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CONFERENCE BRISBANE 2022

***Practical and Engaging:  
Parliamentary Education for  
2023 and beyond***

**Parliament House, Brisbane, Australia**

**6 to 8 December 2022**

**Conference Programme**



# Day One

Tuesday 6 December

- 09.15 *Registration and networking*
- 09.45 **Opening Ceremony**  
**Welcome to Queensland Parliament,**  
Amanda Honeyman  
First Clerk Assistant (Procedure), Chamber and Education Services  
**Conference Photo**  
**Yarning Circle**  
Marjorie Elworthy, First Nations Liaison Officer
- 10.30 **Tour of Queensland Parliament**  
Jackie Hinchy, Queensland Parliament  
Genevieve Cowan, Queensland Parliament
- 11.30 **Morning Tea**
- 12.00 **Session 1: Guest Speaker**  
[Learning at the digital physical interface: How can we design technologies to support learning and engagement](#)  
Mr Thom Saunders, Visualisation and Interaction Solutions for Engagement and Research, Queensland University of Technology
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Session 2: Education Office Presentation**  
[Responsive and flexible engagement in a new Parliament](#)  
Sascha Sheehan and Lee Katauskas, Parliamentary Education Office
- 14.45 **Session 3: Education Office Presentation**  
[Data Driven Decisions](#)  
Bronwyn Gray and Audrey Lin, Parliament of Victoria
- 15.00 **Session 4: Guest Speaker**  
[The Committee System in Queensland](#)  
Lynda Pretty, Queensland Parliament
- 15.30 **Afternoon Tea**
- 16.00 **Session 5: Education Office Presentation**  
[Opening the House: Community Engagement @ NSW Parliament](#)  
Joseph Cho, Parliament of New South Wales
- 16.30 **Session 6: Education Office Presentation**  
[Lockdown was a lolly bag!](#)  
Kimbra McCormack, Parliament of Tasmania
- 17.15- **Welcome Drinks**
- 19:15 *Lucinda Bar, Parliament House*



