

From the Speaker

"The [Queensland Parliamentary] Service's work can benefit all Queenslanders, wherever they live."

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the Queensland Parliamentary Service for 2021-22.

The Queensland Parliamentary Annexe has long been an office and accommodation space unique amongst Australian jurisdictions. The need for a Parliamentary Annexe reflects the fact that Queensland's population is the most decentralised of Australia's states.

The Annexe, opened in 1979, has provided Members with accommodation and office space for over four decades. Members' offices and accommodation have not been substantially refurbished since the 1990's.

To ensure that the Parliamentary Annexe is a safe and modern facility, the Annexe will be undergoing a significant upgrade in 2022-23. The upgrade will:

- repair and upgrade the external façade of the Parliamentary Annexe, and
- enable the refurbishment of soft furnishings in Members' office and overnight accommodation floors.

This upgrade is the second stage of the Annexe Critical Infrastructure and Services upgrade. The first stage being substantially completed in 2021-22.

The Parliamentary Annexe Upgrade is expected to deliver another 25-30 years of operation for the building.

In 2021-22, the Parliamentary Education team returned to a full delivery of programs after the disruption of Covid. Youth Parliaments were delivered in Warwick, Rockhampton, Bundaberg and at the Parliament House in Brisbane.

Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament (JIYP) was also delivered in Townsville for 2021 and for the first time to the Torres Strait in July 2022, marking the first time JIYP was delivered in a First Nations community.

Parliamentary Education also delivered a series of school visits to regional and remote communities as part of the Youth Parliament program. School visits were made to Emerald, Maryborough, Gladstone, Agnes Waters, Woorabinda, Pittsworth, Mundubbera, Stanthorpe, Ingham, Abergowrie and Thursday Island.

In 2021-22 The Parliamentary Education Team also rolled out a series of educational videos about Queensland Parliament and Constitution. Aligned with the Australian Curriculum and accompanied with teaching pack materials, the videos are a great resource for all Civics and Citizenship and Legal Studies classes.

Parliamentary Education's outreach all across Queensland is a great example of how the Service's work can benefit all Queenslanders, wherever they live.

In 2021-22, the Parliamentary Catering Services team returned to providing high quality catering and function offerings to the Queensland public.

During 2021-22, the Queensland Parliament hosted significant high profile functions including;

- Darkness to Daylight fundraiser for victims of domestic violence
- Reconciliation Queensland National Reconciliation Breakfast
- Queensland Government Flood Appeal, and
- Swearing in of the 27th Governor.

Going forward, Parliamentary Catering Services are actively pursuing opportunities to increase the exposure and awareness of the Parliamentary Precinct as a hospitality venue.

A comprehensive Sales and Marketing Plan has been developed that focuses on the attraction of customers for premium dining and conference offerings in the unique heritage venues, which the Queensland Parliament and Annexe can provide.

Looking ahead, in June 2022, I approved a proposal to launch a two-year pilot for a graduate program. Under the program, four graduates will be selected following a formal recruitment process. Over two years, each graduate will progress through a formal six-month rotation in each of the Parliamentary Service's four divisions

The program will allow salaried graduates to learn about the operation of the Parliamentary Service and develop valuable skills while at the same time contributing to the service in a meaningful way.

Eligibility under the program will be open to any tertiary students currently in the last year of their course program. In conjunction with our Reconciliation Action Plan, two of the four positions will be reserved for First Nations applicants as a tangible and practical strategy to support our commitment to Reconciliation.

In May 2023, the Queensland Parliamentary Service will facilitate the Regional Parliament in Far North Queensland. As a proud local Member, I am excited

the see the Regional sitting experience return to Cairns for the first time since 2008.

Accompanied with a full program of regional engagement including Youth Parliaments, the Far North Queensland Sitting will again take the Parliament to Regional Queenslanders for the sixth time.

On behalf of the Members of the 57th Parliament, I thank the Clerk Neil Laurie, the Executive Management Group and all Parliamentary Service staff for their hard work and dedication during the 2021-22 Financial Year.



Honourable Curtis Pitt MP

Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly