

PROGRAMME

MONDAY 8 JULY

3:00pm – 4:30pm	Early delegate registration	Parliamentary Annexe reception
3:45pm – 4:15pm	Optional tour of Parliament House	Parliamentary Annexe reception
4:30pm	Buses depart for Welcome Reception	Alice Street
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Welcome Reception	Government House

TUESDAY 9 JULY

8:30am – 9:30am	Registration	Parliamentary Annexe reception
9:30am – 10:30am	Official conference opening	Speaker's Green
	Election of conference Chair & Deputy Chair	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:30am– 11:00am	Conference photograph	Grand Staircase
11:00am – 11:30am	Morning Tea	President's Verandah
11:30am – 12:30pm	Keynote address	Legislative Assembly Chamber
12:30pm– 2:00pm	Lunch & guest speaker	Strangers' Dining Room
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Jurisdiction reports: Session 1	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea	President's Verandah
4:00pm – 5:00pm	50th POCC panel discussion	Legislative Assembly Chamber
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Conference dinner	Speaker's Green

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

9:00am – 10:30am	Conference Papers: Practice & Procedure	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:30am – 11:00am	Official opening of Committee Rooms	Committee Rooms, L6
	Morning Tea	
11:00am – 12:00pm	Twinned Parliament meetings	
	Queensland/Papua New Guinea/Vanuatu	Committee Room 2, L6
	New South Wales/Solomon Islands, Bougainville	Committee Room 1, L6
	Victoria/Nauru/Tuvalu/Fiji	Committee Room 3, L6
	South Australia/Tonga	Room 5.04A, L5
	Tasmania, Samoa	Room 5.04, L5
	Western Australia/Cook Islands	Room 5.03A, L5
	Northern Territory/Niue	Dandiiir Room, L5
12:00pm– 3:30pm	Lunch & guest speaker	Members' dining hall
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Workshop 1: Practicalities of Presiding	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Afternoon tea	President's Verandah
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Jurisdiction reports: Session 2	Legislative Assembly Chamber
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Speaker's Drinks	Lucinda Bar
7:30pm – 10:00pm	<i>Optional</i> - State of Origin Game 3 screening: QLD v NSW	Undumbi Room, L5



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THURSDAY 11 JULY

9:00am – 10:30am	Conference Papers: The administration of Parliament & precincts	Legislative Assembly Chamber
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning Tea	President's Verandah
11:00am – 12:30pm	Workshop 2: Balancing security & access to the People's House	Legislative Assembly Chamber
12:30pm – 2:00pm	Lunch	Strangers' Dining Room
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Workshop 3: Speakers across the Commonwealth	Legislative Assembly Chamber
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Reaching out A taste for Parliament	Legislative Assembly Chamber President's Verandah
4:00pm – 4:45pm	The use of speech recognition technology in Parliaments	Legislative Assembly Chamber
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Conference close	Legislative Assembly Chamber
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Presiding Officers' dinner Clerks' dinner	Stokehouse Q, Southbank Greca, Howard Smith Wharves

FRIDAY 12 JULY

8:00am – 8:30am	PPP Education Trust Fund Meeting	Committee Room 2, L6
8:45am – 9:45am	CPA Meetings CPA Pacific region CPA Australia region	Committee Room 1, L6 Committee Room 3, L6
9:45am – 10:00am	Morning Tea	
10:00am – 10:45am	Joint CPA meeting	Dandiiir Room, L5
11:00am – 5:00pm	Half day tour of Brisbane River Cruise & lunch Queensland Museum	Eagle Street Pier, Brisbane City Southbank, Brisbane
7:00pm	Optional - Opera in the Upper House	Legislative Council Chamber

SATURDAY 13 JULY

10:00am – 12:30pm	Workshops Australian & New Zealand Clerks and officials: Parliamentary strengthening and technical assistance Pacific Presiding Officers	Dandiiir Room, L5 Committee Room 3, L6
5:30pm	Optional - NRL game: Broncos v Warriors	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane



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WELCOME TO THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT

I heartily welcome all delegates, spouses and observers to Parliament House, Brisbane for the 50th Annual Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference.

Last year we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the opening of Parliament House and we are honoured to be celebrating here in Queensland the 50th edition of the peak forum for Presiding Officers and Clerks from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

The theme of this 50th POCC is 'Practicalities of Presiding and Administrating Parliaments'. The sessions scheduled over the next week are designed to engage delegates about the challenges they face everyday in delivering the functions of their home Parliaments.

We also have scheduled events for delegates, spouses and observers to showcase the best Queensland has to offer.

The team here at the Queensland Parliament have been working tirelessly towards delivering the conference program over the next week and we trust that you will enjoy the events here at this precinct and beyond.

I welcome you all and hope to meet you in person over the next week.



HON CURTIS PITT MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



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HON CURTIS PITT MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Career

The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP was elected as the Member for Mulgrave on 21 March 2009 and was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Queensland Parliament) on 13 February 2018.

From February 2015 to December 2017, Curtis was the Treasurer of Queensland, overseeing an annual Budget of \$55 billion and was charged with driving the State's \$350 billion economy.

During this time, he also had responsibility for portfolios including Trade and Investment, Employment and Industrial Relations, Energy and Water Supply, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, and Sport. He has also previously served as Minister for Disability Services and was Queensland's first standalone Minister for Mental Health in 2011.

In Opposition, Curtis was Shadow Treasurer and Shadow Minister for Trade, Employment, Energy and Water Supply, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Curtis was also Leader of Opposition Business in the Parliament.

Prior to his appointment to Cabinet, Curtis was Deputy Government Whip and served on various parliamentary committees including the Integrity, Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

Prior to his election, Curtis worked in the Queensland Public Service where he led the Queensland Government's Indigenous Jobs and Enterprises Taskforce, established to improve economic participation for members of discrete Indigenous communities.

Previously, Curtis worked for the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on alcohol management reforms in Indigenous Communities. He has also led the Queensland Government's business and skilled migration program, working closely with the Australian Government and private sector employers on a number of industrial relations and multicultural issues.

Prior to his career in the public service, Curtis worked in the media and cinema industries, and has also served as an Auxiliary Firefighter.



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Personal

Born in Cairns Base Hospital and raised in Gordonvale, Curtis Pitt is a proud Far North Queenslander who continues his family's long history of public service.

Having attended Gordonvale Primary School, Gordonvale High School, St Mary's College Woree, he has a Bachelor of Arts (Politics) from James Cook University in Cairns.

Curtis is a person of integrity and believes strongly in family values. Curtis and his wife Kerry have had four children – Isabel (deceased), Tristan, Layla, and Kobi.

Kerry is a proud Aboriginal woman from the Kuku Yalangi people, whose traditional lands are around the Mossman/Port Douglas area. Kerry and Curtis also both share close ties with Yarrabah, the largest mainland Aboriginal community in Australia, which is also in the electorate of Mulgrave.

Curtis became the patron of Stillbirth and Neo-Natal Death Support (SANDS) after the loss of Isabel and with Kerry continues to raise awareness about the prevalence of early pregnancy loss in our community. This includes the annual 'Ride for Isabel' cycling event which he founded in 2010.



MR NEIL LAURIE

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Neil has been the Clerk of the Parliament (Queensland) and Honorary Secretary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Queensland Branch since 22 February 2003.

Neil commenced work at the Queensland Parliament in June 1993 and worked as the Secretary of number of Committees

until being appointed Deputy Clerk and Clerk of Committees in 1996.

Prior to his employment with the Queensland Parliament, Neil worked for the Office of the Special Prosecutor (1989-1993) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (1993).

Neil holds a Bachelor of Laws (QUT) 1989 and Master of Laws (QUT) (Hons) 1998. Neil's dissertation for his Masters of Laws was on "Parliamentary Investigations". Neil also holds a Master of Business Administration (QUT) 2003. Neil was admitted to the Queensland Supreme Court as a Barrister-at-Law in 1992.

Neil has casually lectured or tutored in law at the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. He has also regularly lectured on parliamentary procedure in the course "Parliamentary Law and Practice"



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sponsored by the Australian New Zealand Clerks at the Table (ANZACATT) in conjunction with both the Queensland University of Technology (until 2009) and University of Tasmania (since 2010) most years since 2003.

Neil was announced the Queensland University of Technology Law School outstanding alumni of the year in 2005. Neil was a member of the QUT Faculty of Law Advisory Committee – Law Courses between 2006 and 2012.

Neil has been the past president of the Australia New Zealand Association of Clerks at the Table (ANZACATT) (2009-10) and past Chair of its Education Committee (2001-2006).

Neil is married to Leah and they have twins Jack and Zara (8 years old). Neil also has three adult daughters to a previous marriage Kaitlan, Annie and Lucy.



MR MICHAEL RIES

Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Parliamentary Service experience

- Deputy Clerk of the Queensland Legislative Assembly since June 2008;
- Director of the Assembly and Committee Services Division; and
- Clerk at the Table of the House.