## Day Two

Wednesday 7 December

08.30 *Registration*

09.00 **Session 7: Guest Speaker**

**Panel Discussion: Members of the Queensland Parliament**

John-Paul Langbroek MP, Queensland Parliament

Melissa McMahon MP, Queensland Parliament

Sam O'Connor MP, Queensland Parliament

9.45 **Session 8: Education Office Presentation**

**[Education and Cultural Capability within Parliaments](#)**

Steven Collins and Lauren Davies, Parliament of New South Wales

Marjorie Elworthy, Queensland Parliament

Caroline Wallis, New Zealand Parliament

**10.30 Morning Tea**

11.00 **Session 9: Education Office Presentation**

**[Embracing Complexity](#)**

Narelle Wood and Glenn Jeffrey, Parliament of Victoria

11.45 **Session 10: Education Office Presentation**

Pacific Islands Delegation Presentation

TBC

12.30 **Session 11: Education Office Presentation**

**[Managing Innovation – Peaks and Pitfalls of a Digital Adventure](#)**

Maria Mead, Queensland Parliament

**13.00 Lunch**

14.00 **Session 12: Guest Speaker**

**Activity**

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

14.45 **Session 13: Practical Activity**

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and Queensland Parliament

15.30 **Afternoon Tea**

16.00 **Session 14: Education Office Presentation**

**[Changemakers](#)**

Natalie Young and Edgar Thompson, Parliament of South Australia

16.45 **Session 15: Education Office Presentation**

TBC

**18.30 Conference Dinner**  
*Popolo, South Bank*

# Day Three

Thursday 8 December

## 09.00 Session 16: Inquiry and Object-Based Learning - Queensland Museum

Bridget Wall, QM Learning Manager

09.10 Workshop and chat  
Rebekah Collins, SparkLab Learning Manager

10.00 Discovery Centre

### Group 1

### Group 2

10.15 Ancient Animals School Program      SparkLab visit

## 11.00 Quick Break

11.15 SparkLab visit      Ancient Animals School Program

12.00 Wrap up  
Bridget Wall, QM Learning Manager

12.30 Finish and depart  
*Taxis back to Queensland Parliament*

## 13.00 Lunch – Parliament House

## 14.00 Session 17: Education Office Presentation

TBA

Bale Dolokoto, Parliament of Fiji

## 14.15 Session 18: Planning - APEC 2024

Katina Webb

## 14.45 Session 19: Closing Ceremony

Yarning Circle

Marjorie Elworthy, Queensland Parliament

## 15.30 Session 20: Feedback and Farewell

*Light afternoon tea served*

## 15.45 Conference Close



# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

## 1. LEARNING AT THE DIGITAL PHYSICAL INTERFACE: HOW WE CAN DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES TO SUPPORT LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

<b>Thom Saunders</b>	Visualisation and Interaction Solutions for Engagement and Research	Queensland University of Technology
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The production of digital tools that successfully build a bridge between engagement and understanding (not learning) takes a combination of different processes, skills, and disciplines. At the centre is the consideration of how audiences interact with digital products supported by an in-depth understanding of the subject matter to identify a “uniquely creative” concept for presenting complex systems in an engaging way.

## 2. RESPONSIVE AND FLEXIBLE ENGAGEMENT IN A NEW PARLIAMENT

<b>Lee Katauskas</b>	Director Parliamentary Education Office	Parliamentary Education Office
<b>Sascha Sheehan</b>	Parliamentary Education and Liaison Officer	Parliamentary Education Office

Members of parliament can be some of our strongest supporters and promoters of our work. In this session, the Parliamentary Education Office will speak about their work liaising with senators and members and their staff. From customised resources to joining parliamentarians on school visits, effectively partnering with elected representatives is a vital part of our work. Come prepared to share how your organisation has successfully engaged members of parliament with parliamentary education.

## 3. DATA DRIVEN DECISIONS

<b>Bronwyn Gray</b>	Tours and Customer Service Unit	Parliament of Victoria
<b>Audrey Lin</b>	Tours and Customer Service Unit	Parliament of Victoria

How can we use the information that we gather to improve our offerings for schools? We'll show you what we've been collecting, and how we'll be using it in 2023 (and beyond).

## 4. THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM IN QUEENSLAND

<b>Lynda Pretty</b>	Committee Secretary	Parliament of Queensland
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## 5. OPENING THE HOUSE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT @ NSW PARLIAMENT

**Joseph Cho**                      Senior Education Officer                      Parliament of NSW

The disruption of the last few years provided us with an opportunity to pause and rethink how we reach out and connect with the diverse communities of New South Wales. This session will explain how we have sought to breakdown the mystique of Parliament in recent years.

## 6. LOCKDOWN WAS A LOLLY BAG!

**Kimbra McCormack**      Principal Parliamentary Educator                      Parliament of Tasmania

The House of Assembly Education Office has made a diorama for students to role-play the passage of a Bill through the House of Assembly. I would like to explain to the conference participants the background of the project, and give participants an opportunity to "play" with the diorama. Each participant will need scissors.

## 7. GUEST SPEAKERS: PANEL DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

**John-Paul Langbroek**      Member for Surfers Paradise                      Parliament of Queensland  
**Melissa McMahon**      Member for Macalister                      Parliament of Queensland  
**Sam O'Connor MP**      Member for Bonney                      Parliament of Queensland

Moderated by **Rebecca Quinnell**, Education Officer, Parliament of Queensland

## 8. EDUCATION AND CULTURAL CAPABILITY WITHIN PARLIAMENTS

**Steven Collins**                      Aboriginal Liaison Officer                      Parliament of NSW  
**Lauren Davies**                      Aboriginal Liaison Officer                      Parliament of NSW  
**Marjorie Elworthy**                      First Peoples Liaison Officer                      Parliament of Queensland  
**Caroline Wallis**                      Education Lead/Kaiarahi Mātauranga                      Parliament of New Zealand

The aim of this session is to explore the critical roles of Education Leads and Aboriginal Liaison Officers within our respective Parliaments to evaluate, create and/or implement outcomes that actively engage and adhere to cultural values and principles. We will also unpack cultural capabilities within institutions and the challenges we face as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori people working within Parliament.



