



AUSTRALASIAN  
PARLIAMENTARY  
EDUCATORS

*Best practice in  
Parliamentary Education*

Parliament House, Hobart, Australia

20 to 22 November 2019

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**



Hosted by the Parliament of Tasmania



## Wednesday 20 November

*Focus: How do students learn?*

*What key concepts do students need to learn?*

*Content: The key stages of brain development and associated cognitive function. Insight from key stakeholders on the most important outcomes of parliamentary education.*

**8:45am**

Reception Room

### Registration and Introduction Session A

**9:10am**

House of Assembly Chamber

### Opening Ceremony

Welcome to Country by Auntie Brenda Hodge

Welcome to the Parliament of Tasmania by the Speaker of the House of Assembly, the Hon. Sue Hickey MP

Introductions by the Clerk of the House, Shane Donnelly

*Followed by*

### Conference Photo

**9:35am**

Committee Room 1

### Introduction Session B

**9:40am**

Committee Room 1

### Session 1: Keynote Speaker

*Speaker:* Dr Rachel Grieve, University of Tasmania

*Goal:* To understand the stages of human brain development including neuro-typical learning capacities at each stage of cognitive development and the associated key indicators of development, especially in school aged children.

**10:30am**

Reception Room

### Morning Tea

**11:00am**

Committee Room 1

### Session 2: Guest Panel

#### ***Key Outcomes in Parliamentary Education – A Member's Perspective***

*Activity:* Panel discussion with Members of Parliament:

- The Hon. Elise Archer MP
- Ms Cassy O'Connor MP
- Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP
- The Hon. Jo Siejka MLC

*Goal:* What do MPs see as the most important content in parliamentary education? What key messages do we need to impart to visitors? What myths need to be defused? What are the most commonly asked questions by their constituents? Includes questions from delegates.



**11:45am**  
Committee Room 1

**Session 3: Education Office Presentation:  
Question and Answers**

*Location:* Committee Room 1

*Presenters:* Angela Casey and Amanda Paroz, Parliament of Australia

*Theme:* New PEO learning activities and new PEO website

**12:30pm**  
Reception Room

**Lunch**

**1:30pm**  
Departing from  
Reception Room

**Session 4: Tour of Parliament House**

**2:30pm**  
Legislative Council  
Chamber

**Session 5: Question Time in the Legislative Council**

*Goal:* Understand the Tasmanian Legislative Council within the Westminster system

**3:00pm**  
Reception Room

**Afternoon Tea**

**3:30pm**  
Committee Room 1

**Session 6a Education Office Presentation:  
Evolution and tours**

*Presenters:* Pablo Diaz and Mark Smith, Parliament of Victoria

*Theme:* The evolution of the role of the tour guides in the Victorian Parliament

**Session 6b Education Office Presentation:**

***Working with House Department staff to create in-depth senior secondary school seminars***

*Presenters:* Jeannie Douglas, Parliament of New South Wales

*Theme:* A new *Legal Studies* program for Year 11 students on sitting days, but not including question time

**4:30pm**

**Adjourn**



## Thursday 21 November

*Focus: How to teach parliamentary education?*

*Content: The implementation of parliamentary education using best teaching practice*

**9:00am**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 7: Guest Panel**

#### ***Dealing with Diversity in Education***

*Goal:* Best responses by EOs to challenges/obstacles in student learning.

*Content:* Panellists, as experts in an area of vulnerability, explain the challenges and strengths faced by the community they represent and some practical advice on how to overcome or take advantage of these. Concluding with questions from delegates.

*Panel guests:*

- Vulnerable Witness Support Officer from the Department of Public Prosecutions - Graham Davis
- Gifted Association of Tasmania - Lynne Maher
- The Smith Family - Aaron Roberts
- Autism Consultants - Kate Taylor and Lucy Hunt

**10:30am**

Reception Room

### **Morning Tea**

**11:00am**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 8: Guest Speaker**

#### ***Tasmanian Electoral Commission***

*Goal:* Understanding the unique voting systems in Tasmanian elections, especially Hare-Clark, Robson Rotation and the process and advantage of filling a vacancy by recount.

