tea Parliament House Courtyard
10.30am – 11.15am	Session 7: Conducting statutory reviews of audit offices – Sharing experiences and lessons learned <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
11.15am – 12.30pm	Session 8: Jurisdiction Reports <i>(Facilitated thematic discussion and questions)</i>
12.30pm – 1.15pm	Lunch Parliament House Courtyard
1.15pm – 2.15pm	Optional tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art and more at Parliament House • A guided stroll through Kings Park
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Session 9: Public Accounts Committee experiences with Parliamentary Budget Offices <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
3.00pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea Parliament House Courtyard
3.15pm – 4.15pm	Session 10: Closing the Gap – Government spending on Aboriginal programs and services <i>(2-3 speakers with facilitated discussion and questions)</i>
4.15pm – 4.30pm	Conference Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair of the ACPAC Conference 2024 • Representative from the next host jurisdiction
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Presiding Officers' Farewell Drinks Parliament House Courtyard

Accommodation Options

The following hotels are located close to Parliament. Most are within walking distance; others are close to bus stops. 'CAT' stands for 'Central Area Transit': free buses which operate on dedicated city loops. All buses, however, operate free of charge within the Perth CBD.

Conference discounts are available for the following hotels:

Hotel	Discount code	Bus route
<p>Quest Kings Park ★★★★★ 54 Kings Park Road, West Perth +61 8 9420 8700 questkingspark@questapartments.com.au</p> <p>(1.3km from Parliament House)</p>	<p>15% discount for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio Apartment <p>Rates valid from 19 February – 21 April 2024, for stays between 20 – 24 April 2024</p> <p><i>Book directly quoting 'ACPAC24'</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 295m walk to Purple CAT (bus stop 10108) • Travel on Purple CAT (to bus stop 10114) • 378m walk to Parliament House
<p>Quest Mounts Bay Road ★★★★★ 130 Mounts Bay Road, Perth + 61 8 9480 8100 mountsbayroad@questapartments.com.au</p> <p>(700m from Parliament House)</p>	<p>15% discount for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio Apartment • Studio Executive Apartment <p>Rates valid from 19 February – 21 April 2024, for stays between 20 – 24 April 2024</p> <p><i>Book directly quoting 'ACPAC24'</i></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Walking distance to Parliament House (11 minutes)</p>
<p>Tribe Perth Kings Park ★★★★★ 4 Walker Avenue, West Perth +61 8 6247 3333 stayinginperth@tribehotels.com.au</p> <p>(1.3km from Parliament House)</p>	<p>10% discount on best available rates</p> <p>Rates valid for online bookings only, for stays between 21 – 23 April 2024</p> <p><i>Book via this link: All.com</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter stay details 2. Click the drop-down box 'More Options' 3. Under 'Other special rates and promo code' select 'promo code' and enter the code 'ACPAC2024' 4. Discounted rates will be indicated by the red 'Special Offer' banner 5. Continue booking process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 226m walk to Purple CAT (bus stop 10110) • Travel on Purple CAT (to bus stop 10114) • 378m walk to Parliament House
<p>Wonil Hotel Perth ★★★★★ 21 Hackett Drive, Perth +61 8 9200 4800 wonil.res@accor.com</p> <p>(5.4km from Parliament House)</p>	<p>10% discount on best available rates</p> <p>Rates valid for online bookings only, for stays between 21 – 23 April 2024</p> <p><i>Book via this link: All.com</i> (see instructions for Tribe Perth Kings Park – the booking process is the same for both hotels)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 216m walk to catch bus 995 or 950 (bus stop 10383) • Travel on bus 995 or 950 (to bus stop 17507) • 747m walk to Parliament House

Additional Accommodation Options

The following hotels are also located close to the Parliament. Specific ACPAC discounts are not available, but delegates may contact hotels directly to enquire about government rates.

Hotel	Approximate rates	Bus route
<p>The Melbourne Hotel ★★★★★ 33 Milligan Street, Perth +61 8 9320 3333 hello@melbournehotel.com.au</p> <p>(650m from Parliament House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$229 per night for Heritage Hotel Room and Contemporary Room • From \$249 per night for Premier Room • From \$259 per night for Heritage Verandah Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30m walk to Red CAT (bus stop 16914) • Travel on Red CAT (to bus stop 16916) • 210m walk to Parliament House
<p>The Adnate Perth – Art Series ★★★★★ 900 Hay Street, Perth +61 8 6371 1000 adnate.res@artserieshotels.com.au</p> <p>(800m from Parliament House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$249 per night for Adnate King Room • From \$279 per night for Premium Adnate King Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 148m walk to Red CAT (bus stop 16914) • Travel on Red CAT (to bus stop 16916) • 210m walk to Parliament House
<p>Mercure Perth ★★★★★ 10 Irwin Street, Perth +61 8 9326 7097 H1754@accor.com</p> <p>(1.8km from Parliament House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$209 per night Classic Room Queen • From \$234 per night Superior Room Queen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 168m walk to catch bus 27 or 935 (bus stop 10079) • Travel on bus 27 or 935 (to bus stop 10093) • 456m walk to Parliament House
<p>Ibis Perth ★★★ 334 Murray Street, Perth +61 8 9322 2844 H1773@accor.com</p> <p>(1.2km from Parliament House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$170 per night for Standard Room • From \$188 per night for Superior Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 280m walk to Red CAT (bus stop 10223) • Travel on Red CAT (to bus stop 16916) • 216m walk to Parliament House
<p>Ibis Styles East Perth ★★★ 69 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth +61 8 7099 3408 h9318@accor.com</p> <p>(2.9km from Parliament House)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$179 per night for Standard King Room • From \$194 per night for Superior King Room • From \$204 per night for Deluxe King Room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 132m walk to catch bus 24 or 935 (bus stop 10072) • Travel on bus 24 or 935 (to bus stop 10093) • 456m walk to Parliament House