## 9. EMBRACING COMPLEXITY

<b>Narelle Wood</b>	Community Projects Coordinator, Education	Parliament of Victoria
<b>Glenn Jeffrey</b>	Assistant Manager, Community Engagement	Parliament of Victoria

In this hands-on workshop we look at how we've used storytelling and scenario-based learning approaches to demonstrate the complex processes of parliament. These approaches have enabled us to tackle challenging issues by presenting multiple perspectives and proposing flexible options for the classroom, such as a range of questions and activities, that provide opportunities for higher order and critical thinking. Informing this approach has been a strong consideration of teacher needs – building confidence in teaching civics and citizenship and teaching increasingly diverse cohorts of students in the diverse schools across Victoria. The Embracing Complexity session explores these approaches through practical examples and experiences of a number of the Parliament of Victoria's new classroom resources.

## 10. PACIFIC ISLANDS DELEGATION PRESENTATION

TBA

## 11. MANAGING INNOVATION – PEAKS AND PITFALLS OF A DIGITAL ADVENTURE

<b>Maria Mead</b>	Education Officer	Queensland Parliament
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In this informal session, you will hear a story of digital innovation - one tinged with disappointment, yet imbued with hope. There will be opportunities for brainstorming and discussion so prepare to unleash your creative energies and dream big. It is our hope that an injection of ideas from this APEC gathering will enable all participants to avoid the pitfalls and enjoy the peaks of success in our own innovation stories.

## 12. GUEST SPEAKER

<b>Annie McCall</b>	Consultant	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)
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## 13. PRACTICAL ACTIVITY

<b>Annie McCall</b>	Consultant	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)
	Education Team	Queensland Parliament



## 14.CHANGEMAKERS

<b>Natalie Young</b>	Community Education Officer	Parliament of South Australia
<b>Edgar Thompson</b>	Community Education Support Officer	Parliament of South Australia

A taste of the Parliament of South Australia’s new program – a program designed to encourage student voice and active participation. This demonstration includes preferential voting and issue workshopping.

## 16.INQUIRY AND OBJECT-BASED LEARNING - QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

<b>Bridget Wall</b>	Learning Manager	Queensland Museum
<b>Rebekah Collins</b>	Sparklab Learning Manager	Queensland Museum