*Content:* Workshop with mock election

**12:30pm**

Reception Room

### **Lunch**

**1:30pm**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 9: Education Office Presentation:**

#### ***Parliament Prize***

*Presenters:* Suzie Luddon and Bridget Headlam, Parliament of Victoria

*Theme:* Success and challenge: The double-edged sword of running student competitions within a parliament context

**2:00pm**

Supreme Court of Tasmania

### **Session 10: Tour of the Supreme Court of Tasmania**

*Goal:* Understanding the Tasmanian Court System

*At 1:55pm move to courts as a group from Committee Room 1*

**3:00pm**

Reception Room

### **Afternoon Tea**



**3:30pm**  
Committee Room 1

**Session 11a: Education Office Presentation:**  
***Taking Parliament to the People***

*Presenter:* Sarah Smith, Parliament of Western Australia  
*Theme:* Conducting Regional Outreach to primary, secondary and adult cohorts

**Session 11b: Education Office Presentation:**  
***Student Voice and Agency in a Democracy: Best practice teaching in Parliamentary Education***

*Presenter:* Deborah Sulway, Museum of Australian Democracy  
*Theme:* Best practice ideas and approaches to engaging young people and their voice in all aspects of democracy, including parliamentary education

**4:30pm**

**Adjourn**

**7:00pm**

**Conference Dinner**  
***Rockwall Bar and Grill***  
89 Salamanca Place, Hobart  
*Map available on page 10*



## Friday 21 November

**Focus: How will we assess student learning and teacher performance?**

**Content: Evaluating programmes, keeping in line with contemporary teacher professional standards**

**9:00am**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 12: Guest Panel**

#### ***Professional Standards and Professional Learning for Teachers***

*Panel guests:*

1. Professional Learning Institute – Jill Burrill
2. Department of Education – David Boon
3. ACT Parliament - Jo Cullen

*With Teachers Registration Board – Lee Rayner and Ann Moxham*

*Goal: Ensuring quality teacher training in Civics and Citizenship Education*

*Content: Panel presentation regarding teacher training, professional learning and standards in parliamentary education*

**10:00am**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 13: Education Office Presentation:**

#### ***Using social media to educate – SA’s learnings on “best practice” so far***

*Presenter: Natalie Young, Parliament of South Australia*

*Theme: The Parliament of South Australia launched its social media presence in late 2018. One goal was to increase engagement, but the other was to educate. One year on, we review the statistics and data around the posts of an educational nature to see successes and failures.*

**10:30am**

Long Room

### **Morning Tea**

**11:00am**

Committee Room 1

### **Session 14: Education Office Presentations:**

#### ***Overseas Jurisdictions***

#### **Session 14a: Education Office Presentation:**

##### ***Solomon Islands Parliament***

*Presenter: Alex Seama and Lawrence Scott, Solomon Islands Parliament*

#### **Session 14b: Education Office Presentation:**

##### ***Fiji – Community Engagement Strategy & Implementation***

*Presenter: Vatimosi Delailovu, Parliament of the Republic of Fiji*

*Theme: Lessons learnt from Community Engagement in the last 4 years (Strategy)*

**12:00pm**

Long Room

### **Lunch**



**1:00pm**

Committee Room 1

**Session 15: Workshop**

***Dry or Dynamic? Making Democracy Dramatic!***

*Presenter:* React Drama School

*Goal:* Hooking students into Parliament through drama. Workshop on simple drama techniques that engage students into the role-play or other programmes.

**2:00pm**

Committee Room 1

**Session 16: Website discussion, conference review and 2020 conference handover**

**2:20pm**

**Conference Conclusion**

Final farewells and thankyou



## Keynote speakers

### Keynote Address

#### **Dr Rachel Grieve**

Rachel completed her PhD in Cognitive Psychology at the Queensland University of Technology, and she is currently based at the University of Tasmania. Her program of research includes evidence-based learning and teaching, as well as emotion, motivation, and cyberpsychology. She is an experienced science communicator and her work has featured as a cover story in *New Scientist*.

### Diversity Panel

#### **Graham Davis**

Graham has been the witness assistance service manager for the Director of Prosecutions in Tasmania since 2008. The service works with victims and vulnerable witnesses in serious criminal matters. Before this he worked as a teacher and counsellor in both government and private schools for over twenty years. His main teaching area was legal studies and he has always had a particular interest in teaching about Australia's legal and political systems.