Previous Public Service experience

- Director – Constitutional and Administrative Law Services (Department of Premier and Cabinet) 2002 to 2008;
- Clerk of the Executive Council in 2003 to 2008;
- Acted in a number of senior management roles in the Department of Premier and Cabinet including: Executive Director – State Affairs; Director – Communication Services; Director – Queensland's 150th Celebrations; and
- Prior to joining Department of Premier and Cabinet in 1998, numerous roles for Queensland's Criminal Justice Commission including: Research Officer; Registrar of the Misconduct Tribunals; and Secretary to the Commissioners of Police Service Reviews.

Professional associations

Member of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group, Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks at the Table (ANZACATT), Society of Clerks at the Table in Commonwealth Parliaments and Australian Institute of Management.



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



THE RIGHT HON SIR LINDSAY HOYLE MP

Member of Parliament for Chorley, Deputy Speaker, Chairman of Ways & Means

Sir Lindsay Harvey Hoyle (born 10 June 1957) is a British Labour Party politician who has been the Member of Parliament for Chorley since 1997.

Lindsay Hoyle attended Anderton County Primary School, and Lord's College, Bolton. He went on to attend Horwich Further Education College.

He was the first Labour politician to represent Chorley at Westminster in 18 years. Prior to entering Parliament Lindsay Hoyle was a member of Chorley Borough Council. Elected in 1980 at the age of 22, Lindsay was the youngest councillor ever to serve in Chorley and one of the youngest nationwide. Lindsay also held the post of Deputy Leader from 1994 to 1997 and finished his time on the council as Mayor from 1997 to 1998.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle was one of the 1997 Labour intake of MPs, winning his seat with a majority of 9,870. He was a member of the House of Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee, later re-named the Business Innovation and Skills Committee, and of the European Scrutiny Select Committee. In the 2017 General Election he was returned to Westminster with a majority of 7,512 (55% of the vote).

He was elected Chairman of Ways and Means and senior Deputy Speaker on 8 June 2010, the first time this appointment has been made by secret ballot of all MPs rather than nomination by the Leader of the House. Following the General Elections of 2015 and 2017 he was re-elected to the post.

Prior to becoming the first ever elected Chairman of Ways and Means Lindsay Hoyle was a vocal back bencher. He maintains a keen interest in British manufacturing, defence policy, procurement policy, North West regional development and the British Overseas Territories, including especially Gibraltar.

As Chairman of Ways and Means he is the senior Deputy to the Speaker of the House of Commons and regularly presides in the Chamber. In particular he is ultimately responsible for overseeing the debate on the Budget and in any Committee of the whole House, including most recently the scrutiny of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill. He also serves on the House of Commons



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Finance Committee which oversees the budget of the House administration.

In 2015 Sir Lindsay was appointed as the Chair of the Consultative Panel on Parliamentary Security. This bicameral Panel advises the Speaker and Lord Speaker on security matters and serves as a forum for Members to discuss their concerns with the Director of Parliamentary Security.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle was appointed as a Member of her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council in March 2013 and knighted in 2017.

Sir Lindsay Hoyle is married and his interests outside politics include rugby league, cricket, football and gardening.

GUEST SPEAKER



DR MATTHEW LABAN

Matthew is the headteacher of Millbank Academy, a school in Westminster, London, situated near the Houses of Parliament. He has been the headteacher of several schools in the London area.

Educated in London, Matthew gained a BA in French and History and then an MA in Contemporary British History since 1939.

He went on to complete a PhD on The Speaker of the House of Commons: The Office and its Holders since 1945 under the supervision of Professor the Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield at Queen Mary, University of London. Matthew is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Matthew has written extensively on the history of the post-war British Speakership and the development of the Westminster model across the Commonwealth. His book on the subject, *Mr Speaker: The Office and the Individuals since 1945*, was published in 2013. Matthew has commented on the office of Speaker and Speakership elections on BBC television and radio.

Matthew was a councillor in the London Borough of Enfield for nine years, where he served as Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety.



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AUSTRALIA



HON TONY SMITH MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honourable Tony Smith MP, was re-elected as Speaker for the third time on 2 July 2019.

Mr Smith, the Federal Member for Casey, was first elected in 2001, and subsequently re-elected in 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019.

The Speaker has previously served as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister from 30 January 2007 to 3 December 2007, and in a range of Shadow Ministerial positions in the 42nd and 43rd parliaments. Mr Smith has served on numerous parliamentary committees and was most recently Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in the 44th Parliament.

The Speaker studied a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne. He is married with two sons.

Biography

- Elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Casey in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019.
- First elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on 10 August 2015, re-elected 30 August 2016, and 2 July 2019.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister from 30 January – 3 December 2007
- Shadow Minister for Education, Apprenticeships and Training (2007-08)
- Shadow Assistant Treasurer (2008-09)
- Shadow Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (2009-10)
- Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Tax Reform (2010-13)
- Member of the House of Representatives Standing Committees on:
Ageing
- (2002-04), Science and Innovation (2002-04), Education and Training (2008), Economics (2008-10, 2011-12), Communications (2010), Appropriations and Administration (Chair) (2015 -), House (Chair) (2015 -), Selection (Chair) (2015 -)



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- Member of Joint Statutory Committees on: Public Accounts and Audit (Chair)
- (2006-07, 2013-14), Corporations and Financial Services (2010-15), Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings (Chair) (2015 -)
- Member of Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters (2004-06, 2013-15) (Chair from 2004-06, 2014-15)
- Member of Joint Select Committee on Australia's Clean Energy Future Legislation (2011).



MR DAVID ELDER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

David is a long standing employee of the Department of the House of Representatives, having joined the department in 1981. He worked for a number of years on committee secretariats. The highlight of his career as a committee secretary was working with Stephen Martin who chaired a

major inquiry into the Australian Banking Industry in the early 1990s.

Since then David has held senior jobs in the department, including Sergeant-at-Arms, Clerk Assistant (Committees) and Clerk Assistant (Table). In 2010 he was appointed as Deputy Clerk. David also was secretary of the House of Representatives Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests from 2000–2014.

David was appointed as the 16th Clerk of the House of Representatives on 1 January 2014.

David has a Master of Arts degree and an Executive Master of Public Administration degree. Outside of work, he is an active member of Rotary (when time permits) and enjoys playing golf (again, when time permits).



MS CLARESSA SURTEES

Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives

Roles and responsibilities

Claressa Surtees is the Deputy Clerk of the House. The Deputy Clerk is the second most senior official of the Department of the House of Representatives is responsible for advising and assisting Members, their staff and officers

on matters of parliamentary practice and law, and drafting private members bills and amendments. The Deputy assists the Clerk in the management of the department and during the Clerk's absence performs the duties of Clerk.

Biography

Claressa has degrees in law and economics. She has worked in the Parliament since 1993, having previously worked in the Australian Public Service. Claressa has worked across all areas of the department, in chamber support, committee support and with members and corporate services.

Claressa is married with two children.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



HON JOY BURCH MLA **Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**

Joy was elected in 2008 as a Member for Brindabella in the Seventh Legislative Assembly for the ACT.

In late 2009 she was appointed to the ACT Government Ministry, taking on the portfolios of Housing, Ageing, Community Services, Women, Multicultural Affairs, Children

and Young People, and Disability.

In November 2012, the beginning of the Eight Legislative Assembly, Joy Burch was appointed Minister for Education and Training, and retained the Ministries of Disability, Children and Young People; the Arts; Gaming and Racing; Women; and Multicultural Affairs.

In 2014 Joy was appointed Minister for Police and Emergency Service and retained the portfolios of Education and Training, Disability, Gaming and Racing and the Arts.

Joy served in the position of Deputy Speaker during 2016 and was re-elected at the October 2016 ACT Election, with the Ninth Legislative Assembly subsequently electing Joy as the Speaker of the Assembly.



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MR TOM DUNCAN

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Tom has been the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the ACT for sixteen years, prior to that he was Deputy Clerk for fourteen years and has also worked in the Federal and New South Wales' Parliaments. Tom was Regional Secretary of the Australian Region of the CPA, a position he held from 2013 to 2018.

Tom also oversees the twinning partnership that the Legislative Assembly has with the Kiribati Parliament and has a particular interest in developing benchmarking standards for parliaments.

He has delivered numerous conference papers and had articles published on this subject.

Education and Qualifications

- Bachelor of Economics (ANU), 1983
- Bachelor of Letters (Political Science) (ANU), 1986

Career

- Parliamentary Officer – House of Representatives, Canberra (1985–1990)
- Deputy Clerk – ACT Legislative Assembly (1990–1999; 2001–2003)
- NSW Legislative Assembly (2000)
- Clerk – ACT Legislative Assembly (2003–present)

Previous POCC attendance

Solomon Island (1991), Nauru (1997), New Zealand (2001), Tonga (2003), Melbourne (2004), Samoa (2005), Perth (2006), Cook Islands (2008), Kiribati (2009), Brisbane (2011), Solomon Islands (2012), Canberra (2013), Samoa (2014), Hobart (2015), Tonga (2016), Sydney (2017), New Zealand (2018).

Tom is married to Kirsten, with two daughters, Matilda and Cassandra. His interests are yoga, running, skiing, tennis and the Collingwood Football Club.