## 17.EDUCATION OFFICE PRESENTATION - FIJI

<b>Bale Dolokoto</b>	Senior Media and Knowledge Management Officer	Parliament of Fiji
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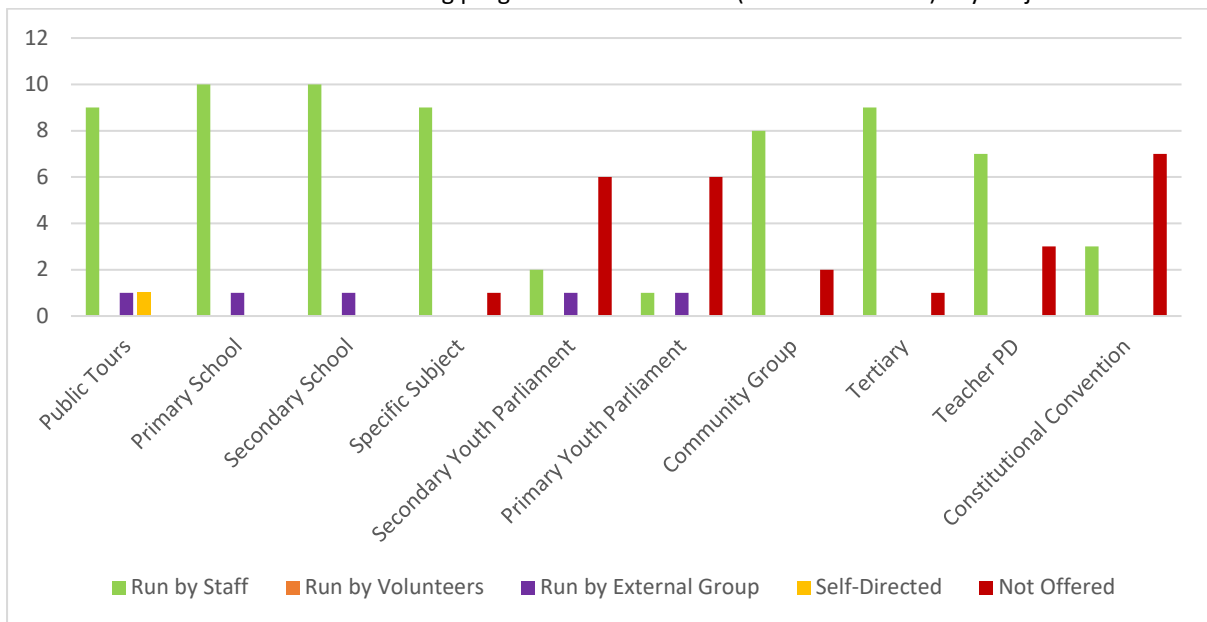




## Program Offerings Survey Summary

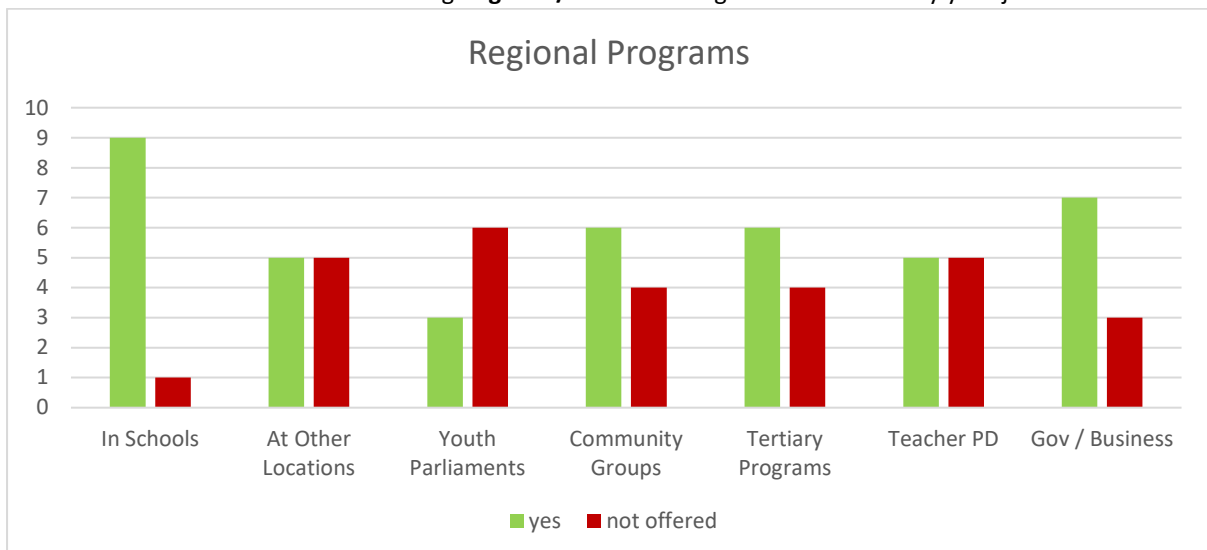
### 1. Onsite Education Programs

Please indicate which of the following programs are **run on site** (i.e. at Parliament) in your jurisdiction.



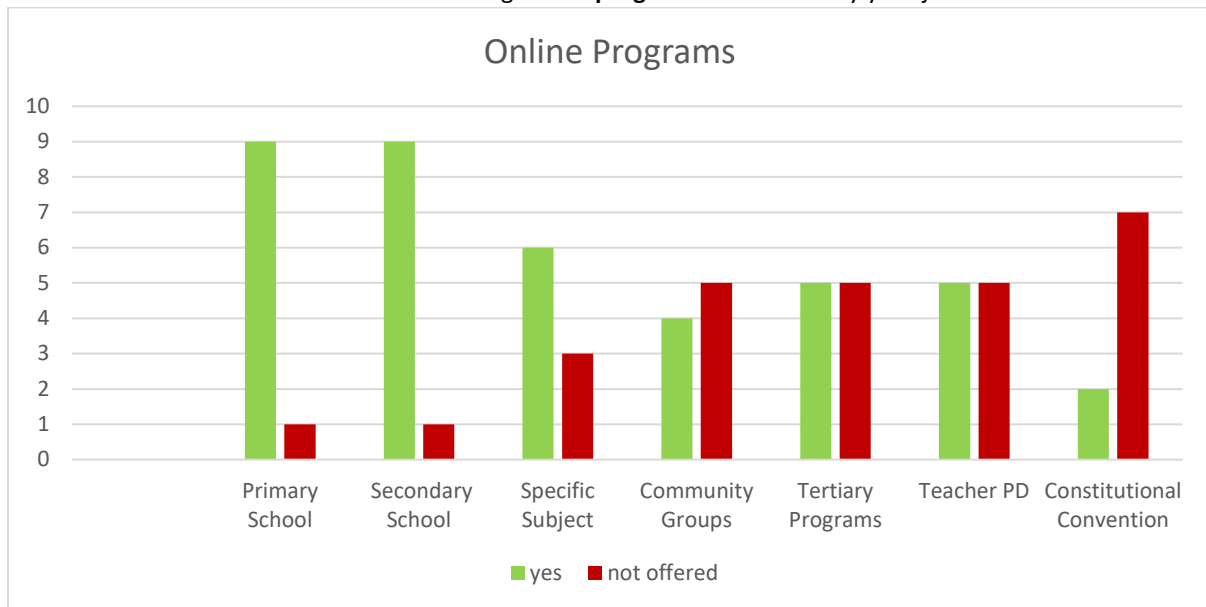
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Please indicate which of the following **Regional/Outreach** Programs are offered by your jurisdiction.