#### **Lucy Hunt and Kate Taylor**

Lucy and Kate are Autism Consultants working in Tasmanian Government schools in the south of the State, supporting students from Kinder to Grade 12 with Autism. They work with teachers and school teams to build systemic capacity to deliver ongoing and improved educational outcomes for students with Autism. They also work to empower school staff to understand and teach with high expectations, for the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of students with Autism.

#### **Lynne Maher**

Lynne has been actively involved in the committee of the Tasmanian Association for the Gifted for 18 years, including 9 years as President. She is Tasmanian Director and treasurer for the National Association, AAEGT. A qualified and experienced teacher with experience teaching, training and facilitating learning with all ages, Lynne's knowledge of gifted education expanded as she advocated for her gifted son and continued to develop as her involvement with state and national gifted associations continued. She has conducted local information sessions for educators and parents; professional development for teachers in Tasmania and overseas; and presentations at state, national and world conferences.

#### **Aaron Roberts**

Aaron is currently employed by *The Smith Family* to deliver the Learning for Life program across low socio communities in Tasmania. He has previously worked as a teacher and has also worked for a decade with the Australian Sports Commission to increase levels of physical activity amongst Australian school aged children. Aaron has a passion to engage schools and communities in using strength based approaches and innovation to solve barriers to education.





### Tasmania Electoral Commission

#### Andrew Hawkey

Andrew is the Electoral Commissioner in Tasmania and was appointed to the role in February 2016.

The aim of the Tasmanian Electoral Commission is to provide all Tasmanians with a convenient opportunity to exercise their right to vote and to ensure that their votes are counted accurately and transparently. The Commission undertakes the conduct of elections and referendums, public electoral information programs and more.



### Teacher Professional Learning Panel

#### Jill Burrill

Jill has held various roles within the Department of Education over a number of years both in-school and out-of-school. Jill has returned to the Professional Learning Institute (PLI) having recently been an Assistant Principal at New Town High School. At the PLI, Jill has a role as a Professional Learning Leader to develop and facilitate professional learning focused on Quality Teaching. Her other leadership roles include Principal Education Officer (Curriculum Services and PLI) and a Literacy Leader across a number of schools. Jill is committed to quality teaching and learning and has co-authored the Good Teaching resources and developed professional learning to support teachers to understand and implement the key messages. As an educator, Jill is passionate about lifelong learning to improve the quality of teaching, and learning for students.

#### David Boon

David is the Principal Education Officer for Humanities and Social Sciences with the Department of Education Tasmania. He has taught all grades Prep-10 and held a number of curriculum and professional learning roles over a 33 year career in Tasmanian education. He is co-author of Place and Time: Explorations in Teaching History, Geography and Social Sciences (2nd ed, 2019) and contributing author to Historical Thinking for History Teachers (2019).

#### Jo Cullen

Joanne is the Manager, Education and Engagement at the Legislative Assembly for the ACT. Jo has been in her current role for 3 years but also previously worked in the Assistant Education Officer role for 4 years. She has been at the Assembly for a number of years and has worked in a range of sections in that time including the library, chamber support and committee offices.



## Conference delegates

### **Bougainville House of Representatives**

Joel Bito Tukana

### **Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory**

Joanne Cullen

Jayden Evett

### **Museum of Australian Democracy**

Deborah Sulway

### **Parliament of South Australia**

Natalie Young

### **National Parliament of Solomon Islands**

Lawrence Scott

Alex Seama

### **Northern Territory Parliament**

Leanne Barnes

### **Parliament of Australia**

Angela Casey

Amanda Paroz

### **Parliament of New South Wales**

Rita Bila

Jeannie Douglass

Daniela Giorgi

### **Parliament of New Zealand**

Ben Logan-Milne

### **Parliament of Queensland**

Katina Webb

### **Parliament of Samoa**

Faletolu Lofipo

### **Parliament of Tasmania**

Todd Buttsworth

Charles Casimaty

Kristy Lang

Kimbra McCormack

John Rettalick

### **Parliament of the Republic of Fiji**

Vatimosi Delailovu

Masilina Lutu Raumakita

### **Parliament of Vanuatu**

Stephanie Mahit

### **Parliament of Victoria**

Pablo Diaz

Bridget Headlam

Suzie Luddon

Mark Smith

### **Parliament of Western Australia**

Sarah Smith

### **Victoria Law Foundation**

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## Useful information

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### Wifi

#### Parliament House Wifi Access

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Password: Cisco777

### Conference Dinner Venue

#### Rockwall Bar and Grill

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