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BOUGAINVILLE



HON SIMON GREGORY PENTANU

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joined pre-independence multi-lingual Papua New Guinea House of Assembly as simultaneous interpreter/ translator March 1969. Career parliamentary officer 1972-1993. Held appointments as Clerk of Committees, First Clerk Assistant, Deputy Clerk. Served as Clerk of the PNG National Parliament 1984-1993.

Career

- Member of Public Service Commission (1994)
- PNG Chief Ombudsman (1995–2000)
- Chief Provincial Administrator Bougainville Province (2002–2004)
- Senior National Advisor UNDP-PNG Parliament Support Program (2005–2008)
- Freelance customary landowners consultant (2009–2014)
- Speaker Bougainville House of Representatives (2015–2020)



MR ROBERT TAPI

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Education and Qualifications

- Diploma in Journalism (University of Papua New Guinea)
- Certificate on Strategic Management

Career

- Department of Information and Communications, two years' cadetship (Information Officer) (1981–1982)
- Post and Telecommunication Corporation, Publicity Manager (1983–85)
- North Solomons Provincial Government, Press Secretary to the Premier (1985), Information Officer – Division of Information (1986), and Executive Officer to the Premier (1987–1989)

- Department of Bougainville, Assistant Field Coordinator Bougainville Restoration (1990–1993), and Executive Officer to Administrative Secretary (1994)
- Bougainville Transitional Government, Executive Officer to the Premier & Secretary to Executive Council (1995–1997), and Acting Clerk of the BTG Assembly
- Bougainville People's Congress, Executive Officer to the Bougainville Peoples' Congress (1998–2000)
- Interim Bougainville Provincial Government, Secretary and Assembly Clerk of the Interim Bougainville Prov. Government (2001–2003), and Executive Officer to the Transitional Consultative Council (2001–2003)
- Bougainville Constitutional Commission, Secretary to the Bougainville Constitutional Commission (2003–2004)
- Bougainville Constituent Assembly, Clerk of the Bougainville Constituent Assembly (2004)
- Autonomous Bougainville Government, Secretary to the Bougainville Executive Council (2005), and Acting Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives (2005–2019)

NEW SOUTH WALES



HON LESLIE WILLIAMS MP **Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**

Leslie Williams is the State Member for Port Macquarie and in March 2019 was appointed to the position of Deputy Speaker in the NSW Parliament.

She has held numerous roles in the NSW Parliament since being elected in 2011 including Chair, Committee on the

Health Care Complaints Commission, Parliamentary Secretary for Renewable Energy, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Assistant Minister for Education as well as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Health.

Since she was elected, Leslie has delivered more than one billion dollars in State Government funding for projects in the Port Macquarie electorate including the \$96 million redevelopment of Port Macquarie Base Hospital, the replacement



of Stingray Creek Bridge, the building of the Lake Cathie Public School, millions of dollars in local road funding, the construction of the new Mental Health Unit at Port Macquarie Base Hospital and recently the \$15 million allocation for the expansion of Charles Sturt University.

Leslie's employment history is broad and includes working as a registered nurse at the Port Macquarie Base Hospital between 2007 and 2011 and a secondary school teacher with the SA Department of Education between 1981 and 1990. Whilst living in Darwin she was employed by the Sudden Infant Death Association of the Northern Territory as their CEO from 1993 to 1995 and was a delegate to the National SIDS Council of Australia.

Upon moving to Lake Cathie on the NSW Mid North Coast, Leslie and her husband Don operated their own Australia Post business between 1995 and 2006 whilst raising two young children.

Despite a busy schedule representing her community in State Parliament, Leslie continues to be actively involved in many community organisations including Rotary, the Hastings Business Women's Network and Bravehearts and has been a Mid North Coast Ambassador for the Cancer Council's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea'.

She was also an Executive member of the Port Macquarie Suicide Prevention Network and was a founding member of the Hastings Men's Shed.



MS HELEN MINNICAN

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Helen Minnican was appointed as Clerk of the NSW Legislative Assembly in February 2017. Prior to her appointment, Helen served as Deputy Clerk from March 2016. Having commenced with the Legislative Assembly in 1990, her previous roles were Clerk-Assistant (Committees

and Corporate), Clerk-Assistant (Table), Director - Procedure, Research and Training, and Director for numerous parliamentary committees.

Helen was employed from 1989-1990 as a policy officer in the New South Wales Cabinet Office and started her career in the late 1980s as a parliamentary officer in the NSW Legislative Council.

Education and Qualifications

BA (Hons I) University of Newcastle awarded 1985 (Honours, majoring in British-Indian History).

Interests & Activities

History: Ancient and Modern Indian, 20th century Conservative Party and Indian Independence. Literature: Rabindranath Tagore. Activities: Lazing at the beach and swimming.

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HON JOHN AJAKA MLC

President of the Legislative Council

Born in Bulli, New South Wales to migrant parents from Yaroun, Lebanon. Elected to the New South Wales Legislative Council in 2007.

Member and chair on a number of parliamentary committees

including the General Purpose Standing Committee, Standing committee on Law and Justice, Committee on Children and Young People, Privileges Committee and the Select Committee on the NSW Taxi Industry.

Served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers for Transport and Roads. Served as Minister for Ageing, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for the Illawarra, Minister for Multiculturalism, Minister responsible for Youth and Minister responsible for Volunteering. Served as Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

Elected as the President of the Legislative Council of the NSW Parliament in February 2017, and re-elected as President following the 2019 General Election.

Sporting interests are in Rugby League Football (St George Dragons) and Boxing. Involved in a number of community and charitable organisations.



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MR DAVID BLUNT

Clerk of the Parliaments & Clerk of the Legislative Council

Career

- BA (Hons) University of Sydney, Honours in Government and Public Administration (1983–1986)
- MPhil University of Sydney, School of Government and Public Administration (1991–1993). 50,000 word thesis on topic: Watching the Watchers – the ICAC: Independence, Accountability and Autonomy)
- LLB (Hons) University of Sydney (1995–1999)
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW (admitted to practice in October 2002)
- David was appointed Clerk of the Parliaments in October 2011. Through his career as a parliamentary officer since 1990, Mr Blunt has held a variety of positions. These include: Deputy Clerk, Clerk Assistant – Corporate Support, Usher of the Black Rod and Director – Procedure, Director – General Purpose Standing Committees, Director – Standing Committee on Law and Justice, Senior Project Officer – Public Accounts Committee and Project Officer – Joint Standing Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
- Since 2015 David has been the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the NSW Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.



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RT HON TREVOR MALLARD

Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives

Parliamentary career

Rt Hon Trevor Mallard is the 30th Speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives, 2017 – current

- Trevor first became an MP in 1984.
- He was Junior then Senior Whip in the Lange Labour government and developed an interest in legislative processes at that time.
- When Labour came to government in 1999 he was given the roles of Minister of Education, Minister of State Services, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Associate Minister of Finance (for 6-9 years) and for shorter periods as Minister Co-ordinating Race Relations, Minister for the Environment, Minister of Labour, Minister of Broadcasting, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, Minister of Energy, Minister of Economic Development, Minister for the Rugby World Cup and Minister for the America's Cup
- In his role as Speaker, Trevor chairs meetings of the house and maintains order for house business, ensuring balance and making decisions on matters of procedure. Trevor also represents the House internationally by welcoming delegations and carrying out relations with other Parliaments through the Speaker's Office.
- He chairs the Business Committee, the Standing Orders Committee and the Officers of Parliament Committee, along with the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Education and Prior Experience

Trevor Mallard studied at Victoria and Waikato Universities. He then worked as an accountant and a teacher before he set up the King Country Rural Education Programme.



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DAVID WILSON

Clerk of the House, New Zealand

Parliamentary career

- Clerk of the House, appointed July 2015
- Chief Executive, Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives

Education

Master of Arts, History, University of Otago

Master of Management, Massey University



WENDY HART

Inter-Parliamentary Relations Officer, New Zealand

Parliamentary career

- Joined the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives of New Zealand in 2009
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Pacific Regional Secretary

Education

Master of Arts, History, Victoria University of Wellington

Post Graduate Certificate in Public Policy, Victoria University of Wellington

Bachelor of Arts, Hons, University of Otago

NIUE



HON TOGIAVALU PIHIGIA MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Parliament Career

- 15th Niue Legislative of Assembly First Term
Elected as Speaker of the House
- 16th Niue Legislative of Assembly Second Term
Elected as Speaker of the House



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Education and Career

Hon Pihigia has had a long service in the Niue Public Service from his beginnings in the early 1970s when he completed his Education.

His first post in the Service was an Assistant Clerk to the Assembly during his time with Hon Sir Roberts R Rex's administration.

Climbed the Corporate Ladder in the service with the culmination of his last posting as Secretary of Justice in 1995.

Appointed as a Justice of Peace with the Niue High Court and continues to hold this position despite his appointment as Speaker of the Niue Assembly.

Personal

Togiavalu is a farmer, fisherman, big supporter of community activities and enjoys watching sports on TV (mainly rugby).



