



Report of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group, Queensland Chapter, 2021 – 2022

Membership

The Queensland Chapter of the ASPG (Chapter)'s membership fell from 46 in 2020-21 (39 full members, 6 associate members and one honorary life member) to 34 as at 4 April 2022 (29 full members, 4 associate members and one honorary life member).

Chapter composition

The Chapter welcomed the following people to key roles in December 2021:

- Chair – Diana McCluskey, University of Queensland
- Secretary – James Gilchrist, Queensland Parliament (formerly the Clerk's representative)
- Clerk's representative – Bek Pye.

Dr Vanja Perovic-Vukotic continued in her role as Treasurer.

The Chapter also welcomed a number of new members to the executive committee.

Chapter activities

In 2021-22, the executive committee met regularly via videoconference.

The Chapter hosted two events at the Queensland Parliament that were well attended by ASPG members and Members of the Queensland Parliament:

- 30 August 2021 – *100 Year Commemoration Event: TJ Ryan, former Premier of Queensland*, featuring Emeritus Professor Kay Saunders AO and Dr Raymond Evans
- 28 March 2022 – *The tyranny of distance – representing regional Queensland in the 21st century*, featuring Ms Cynthia Lui MP, Mr Lachlan Millar MP and Mr Robbie Katter MP.

ASPG-Q prize for Parliamentary scholarship

In 2021, the Chapter sought entries for its inaugural prize for parliamentary scholarship, with a prize of \$1,000, half of which was generously donated by executive committee member Ms Beryce Nelson.

The prize was awarded at the Chapter's first event of 2022. The Chapter plans to offer the prize for 2022.

James Gilchrist

Secretary

Queensland Chapter

4 April 2022