



**The
Twenty Ninth Conference
of
The Samuel Griffith Society**

25th - 27th August, 2017

**Novotel Perth Langley
221 Adelaide Terrace
Perth, Western Australia 6000**

Friday, 25 August 2017

2:00pm - 3:00pm: **Special Pre-Conference Event**
Tour of Government House, St George's Terrace, Perth

4:30pm - 5:00pm: **Early Registration**

6:15pm: Pre-Conference Cocktail Party

7:30pm: **Dinner**
Ms Peta Credlin - *"Topic to be announced"*
Vote of thanks: Professor David Flint AM

Saturday, 26 August 2017

8:30am: Registration

8:45am: Opening Remarks - Eddy Gisonda

Session 1: *"Federalism and the Nation"*

9:00am: Honourable Justice Robert Mitchell - *"Federalism in the High Court"*

9:30am: Discussion

9:45am: Associate Professor Michelle Evans - *"Subsidiarity and Federalism"*

10:15am: Discussion

10:30am: **Morning Tea**

Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration

11:00am: Honourable Patrick Keane AC
"Topic to be announced"

11:30am: **Break**

Session 2: *"Indigenous Affairs and Federalism"*

11:45am: Honourable Wayne Martin AC - *"Passing the Buck: Has the diffusion of responsibility for the Aboriginal people in our federation impeded closing the gap?"*

12:15pm: Discussion

12:30pm: **Lunch**

Session 3: *"The Senate"*

1:45pm: Honourable Tony Abbott MP - *"Government not Gridlock"*

2:15pm: Discussion

2:30pm: Senator James Patterson - *"In Defence of the Senate"*

3:00pm: Discussion

3:15pm: Afternoon Tea

Session 4: “The Protection of Rights”

3:45pm: Professor Neville Rochow S.C. - *“Lessons from the European Union”*

4:05pm: Discussion

4:15pm: Daniel White - *“Workplace Rights and the States”*

4:35pm: Discussion

4:45pm: Dr Augusto Zimmermann - *“The Unconstitutionality of Outlawing Political Opinion”*

5:05pm: Discussion

5:15pm: Free time

Saturday Night Dinner

7:00pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks

7:30pm: Dinner

Mr Chris Kenny - *“Topic to be announced”*

Vote of thanks: John Roskam

Sunday, 27 August 2017

Session 5: “Federalism and Western Australia”

8:45am: Chancellor David Flanagan - *“Federalism and the Mining Industry”*

9:05am: Discussion

9:15am: Honourable Dr Michael Nahan - *“Western Australia and the G.S.T.”*

9:35am: Discussion

9:45am: Senator David Leyonhjelm - *“Western Australia and Secession”*

10:05am: Discussion

10:15am: Morning Tea

Session 6: “Indigenous Affairs and the Constitution”

10:45am: John Stone - *“Enough is Enough”*

11:15am: Discussion

11:30am: Keith Wolahan - *“A Colour Blind Constitution”*

12:00pm: Discussion

“The 25th anniversary of the Samuel Griffith Society”

12:15pm: Special address

Honourable Nicholas Hasluck AM

12:45pm: Concluding Remarks (Honourable Ian Callinan AC)

Speakers:

The Hon Patrick Keane AC Justice of the High Court of Australia

The Hon Wayne Martin AC Chief Justice of Western Australia

The Hon Justice Robert Mitchell Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

The Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM Former Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

The Hon Tony Abbott MP 28th Prime Minister of Australia

The Hon Dr Michael Nahan Former Treasurer of Western Australia

Senator David Leyonhjelm Senator for the State of New South Wales

Senator James Patterson Senator for the State of Victoria

Chancellor David Flanagan Chancellor of Murdoch University

Professor Neville Rochow SC Professor of Law and Senior Counsel in South Australia

Associate Professor Michelle Evans Deputy Head of School, Curtin University

Dr Augusto Zimmermann Law Reform Commissioner, Western Australia

Chris Kenny Editor and Columnist (*The Australian*) and Television Host (*Sky News*)

Peta Credlin Former Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Australia

John Stone Former Secretary to the Treasury and Co-Founder of the Society

Keith Wolahan Barrister at Law in the State of Victoria

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