MS CHERIE MORRIS-TAFATU

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Education and Qualifications

- NZ School Certificate – Science and English, Mana College, Porirua, New Zealand (1980)
- USP Foundation Certificate, University of the South Pacific, Niue (1981)
- NZ Higher School Certificate and Form 7 Diligence Certificate, New Plymouth Girls High School (1982–1984)
- Diploma in Horticulture, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand (1987)
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Horticulture Production – Honors Class IIB), University of Queensland, Australia (1995–1998)
- Master in Human Resource Planning and Development (Distinction), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India (2004)

Career

- Assistant Research Officer – Nursery and Plant Production, Niue Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (1987–1994)
- Manager for Scholarships and Training, Niue National Training & Development Unit & Human Resources, Niue Public Service Commission (1999–2011)

- Manager of Human Resources and Support Services, Niue Department of Education, Ministry of Social Services (2011–2017)
- Clerk of the Niue Legislative of Assembly, Cabinet & Parliamentary Services Department (2017–present)

Interests

Cherie enjoys reading, gardening, singing, badminton, travel and musical instruments.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



HON KEZIA PURICK MLA

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

The Honourable Kezia Purick MLA holds the position of Speaker and is the Presiding Officer of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly. Ms Purick was first elected as the Member for Goyder to Parliament in 2008, re-elected in 2012 and was elected as Speaker unopposed in September 2012.

As the Speaker of the Parliament, Ms Purick has three main roles as follows:

- A procedural role as the Presiding Officer for the Legislative Assembly who presides over the sittings on the Parliament.
- A ceremonial role representing the parliament at official ceremonies such as Bombing of Darwin and Remembrance Day and receives visiting dignitaries such as High Commissioners, Ambassadors and heads of state.
- An administrative role to act as a non - cabinet minister for the Department of the Legislative Assembly with responsibility for the State Square precinct which includes, Parliament House, Liberty Gardens, Old Supreme Court Gardens and the Forecourt. This administrative role also ensures all Members of Parliament are supplied with an electorate office and staff to allow them to perform in their role as an elected Member of Parliament. The Department of the Legislative Assembly is responsible for the security of the precinct, an established education programme and support towards activities and the operations in the building.



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As Speaker, Ms Purick is keen to have as many people as possible visit Parliament House, view proceedings, better understand the practices and workings of Parliament and appreciate the architecture and history of the building. Further, Ms Purick has a strong focus on school groups' education and visits to the parliament and wants to have the programme expanded and reach out to all Territory schools and teachers regardless of their location.

Past Employment and Professional Activities

- Worked for sixteen years from 1991 to 2008 as the head of the Northern Territory's resource industry group and was instrumental in bring the industry to the forefront of public policy debate and expanding services and membership. During this time participation on various Northern Territory and Commonwealth advisory committees covering uranium and royalties and exploration programmes. Appearance and submissions to Commonwealth and Northern Territory Parliamentary standing and sessional committees.
- Prior employment included marketing, public relations, industrial relations and research and two years as the ADC to the Administrator of the Northern Territory.
- Over the last 20 years been involved in many business groups, advisory councils including work health, consumer affairs, education and local government.
- Participant in economic summits and the statehood conventions.
- Presented papers and speeches to industry, research organisations and community groups.
- Work with community groups such as Guides and Scouts, Fred's Pass and Royal Darwin Show Societies, sporting groups and rural schools.

Education

- Undertook primary schooling in Darwin and secondary schooling in Perth. Completed tertiary studies at the University of Western Australia receiving a Bachelor of Commerce.

Political Activities

- Elected to the Northern Territory Parliament in 2008 for the rural seat of Goyder, which encompasses Virginia, Bees Creek, Humpty Doo, Noonamah, Herbert, Lambells Lagoon and Fogg Dam areas. Re-elected in 2012
- Member of Standing Committees: Legal and Constitutional; Standing Orders; House;



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- Member of the Select Committee Youth Suicide
- Chairman and Member of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Committee
- Member of the CTC Animal welfare Committee
- Re-elected to the Northern Territory Parliament in 2012 for the seat of Goyder with an increased margin
- Elected to the position of Speaker – unopposed
- Other Political Activities
- Attended 2009 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 18th Australian and Pacific Regional Seminar Wellington New Zealand 2 – 6 November
- Attended 2010 56th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 56th plenary Conference Nairobi Kenya 10 – 19 September
- Attended 2014 45th Presiding Officers and Clerk's Conference Samoa 30 June – 4 July
- Attended Presiding Officers and Clerks' Conference Tasmania 2015 and presented a paper on NT Parliamentary Changes
- Elected as an Australian Regional Representative to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Executive Committee for a three year term and attended the 2015 Mid - Year Executive Conference in Kota Kinabalu 27 April – 3 May.
- Attended Commonwealth Parliamentary Executive Committee and General Assembly meetings in London 30 September – 6 October 2015.
- Attended 2016 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 62nd Conference United Kingdom 11 – 17th December.
- Attended 2017 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association 63rd Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1 – 8th November 2017.
- Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – Commonwealth Women's Summit, London UK 16 – 20 April 2018.
- Attended 2018 Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, Wellington NZ 8 – 13th July 2018.

Personal Activities and Interests

- Long term resident with extended family of the Northern Territory - since 1959
- Resident on own 10 acre rural property since 1985 and prior to that, since 1966 with family



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- Passionate supporter of the path to statehood for the Northern Territory
- Hobbies include old comic collection, historical metal signs, gardening, dog breeding, social media, Territory history and creative recycling
- Keen supporter of the exploration, extractive and mining industries

Patronages

- Noonamah Horse and Pony Club
- Northern Territory Show Horse Association
- Darwin Dressage Club
- Women in Resources
- Co- Patron Southern Districts Cricket Association
- Patron of Noonamah Polocrosse
- Patron of the NT Polocrosse Association
- Southern Districts Football Club's Croc's Plate Sprint
- Patriots Motor Cycle Club
- Fred's Pass Rural Community Show
- Patron of Swamp Dogs Rugby Union Club
- Patron of GHD Australia
- Key Memberships
- Honorary Life Member - Fred's Pass Rural Community Show
- Member of University of Western Australia Alumni
- Member of the Bengali Explorers Club



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REPUBLIC OF FIJI



HON RATU EPELI NAILATIKAU MP

Speaker of the Parliament

Presidential appointments

12 November 2012 - 11 November 2015 President of the Republic of Fiji

5 November 2009 - 11 November 2012 President of the Republic of Fiji Islands

Parliamentary appointments

11 February 2019	Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Fiji
1 October 2001- 4 June 2006	Speaker of the House of Representatives Ministerial appointments
7 October 2008	Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Provincial Development & Multi Ethnic Affairs
8 January 2007	Minister for Foreign Affairs & External Trade [Interim Government]
5 October 2006	Appointed Ambassador in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
March 2001 – September 2001	Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Fijian Affairs [Caretaker Government]
July 2000 – March 2001	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Fijian Affairs [Interim Government]

Career

30 November 2015	Appointed UN AIDS Regional Goodwill Ambassador for the Pacific Region
15 January 2014	Knighted Knight Justice in the Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem
5 November 2009	Chancellor - University of Fiji
5 November 2009	Sworn in as President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands
12 August 2009	Appointed acting President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands



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17 April 2009	Sworn in as Vice President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands
8 January 2007	Appointed Fiji Representative for HIV/AIDS
10 June 2005	Appointed UN AIDS Special Representative for the Pacific
February 1999	Appointed Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs & External Trade
1998	Appointed Roving Ambassador/High Commissioner in the Pacific with special responsibility for Fiji's Peacekeeping contribution with the Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville, PNG
1996	Appointed Honorary Colonel of the First Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment (1FIR)
1994	Appointed Honorary Colonel of the Third Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment (3FIR)
1988-96	Appointed Ambassador to the United Kingdom Also accredited to Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Israel, The Holy See
1987	Relieved as Commander RFMF after 1987 Coup d'état
1986	Promoted Brigadier-General
1982	Appointed Commander RFMF and promoted Colonel
1981-82	Appointed Chief of Staff RFMF
1981	Appointed Senior Plans Officer with UNIFIL, Naqoura, Lebanon
1980	Attended Joint Services Staff College, Canberra, Australia (j.s.s.c.)
1979	Made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)
1979	Appointed Senior Plans Officer at Headquarters UNIFIL, Naqoura, Lebanon
1979	Commanding Officer of FIJIBAT TWO
1978	Appointed Commanding Officer of the First Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment (1FIR) FIJI BAT ONE and promoted Lieutenant-Colonel for peace-keeping duties with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), Qana, Lebanon.
	This was the first time that Fiji soldiers were deployed on peace-keeping duties with the United Nations.



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- 1977 Made a Lieutenant of the Victorian Order (LVO)
- 1977 Appointed Fiji Equerry to Her Majesty the Queen during Her Majesty's Jubilee visit in February
- 1976 Attended the Australian Army Staff College, Queenscliffe, Australia (P.S.C.)
- 1975 Rejoined the RFMF and attended Military Courses at the Army Schools, Waiouru, NZ
- 1974-75 Administration Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1972-74 Second Secretary in the Fiji Mission to the United Nations, New York, USA
- 1970-72 Second Secretary in the Fiji High Commission, Canberra, Australia.
- 1970 Fiji Equerry to His Royal Highness Prince Charles at the Fiji Independence Celebrations in Fiji
- 1969-70 Attended the Foreign Service Course at Oxford University, United Kingdom
- 1969 Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Governor of Fiji, Sir Robert Foster
- 1969 Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to Acting Governor of Fiji Mr. P Lloyd
- 1968 Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Governor of Fiji, Sir Derek Jakeway
- 1966 Served with the First Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment (1RNZIR), Borneo, Malaysia.
- 1965 Adjutant, Second Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment (2 FIR)
- 1963 Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to Acting Governor Mr. P.D MacDonald
- 1963 Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the RFMF after attending a First Appointment to Commission Course at the Army Schools, Waiouru, New Zealand.
- 1962 Joined the Royal Fiji Military Forces (RFMF)



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MR SEFANAIA TUDONU

Executive Adviser to Speaker of the Parliament

Education

Bachelor of Commerce (USP)

Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomacy & International Relations (USP)

Experience

Public policy, international relations, research, strategic planning and monitoring background.



MS JEANETTE TERUBEA EMBERSON

Deputy Secretary-General for the Department of Legislature

Jeanette is the Deputy Secretary-General for the Department of Legislature which serves the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji. The role is comparable to Deputy Clerk in other Westminster Parliaments and she reports directly

to the Secretary-General to Parliament and through that role to the Speaker of Parliament.

The role provides procedural and constitutional advice to the Secretary-General and the Speaker and to the various Committees as and when required. This includes serving as Secretariat to the Select Committees including the Business, House, Privileges as well as the Standing Orders Committee.

Prior to her appointment as Deputy Secretary-General, Jeanette had past work experience in Public Sector Law. She was an Acting Senior Legal Officer with the Office of the Attorney-General, under the aegis of the Solicitor-General (appointed 27th July 2011). In that role she had worked in the Drafting Section, the primary responsibility was to draft government's legal documentation. Primarily, this entailed the drafting and vetting of written laws as well as subsidiary legislation including but not limited to regulations, orders, bylaws, notices, declarations, rules, delegation of powers. Other responsibilities included legal advice and assistance to Ministries/Public Agencies, assisting the Solicitor-General in the general administration of the Office of the Attorney-General, other functions assigned by the Solicitor-General, vetting of Cabinet papers in respect of any legal policy proposals, and undertaking and facilitating public consultation on proposed laws.



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SAMOA



MR NAFOITOA TALAIMANU KETI MP

Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Territorial Constituency

Gaga'emauga Nu.3

Personal

Residence Avao, Matautu

Date of Birth 04/11/1959
Other Matai Title Fotuitaua [Safotu]
Fagamalo [Gataivai]
Taitu'uga [Magiagi]
Lepou [Vaitele, Faleata]
Vaitimu [Afega]
Religion Methodist

Education

- 2017 - Certificate Civil Law, USP, Samoa
- 2007 - Certificate of Competence, Planning & Controlling Major Incidents – [Cook Islands]
- 2005 - Intensive Professional Training Enforcement – [Legislation Prosecution Office]
- 2002 - Certificate IV, Frontline Management – [Tasmania]
- 1995 - Instructor, Customs / Police Drug Course
- 1985 - Instructor, SAR, Search Rescue Operation – [Australian Federal Police College, Canberra]

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Member of Parliament

2016 – 2021



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Deputy Speaker

2016 – 2021

Committee

2016 – 2021 Chairman Standing Orders, Electoral, Petitions and Officers of Parliament Committee

2016 – 2021 Deputy Chairman Parliamentary Commission

Other Appointments

2013 – 2015 [Assistant Commissioner] – Ministry of Police

2006 – 2013 [Superintendent] – Ministry of Police

2004 – 2006 [Chief Inspector / Chief Fire Officer] – MOPP & Fire Services

Special Award

2000 [Local Preacher Certificate] – Methodist Church

1997 [Lauga ma Ava] – NUS

Hobbies

Rugby, Weightlifting, Diving, Watch Movies, Self Defense Training

Parliamentary Trips

1. CPA Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee, London 2016
2. 2nd Asia – Pacific Parliamentarians Forum on Global Health, Seoul, Korea 2016
3. 62nd CPA Conference 2016, London 2016
4. CPA Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Darwin, Australia 2017
5. CPA Australia and Pacific Regional Conference, Sydney, Australia 2017
6. 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), Bangladesh 2017
7. Inter Parliamentary Study Programme for Deputy Speaker (IPSP-DP), Canberra, Australia 2017
8. 49th Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference, Wellington, New Zealand 2018
9. 139th IPU Assembly Meeting, Geneva 2018
10. CPA Executive Committee Meeting, London 2018
11. Inter Parliamentary Study Programme for Speakers & Deputy Speakers (IPSP-DP), Canberra, Australia 2018



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TIATIA GRAEME TUALAULELEI

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa

14th May 1972

Motootua Hospital, Apia, Samoa

English (Fluent), Samoan (Fluent)

Education

2015 - Parliamentary Law Practice Program (PLPP) Graduate Certificate
(University of Tasmania)

2005 - Certificate in Management, University of the South Pacific - Samoa

1992 - UPY – National University of Samoa;

1991 - Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate, Samoa College

1990 - Samoa School Certificate Samoa

Employment Career

April 2019 - – Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Samoa.

2012 - 2018 – Clerk Assistant Parliamentary Committees (OCLA)

2009 - 2011 – Principal Committee Clerk (OCLA)

2006 - 2009 – Senior Committee Clerk (OCLA)

2004 - 2005 – Investigations Officer – Accident Compensation
Corporation (ACC)

1998 - 2004 – Senior Maota Officer (OCLA)

1997 - 1998 – Bills and Acts Officer (OCLA)

1996 - 1997 – Administration Officer (OCLA)

Relevant Trainings

PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2018 – Corporate Management for Pacific Parliaments Course; (Certificate –
McGill University) House of Representatives, Suva Fiji

2013 – Pacific Parliamentary Study Program; (House of Representative
Wellington NZ)

2012 – CPA-Post Election Seminar; (Certificate MTEF - Apia, Samoa)

2010 – 5th Annual Summer Residency for Public Accounts Committee
(Certificate – La Trobe University, Melbourne - Australia)

2010 – CDI Effective Parliamentary Committee Inquiries Course; (Certificate –



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Parliament of New South Wales, Sydney Aust)

- 2019 - Pacific Parliaments Strategy on Strengthening Legislatures; (UNDP Workshop - Hawaii State Senate, Honolulu)
- 2013 - 59th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association General Assembly; (Johannesburg, South Africa)
- 2012 - Samoa Parliamentary Delegation attachment & courtesy visit; (House of Representative Wellington, NZ)
- 2009 - 29th CPA Regional Conference, Australia & Pacific Region; (Tasmania, Australia)
- 2008 - 54th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association General Assembly; (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).
- 2006 - 52nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association General Assembly; (Abuja, Nigeria)



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SOLOMON ISLANDS



HON PATTESON OTI MP

Speaker of the National Parliament

Parliamentary career

- 2019 Speaker of National Parliament
- 2010 Chair Parliamentary House Committee
- 2009 Chair Special Select Committee on Parliamentary Privileges & Immunities
- 2006/7 Minister for Foreign Affairs, External Trade & Immigration
- 2005 Deputy Speaker of National Parliament
- 2004 Minister for Communication, Aviation & Meteorology
- 2002 – 2003 Leader of Opposition and Chair of PAC
- 1997 – 2000 Minister for Foreign Affairs, External Trade
- 1997 Elected into Parliament as Member for Temotu Nende

Diplomatic Appointments

- 2012 – 2018 High Commissioner to the Republic of Fiji and Non- Resident High Commissioner to the Republic of Vanuatu
- 2010 – 2012 Solomon Islands Special Envoy to the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)

Education

- Bachelor of Arts (Public Admin & History/Politics) – USP, Fiji
- Certificate in Diplomacy – Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston, USA



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MR DAVID KUSILIFU

Clerk of the National Parliament

Parliamentary career

- 2019 Clerk to Parliament
- 2016 Deputy Clerk to Parliament
- 2012 National Project Manager – UNDP Parliamentary Strengthening Project (Solomon Is)
- 2011 Director Procedures
- 2010 Director Committees
- 2006 Parliamentary Committee Officer

Education

B.Com (International Business) Massey University, NZ
Dip. Legislative Drafting, NALP,UK
Master of Public Management, Victoria University, NZ

Interests/recreational activities

Walking, Sports – Football, Touch Rugby

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



HON VINCENT TARZIA MP

Speaker of the House of Assembly

Vincent is a proud member of the Liberal Party and was elected as Member for Hartley at the 2014 State Election.

Vincent was appointed Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Business Start-Up in 2015 and Shadow Cabinet Secretary in June 2017 to January 2018.