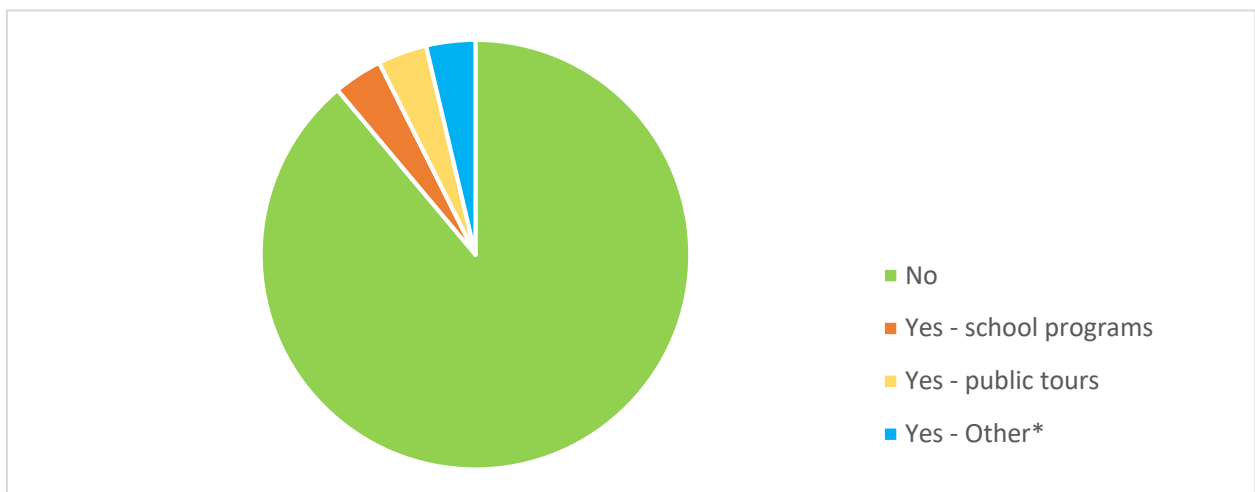


### 3. Online Programs

Please indicate which of the following **online programs** are offered by your jurisdiction.



### 4. Are sessions offered for a fee?



\* Other: APS training delivered by Procedure and Research, Department of the Senate; Some public tours delivered by Department of Parliamentary Services



## DELEGATES

Nivan Bhan, *United Nations Development Programme*  
Joseph Cho, *Senior Education Officer, New South Wales Parliament*  
Steven Collins, *Aboriginal Liaison Officer, New South Wales Parliament*  
Genevieve Cowan, *Parliamentary Attendant, Queensland Parliament*  
Lauren Davies, *Aboriginal Liaison Officer, New South Wales Parliament*  
Bale Dolokoto, *Senior Media and Knowledge Management Officer, Parliament of Fiji*  
Marjorie Elworthy, *First Peoples Liaison Officer, Queensland Parliament*  
Colette Goyne, *Parliamentary Educator, House of Assembly, Parliament of Tasmania*  
Bronwyn Gray, *Tours and Outreach Coordinator, Parliament of Victoria*  
Annemarie Groth, *Assistant Committee Secretary, Queensland Parliament*  
Susana Heti Lui, *Parliament Staff, Parliament of Tonga*  
Jackie Hinchy, *Parliamentary Attendant, Queensland Parliament*  
Glenn Jeffery, *Community Engagement, Parliament of Victoria*  
Lee Katauskas, *Parliamentary Education Office, Parliament of Australia*  
Tarun Lal, *Senior Parliamentary Education Officer, Parliament of Fiji*  
Jordy Leavesley, *Senior Parliamentary Education Officer, Parliament of Western Australia*  
Audrey Lin, *Manager, Tours and Customer Service Unit, Parliament of Victoria*  
Stephanie Mahit, *Secretary to MPs, Vanuatu Parliament*  
Kimbra McCormack, *Principal Parliamentary Educator, Parliament of Tasmania*  
Maria Mead, *Education Officer, Queensland Parliament*  
Achille Naimlonu, *Parliamentary Officer, Parliament of Vanuatu*  
Marisa Pepa, *Parliament of Solomon Islands*  
Kate Philipson, *Education Officer, Queensland Parliament*  
Lynda Pretty, *Committee Secretary, Queensland Parliament*  
Rebecca Quinnell, *Education Officer, Queensland Parliament*  
Reteta Rimon, *Support Consultant for Strategic Plan Review, Parliament of Kiribati*  
Alex Seama, *Deputy Head of Civic Education and Outreach, Parliament of Solomon Islands*  
Sascha Sheehan, *Parliamentary Education Office, Parliament of Australia*  
Edgar Thompson, *Community Education Support Officer, Parliament of South Australia*  
Elsie Tore, *Parliamentary Officer, Vanuatu Parliament*  
Louise Vere, *Executive Secretary to the Clerk, Vanuatu Parliament*  
Young Virivolomo, *Civic Education Officer, Parliament of Solomon Islands*  
Caroline Wallis, *Education Lead, New Zealand Parliament*  
Katina Webb, *Team Leader–Education and Liaison, Queensland Parliament*  
Narelle Wood, *Community Engagement, Parliament of Victoria*  
Natalie Young, *Community Education Officer, Parliament of South Australia*