Vincent was again re-elected in 2018, with an impressive 7.8% margin. He was appointed Speaker of the House of Assembly and is the youngest member to ever hold this position.

Vincent has lived in and around the Hartley electorate most of his life and is active in many local community and sporting groups, including Neighbourhood Watch, the Campbelltown Rotary Club, Norwood Football Club and Payneham RSL.



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After graduating from Rostrevor College as Dux and Head Prefect, Vincent went on to study Law and Commerce at the University of Adelaide and has worked as a solicitor in the financial, legal and commercial sectors. Vincent has also been privileged to serve his community as a past Councillor of the City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters.

Vincent has a genuine interest in his local community and is passionate about making South Australia more lively and prosperous. He wants real action to relieve cost of living pressures, to create more local jobs, to deliver better frontline services and to provide opportunities to get ahead.

Vincent has lived in and around the Hartley electorate most of his life and has been fortunate enough to have travelled overseas to China, the US, India and Europe recently.

Being a young politician from a professional background he is very passionate about international trade and the start-up community.

Vincent loves watching sport and anything competitive. He is an avid supporter of the Adelaide Crows but also supports several other local sporting clubs.

Given his strong Italian background, Vincent speaks fluent Italian and has a strong appreciation for other languages and cultures.



MR RICK CRUMP

Clerk of the House of the Assembly

27 Jan 1998 - 14 Mar 2003	Secretary, Economic and Finance Committee
30 Jun 1999 - 13 Jun 2012	Secretary, Occupational Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Committee
9 Apr 2001 - 20 Oct 2001	Parliamentary Officer, Procedure & Votes Office
23 Apr 2001 - 15 Feb 2002	Secretary, Select Committee on Petrol, Diesel and LPG Pricing
17 Mar 2003 - 1 Nov 2007	Parliamentary Officer, Procedure & Votes Office
30 Jun 2004 - 24 Nov 2005	Secretary, Select Committee on Nursing Training and Education



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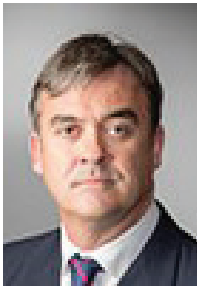
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8 Dec 2004 - 19 Oct 2005 Secretary, Select Committee on Tattooing and Body Piercing Industries
2 Nov 2007 - 17 Dec 2014 Deputy Clerk, Procedure Office
2 Jun 2014 - 17 Dec 2014 Acting Clerk, Office of the Clerk
18 Dec 2014 - Clerk of the House of Assembly

Prior to joining the House of Assembly, Rick was the South Australia Sports Institute, Stat and occasional Australian Weightlifting coach. In his 10 year tenure with the SA Sports Institute, Rick coached numerous Australian Champions, Commonwealth Games medallist and Olympic Games and World Championship representatives.

He notes his transition from professional sports coach to working in the South Australian Parliament as seamless.



HON ANDREW MCLACHLAN CSC MLC

President of the Legislative Council

Year First Elected To Parliament: 2014

Political Party: Liberal Party of Australia (SA Division)

Qualifications: Bachelor of Laws (University of Adelaide),
Master of Laws (University of Edinburgh, Master of Business

Administration from the Aust. Graduate Scholl of Management (University of Sydney and NSW).

Parliamentary Career

Elected to the Legislative Council March 2014, Elected President of the Legislative Council May 2018, Served on Legislative Review Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee and several Select Committees.



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MR CHRIS SCHWARZ

Clerk of the Legislative Council

Qualifications

B.A (Communications) Grad Dip. Soc. Sc.

Parliamentary Career

Clerk of the Legislative Council 2018, Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council & Usher of the Black Rod 2008-2017, Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Council 1992-2008, Parliamentary Officer 1988-1992

Interests/Recreational Activities

Travel, Food and Wine, Fitness and Running

TASMANIA



HON SUE HICKEY MP

Speaker of the House of Assembly

Elected as a Member of Parliament and as Speaker of the House of Assembly in 2018.

Elected as an Alderman of Hobart City Council 2011-18 and as Lord Mayor in 2014-18.

Master of Business and Administration (MBA, University of Tasmania 2012)

Graduate Certificate of Digital Marketing (University of Tasmania 2012)

Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD)

Fellow of the Australian Marketing Institute (AMI)

Honour Roll of Tasmanian Women 2014 for services to business, community and local government

2007 Telstra Tasmanian Businesswoman of the Year

Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary International) PHF

President of the Rotary Club of Hobart 2011

Independent Board Member (private boards)

Managing Director of my private marketing company (1991-2017)

Television presented (1978-1990)

Miss Tasmania – Cerebral Palsy Tasmania 1979



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MR SHANE DONNELLY

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Education and Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts, University of Tasmania, 1989

Majors: Political Science; and Administration, St. Virgil's College, Hobart

Career

2015 to date	Clerk of the House of Assembly, Joint Head of Department, Legislature-General
2013 to 2015	Deputy Clerk of the House of Assembly
1998 to 2013	Clerk-Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Assembly
1988 – 1998	Second Clerk-Assistant (redesignated in 1989 from title 'Third Clerk-at-the-Table'), House of Assembly
1982-1988	Court of Petty Sessions, Attorney-General's Department, Tasmanian State Service

Memberships

- Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments
- Australasian Study of Parliament Group
- Australia and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table

Previous Conference

Hobart, Tonga, Sydney



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HON CRAIG FARRELL MLC

President of the Legislative Council

Parliamentary Career

May 2011 Elected to the Legislative Council Seat of Derwent. Member of a number of Parliamentary Committees.

August 2011 Appointed Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council.

May 2012 Appointed Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council.

January 2014 Appointed Minister for Sustainable Transport; and Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection.

April 2014 Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, and Shadow Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage

May 2015 Re-elected to the seat of Derwent in the Legislative Council

February 2019 Shadow Minister for Traffic and Public Transport/Veteran's Affairs/and Arts & Creative Industries.

May 2019 Elected as President of the Legislative Council

Personal

Lives in New Norfolk with Lee and has four adult children and four grandchildren



MR DAVID PEARCE

Clerk of the Legislative Council

Education and Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts, University of Tasmania

Career

2007 – Present Clerk of the Legislative Council, Tasmania

1989 – 2007 Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Council, Tasmania

1981 – 1989 Parliamentary Officer, Legislative Council, Tasmania



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TONGA



MS GLORIA GUTTENBEIL POLE'O

Clerk of the Parliament

Legislative Assembly Work History

Committee Clerk (2012 - 2013)

Madam Clerk of Parliament (2013 – Present)

Work History

- Senior Crown Counsel, Crown Law Department (2002 – 2009)
- Chief Executive Officer/Head Secretariat for Royal Land Commission (2009 -2012)
- Madam Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Tonga (2013 – Present)

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
- Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Economics (BCom)
- Professional Legal Studies Course

Others

- Member of the Tonga Law Society
- Member of Women in Law Association



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VICTORIA



HON SHAUN LEANE MLC

President of the Legislative Council

The Honourable Shaun Leane was elected the 21st President of the Legislative Council of Victoria on 19th December 2018.

The President is responsible for the oversight of the Legislative Council's general administration. He also represents the Legislative Council in official dealings with

other Parliaments (both domestic and international) and other organisations, assumes important ceremonial responsibilities, and is jointly responsible with the Speaker for the oversight of the administration of the Parliament and of Parliament House and the joint investigatory committees

Shaun was first elected to the Victorian Parliament as the Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region in the November 2006 election and has been re-elected in 2010, 2014 and in 2018.

An electrician by trade, Shaun has worked for a variety of organisations in this capacity and later with the Electrical Trades Union.

As well as his electrical qualifications, Shaun holds a Diploma of Community Services.

Shaun is married with two adult daughters.

Parliamentary Appointments

- Parliamentary Secretary to the Special Minister of State since December 2014
- Parliamentary Secretary for Transport December 2016–July 2016
- Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure since 2016–2018
- President of the Legislative Council since December 2018.



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MR ANDREW YOUNG

Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Council

Andrew Young's parliamentary career began with the Western Australian Parliament in 1995 where he served as Senior Research Officer – Public Accounts, Assistant Clerk Committees and Assistant Clerk – Procedure & Sergeant-at-arms.

Returning to Victoria in 2005, Andrew commenced with the Victorian Parliament as Assistant Clerk – Committees before being appointed as Assistant Clerk – House & Usher of the Black Rod and thereafter Assistant Clerk – Committees.

Mid-2014, Andrew Young was appointed to the position of Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council, Parliament of Victoria. He assumed full appointment as Clerk on 2 July 2015.

On 22 August 2017, Andrew was sworn in before Her Excellency the Governor as Acting Clerk of the Parliaments (Victoria), and assumed the full appointment on 5 January 2019.

Andrew has served as Acting Honorary Secretary of the Australian Study of Parliament Group (Victorian Chapter), President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table (ANZACATT) from January 2016 to January 2018, and in October 2017 was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Victoria Branch. He also co-presents on Parliament at the University of Tasmania and Victoria University.



HON COLIN BROOKS MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Colin is the Speaker of the Victorian Parliament. He was elected to this role in March 2017 and then was re-elected in December 2018 following the Victorian state election.

He was first elected to the parliament in 2006 and represents the electorate of Bundoora in Melbourne's north-

eastern suburbs. Prior to being elected Speaker, Colin worked with Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews as his Parliamentary Secretary.

Colin has a strong interest in education policy, particularly in how education systems respond to the needs of students with special needs and disabilities.



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He holds a Masters Degree in Communication from RMIT University and has previously served 8 years in local government, receiving the Centenary Medal for his contribution. He lives in Greensborough with his wife and three children.

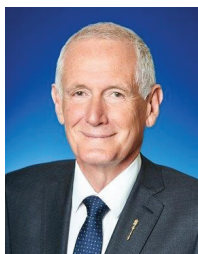


MS BRIDGET NOONAN

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Bridget Noonan joined the Department in 1999 to work in the Procedure Office, and subsequently worked in a number of roles within the Office. She was appointed Assistant-Clerk Committees in 2006, Assistant Clerk Procedure & Serjeant-at-Arms in 2011, and became Deputy Clerk in 2013. In September 2017, Bridget was appointed as Clerk. Bridget has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Melbourne University.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



HON PETER WATSON MLA

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Member of Albany. First elected to the Parliament of Western Australia on 10 February 2001. Re-elected 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2017.

In the WA Parliament Peter has served as Acting Speaker and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Sport &

Recreation and the Minister for the Great Southern has also served on numerous committees, including the Standing Committee on Education and Health.

Mr Watson was born on 30 May 1947 in Reservoir, Victoria and arrived in Western Australia in 1961. He worked as a Post Office Manager prior to entering Parliament. He is a keen middle distance runner and represented Australia at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, and the 1974 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

Mr Watson maintained his interest in sports and sporting clubs as an umpire and coach, and now as a patron for numerous sporting and community groups.

The electorate he represents is located in the South West of Western Australia, and includes coastal and agricultural localities.

He has three adult children and three grandchildren.



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MS KIRSTEN ROBINSON

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Kirsten has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Politics and a Master of Arts (Research) degree in Political Science from the University of Western Australia.

Kirsten Robinson commenced with the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in November 1988

and held various positions in the papers office and as a research officer in the Legislative Assembly committee office.

Kirsten left the Legislative Assembly in 2000 to work as a policy officer for the Western Australian Electoral Commission, returning to Parliament in the role of Clerk Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms in 2005.

In April 2011, Kirsten was appointed to the position of Deputy Clerk, and commenced in her current position as Clerk of the Legislative Assembly on 10 October 2015. She is the first female Clerk of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly.



HON. CATHERINE DOUST MLC

President of the Legislative Council

Kate Doust was born in Kalgoorlie, completed her Secondary Education in Fremantle and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Western Australia (Politics/Industrial Relations).

Kate was elected to the Legislative Council in 2001 to represent the South Metropolitan Region and was re-elected in 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2017.

She was elected President of the Legislative Council on Tuesday 23 May 2017, the first woman to be elected as President of the Legislative Council in Western Australia.

Her employment history prior to entering Parliament, ranged from that of a shop assistant, insurance and library clerk to a union official with the Shop Distributive Employees Association (SDA) of WA (1984–2001).



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Kate also held a number of elected positions including General Treasurer of the SDA, Member of the National Council of the SDA, Vice President of Unions WA, Board Member of WRAPS and an appointment as the Member of the State Training Board.

Kate and has been an active participant of a range of Labor Party Policy Committees, including Industrial Relations, Education, Social Development and for the Status of Women. She is a member of the Australian Labor Party's National Executive, which is the chief administrative authority of the Australian Labor Party.

Her community involvement includes representation on behalf of her constituents on a wide range of issues. Kate is on a number of boards including Carson Street School, Canning College and William Langford Community House. She has a keen interest in supporting women in the workplace and is a champion for women in science and technology. Kate is a strong advocate for the Asbestosis Diseases Society (having introduced the Asbestos Diseases Compensation Bill 2013 in to the 39th Parliament).

Prior to being elected President, in the last Parliamentary term Kate was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Chair of the Standing Committee on Uniform Legislation, Member of the Legislative Council Privileges and Procedures Committee, and a Member—now Chair—of the Parliamentary Superannuation Board.

She has also been, at various times, the Shadow Minister for:

- Energy; Science and Innovation: 16 September 2008 – 27 January 2012.
- Commerce; Consumer Protection; Small Business; Science; Innovation and Technology; Trade: 27 January 2012 – 9 April 2013.
- Industrial Relations; Commerce; Small Business; Trade; Electoral Affairs: 9 April 2013 – 26 June 2015.
- Industrial Relations; Commerce; Information Communications Technology; Small Business; Electoral Affairs: 26 June 2015 – 21 May 2017.

Kate is married to Bill Johnston MLA and has two daughters, one son and two granddaughters.



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MR NIGEL PRATT

Clerk of the Legislative Council

Nigel Pratt commenced with the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in 1999 as an advisory officer before being appointed to the role of Clerk Assistant. In 2007, Nigel furthered his parliamentary officer career in Tasmania as Deputy Clerk of the Tasmanian

Legislative Council. In 2014, Nigel was appointed Clerk of the Legislative Council and Clerk of the Parliaments at the Parliament of Western Australia.

Nigel has a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia.



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FORMER PRESIDING OFFICERS AND CLERKS



HON BRONWYN BISHOP

**Former Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Australia**

The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, Minister for Defence Industry Science and Personnel, Minister for Aged Care, currently Solicitor, Sky News Contributor, Chairman Opera Foundation for Young Australians, Founder Member Chief Executive Women.

Mrs. Bishop served as the Member for Mackellar from 1994 to 2016 and as Senator 1987 to 1994 and Minister for Defence Industry Science and Personnel and as Minister for Aged Care in the Howard Government.

As Australia's first Defence Industry Minister Mrs. Bishop introduced the "Bishop Rules" to ensure overseas firms made real investment in Australia and Australian firms participated in Defence contracts. She also reformed Defence Housing to ensure decent housing for personnel and made special provision for Defence families with a member with a disability.

As Aged Care minister Mrs. Bishop mandated stringent new standards through the National Aged Care Accreditation Scheme and created thousands of Aged Care packages to enable care for people in their own homes as an alternate to residential care.

Mrs. Bishop in Opposition 2007 to 2013 held the shadow portfolios of Veterans Affairs, Seniors and Special Minister of State.

In 2013 Mrs. Bishop was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and saw the need for the Office to be better understood as part of our working democracy. She set out a program to connect the community to the Parliament which included public meetings and travelling to schools all over Australia presiding over student mock Parliaments.

Mrs. Bishop is the longest serving female member of the Australian Parliament having served for twenty nine and a half years.

Her political life has been one of firsts and creating new ground for other women to follow.



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She is the only person, male or female to have been a Senator, Member, Minister and Speaker.

She is the first woman to have been popularly elected to the Senate from New South Wales and was the first woman to be president of any political party in New South Wales.

She is also the first woman to have been elected to the House of Representatives from the Liberal party from New South Wales and similarly the first New South Wales woman to have become a Minister and subsequent Speaker of the House.



PROFESSOR KEN COGHILL

Former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, Australia

Adjunct Professor the Hon Dr Ken Coghill BVSc (Melbourne) PhD (Monash) was born at Mansfield, Victoria in 1944.

Ken first graduated BVSc in 1967 and worked at Wodonga as a Department of Agriculture veterinary officer. He joined

the Australian Labor Party and was active in rural policy development. He was also elected to Wodonga Council (as an independent) 1972-77.

After relocating to Werribee, he was elected as the local State MP (Labor) 1979-96. He served as Parliamentary Secretary of the Cabinet 1982-88 and Speaker 1988-92.

After retiring from Parliament in 1996, he joined Monash University and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007, from which he retired in 2018. Swinburne University of Technology appointed him as Adjunct Professor from 2018.

He leads research in parliamentary studies, including research into the enhancement of parliamentarians' knowledge, skills and capabilities, ethical competence and codes of conduct for MPs.

Ken is a member of the Australian Government's Open Government Forum (which is part of Australia's membership of the 79 nation Open Government Partnership). He is director of a number of civil society organisations including the Accountability Round Table, the Australian Open Government Partnership Network and the Urimbirra Cooperative Society which owns and conserves an area adjoining the Little Desert National Park in Western Victoria.



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HON JOHN DELZOPPO AOM

Former Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, Australia

Speaker

Victorian Legislative Assembly: 1992-1996

Member

Legislative Assembly: 1982-1996

John Delzoppo was born in Flemington in 1931. He is married, with two sons and two daughters. He was educated at University High School and later went on to gain a degree as a Pharmacist. He worked as a Pharmaceutical Chemist for a number of years.

Hon. Delzoppo was elected as a member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly for the district of Narracan for the first time in April 1982. He was re-elected in 1985, 1988 and 1992. He held the position of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1992 to 1996.

He held a number of Parliamentary party positions including as Shadow Minister for Transport, Local Government, Water Resources, and Property and Services, and served on the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee. He was Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee and House Committee.

Hon. Delzoppo lives in Warragul and is active in his local community. He is an Honorary Anglican Lay Canon and member of the General Synod.



MR RUSSELL GROVE

Former Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, Australia

Russell Grove served the New South Wales Parliament for over forty years, having commenced duty in the Legislative Assembly in February 1971 and was the longest serving Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, having taken up that position in 1990. Russell was also the Honorary Secretary of

the New South Wales Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association from 1984 until his retirement from the Parliament of New South Wales on 4 November 2011. Russell has worked with various overseas Parliaments and aid



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authorities in preparation of programmes for the development of parliamentary processes in Africa, South East Asia, the Middle East and Pacific nations. Russell was an early promoter for the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clerks-at-the-Table (ANZACATT) and was the inaugural Secretary to the Association at its inception and is an Honorary Life Member of the Association.

During his career with the NSW Parliament, Mr Grove gained vast experience in the areas of parliamentary procedure and practice, parliamentary administration including shared joint services and inter-parliamentary relations through facilitating and participating in workshops, seminars and training attachments and is recognised as an expert in these areas.

Russell is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA), and a member of the Australasian Study of Parliament Group (ASPG). In 2011, Russell was made an Honorary Life Member of the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Commonwealth Parliaments (SOCATT), the Society of Clerks-at-the-Table in Canada; American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; the New South Wales Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; the Association of Former Members of the NSW Parliament; and a Life Member of City Tattersalls Club.

Russell has been awarded the Public Service Medal (2000) and Centenary of Federation Medal (2003) for service to the Parliament and is an Ambassador for the White Ribbon Campaign. Russell is also a Paul Harris Fellow (1997) and a Member of the North Sydney Rotary Club since 1191, serving as President in 2012-13. He is now a member of the Woy Woy Rotary Club.

In recognition of Russell's meritorious service, and on the occasion of his retirement from the Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly unanimously resolved in the House on 20 October 2011 to extend to him the honorary title of Clerk Emeritus. Russell is married to Frances and has one adult daughter, Sarah-Jane.



HON HARRY JENKINS AO

**Former Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Australia**

Harry Jenkins was a member of the House of Representatives from February 1986 until his retirement in August 2013.

Speaker of the House from 2008 to 2011, Harry was Deputy Speaker 1993 to 1996, Second Deputy Speaker 1996 to 2007.



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Harry chaired and was a member of numerous parliamentary committees. He was appointed the inaugural Chair of the Joint Statutory Committee on Human Rights in 2012.

Since leaving Parliament Harry has participated as a consultant/facilitator in a range of activities in Australia, the Pacific Islands and South-East Asia, training parliamentarians and promoting the participation of women in parliamentary/political processes, working with UNDP, UN Women, the Parliaments of Australia and Tonga, CDI.

He was a member of the Multinational Observers Group at the 2014 Fiji elections, an election observer at the 2017 Timor-Leste Presidential elections and this year's Solomon Island parliamentary elections.

In June 2014 he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for his "distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, particularly as a presiding officer and through a range of outreach and inter-Parliamentary programs".

He now devotes his time to being a responsible grandfather and occasionally tranquilly watching grass grow.

HON JOHN MICKEL

Former Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly

Qualifications

Masters in Literary Studies (UQ) Bachelor of Arts (UQ) Bachelor of Educational Studies (UQ) Diploma of Teaching (Griffith University)

John entered the Queensland Parliament in June 1998 as the Member for Logan and was re-elected at four consecutive elections and retired in May 2012.

He was formerly Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations from September 2007 to March 2009 and Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations from September 2006 to September 2007.

John was elevated to the Cabinet as Minister for Environment in February 2004 and appointed Minister for Energy in August 2004. He gained the additional portfolio of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy in March 2005.

John Mickel was the 36th Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament.

As a Parliamentarian, he represented Australia on the Executive of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. As Minister he represented Queensland businesses on trade missions to Asia, India and the Middle East.



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He oversaw major reforms to the Queensland energy sector, continued the Smart state initiative, implemented new technology reforms to the public transport sector and is skilled in the diplomatic protocols and public speaking required in international forums.

Before entering the Queensland Parliament, John had a number of senior Government roles including Chief of Staff to the Queensland Premier, the Queensland Health Minister and worked on the staff of the State Opposition leader. He has also worked for Federal members of Parliament. He is also a former school teacher, university lecturer and tutor in politics and public policy. Currently he is a Trustee of QAGOMA. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at QUT He has lectured at Griffith University and has he is currently a Government Relations Advisor for ACCESS Community Services Pty. Ltd, a strategic advisor for Rowland, and Government relations advisor to Your town.

John and his wife Catherine established the Vietnamese Orphans and Disabilities Trust in 2004 to support the work of the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres throughout Vietnam and are regular visitors there.

Their work has been recognized by the city of Da Nang Vietnam.

John was awarded Honorary Citizen of Boystown for his work with marginalized groups, honorary membership of Rotary for his community work and acknowledged for his service and support of the Queensland Interfaith Community.



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LIST OF REGISTERED DELEGATES & OBSERVERS

AUSTRALIA

Hon. Tony Smith MP

Speaker of the House of
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Mr David Elder

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Ms Claressa Surtees

Deputy Clerk of the House of
Representatives

Mr Jerome Brown

Director

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Hon Joy Burch MLA

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Tom Duncan

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

BOUGAINVILLE

Hon. Simon Pentanu MP

Speaker of Parliament

Mr Robert Tapi

Clerk of Parliament

COOK ISLANDS

Hon. Niki Rattle MP

Speaker

Mr Tangata Vainerere

Clerk

FIJI

**His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau
MP**

Speaker

Ms Jeanette Tanari Emberson

Deputy Secretary General To
Parliament

Mr Sefanaia Tudonu

Executive Adviser to Speaker

KIRIBATI

Hon. Tebuai Uaai MP

Speaker of the House of Assembly

Mr Eni Tekanene

Clerk of the House of Assembly

NAURU

Hon. Cyril Buraman MP

Speaker of the Parliament

Mr Jason Agir MP

Member of Parliament

Ms Ann-Marie Cain

Clerk of Parliament

Ms Solana Akua

Personal Assistant

NEW SOUTH WALES

Hon. John Ajaka MLC

President of the Legislative Council

Hon. Leslie Williams MP

Deputy Speaker of the
Legislative Assembly



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Mr David Blunt

Clerk of the Parliaments, Legislative Council

Ms Helen Minnican

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Paul Blanch

Chief of Staff to the Speaker

NEW ZEALAND

Hon. Trevor Mallard MP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Mr David Wilson

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Ms Wendy Hart

Inter-Parliamentary Relations

NIUE

Hon. Togia Pihigia MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Ms Cherie Morris-Tafatu

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Hon. Kezia Purick MLA

Speaker

Mr Michael Tatham

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Hon. Sailo Waipo MP

Assistant Speaker

Mr Kala Aufa

Acting Clerk

Mr Basil Kambuliagen

Acting Deputy Clerk

Mrs Moses Yape

Acting First Clerk Assistant

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Hon. Curtis Pitt MP

Speaker

Mr Neil Laurie

Clerk of the Parliament

Mr Michael Ries

Deputy Clerk

Mr George Hasanakos

Executive Officer, Office of the Speaker

Ms Amanda Honeyman

First Clerk Assistant (Procedure)

SAMOA

Hon. Nafitoa Talaimanu Keti MP

Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Graeme Tualaulelei

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Hon. Patteson Oti MP

Speaker to Parliament

Mr David Kusilifu

Clerk to Parliament

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Hon. Andrew McLachlan CSC MLC

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Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP

Speaker of the House of Assembly

Mr Chris Schwarz

Clerk of the Legislative Council

Mr Rick Crump

Clerk, House of Assembly



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Hon. Susan Hickey MP

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Shane Donnelly

Clerk of the House of Assembly

Mr David Pearce

Clerk of the Legislative Council

TONGA

Ms Gloria Guttenbeil

Chief Clerk of Parliament

Ms Silivia Atiola

Parliament Legal Counsel

Ms Hortensie Tuinukuafe

Parliament's Executive Officer

TUVALU

Hon. Otinielu Tauteleimalae Tausi MP

Speaker of Parliament

Mrs Lakaaga Uniuni

Senior Hansard Reporter

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Sir. Lindsay Hoyle MP (Keynote speaker)

Deputy Speaker, House of Commons

Miss Helen Wood

Assistant Clerk, House of Commons

Dr. Matthew Laban

Guest Speaker

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Member of Parliament for Malekula Constituency

Mr Raymond Kalpeau Manuake

Clerk of Parliament

Mr Edwin Amblus MP

Deputy Speaker

Mr Obed Massingiw

Second Political Advisor to the Speaker

Mr Leon Teter Raulu

Assistant Clerk - Standing Committee Division

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Hon. Colin Brooks MP

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Ms Bridget Noonan

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

Mr Andrew Young

Clerk of the Legislative Council

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Hon. Peter Watson MLA

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Ms Kirsten Robinson

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