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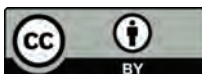
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The Hon Bill Shorten MP  
Leader of the Opposition  
Leader of the Australian Labor Party

The Hon Michael McCormack MP  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Leader of The Nationals

Senator Richard Di Natale  
Leader of the Australian Greens

In accordance with the terms of reference of the Australian Political Exchange Council, I have pleasure in submitting the report of the Council for the 2013–2014, 2014–2015 and 2015–2016 years. The report will be presented to Parliament by the Minister for Finance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan Ferguson", is positioned above the printed name and title.

The Hon Alan Ferguson  
Chairman



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I am delighted to report on the activities of the Australian Political Exchange Council for the period 2013–16.

It was a period of sustained activity, with the Council providing support for 15 Australian delegations, 16 visiting delegations and 16 individual study tours. In total, the Council hosted 105 visitors from its program partner countries.

Now more than ever, international understanding and political leadership are of critical importance to the global community we live in. Exchange programs, such as ours, provide a unique opportunity to promote these attributes.

I wish to extend my warmest appreciation to the Principals of the Council (the parliamentary leaders of the four main political parties), the Patrons of the Council (the Presiding Officers of the Parliament) and the Special Minister of State for their ongoing support and contribution to our programs.

I would also like to thank the members of the Council for their continuing enthusiasm and commitment to the Council's objectives and to record my appreciation of the dedication and professionalism of the staff of the Secretariat.

After 35 years of operation, the Council now has a substantial list of former Australian delegates who provide tremendous support for our incoming delegations. On behalf of the Council, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the many former delegates who have assisted the Council in providing high-quality programs for our overseas visitors and who have continued to express their interest in our activities.



Alan Ferguson

February 2018

## INTRODUCING THE COUNCIL

In 1981, a program for political exchanges was established by the then Prime Minister, the late Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser AC CH, with the support of the leaders of the major Parliamentary political parties, to arrange visits of young political leaders between Australia and other countries. An Interim Committee was established with the leaders of the major federal Parliamentary parties as its Principals.

The program had its genesis the previous year when the late Hon Sir Robert Cotton KCMG AO, then Australian Consul General in New York, and Mr Tony Eggleton AO CVO, then Federal Director of the Liberal Party of Australia, discussed the concept of an Australian young political leaders' exchange program with the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

The program of exchange visits was modelled on the system of exchanges between the United States of America and other countries, which was established in 1966 under the management of the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

With the agreement of the Principals, the Interim Committee became the Australian Political Exchange Committee in 1983 and, subsequently, the Australian Political Exchange Council in 1991.

The Council currently has exchange programs with the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United States of America and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It also sponsors delegates' participation in a range of overseas individual study tours and international forums.

The activities of the Council are funded through an annual appropriation to the Commonwealth Department of Finance. The Minister for Finance has portfolio responsibility for the program.



## THE COUNCIL'S PURPOSE

The Council's purpose is to provide opportunities for young Australians involved in politics to study the political systems of other countries, as well as offering a unique insight into the Australian political system to young people from participating exchange countries.

The Terms of Reference governing the Council's operations, and endorsed by the Principals of the Council, seek to:

1. arrange regular exchange visits for either individuals or groups of young people, drawn from the parties of the Principals, with the potential to make a significant contribution to political life, between Australia and other countries
2. provide learning experiences through study tours of Australia for young political leaders from countries important to Australia for trade or strategic reasons
3. arrange related activities which provide developmental opportunities for the rising generation of Australian and other political leaders
4. arrange for regular reporting on the Council's activities to Parliament, the Principals and sponsors.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

The Council comprises a Chairman and six Members nominated by the Principals of the Council. The Principals of the Council are the Parliamentary Leaders of the four major political parties. As at 30 June 2016, these were:

- The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister and Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia
- The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Australian Labor Party
- The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of The Nationals
- Senator Richard Di Natale, Leader of the Australian Greens.

The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition each nominate two Council Members and the Leader of The Nationals and Leader of the Australian Greens each nominate one Council Member. The Prime Minister also nominates an independent Chairman.

Council membership as at 30 June 2016 was as follows:

### Chairman of the Council



**The Hon Alan Ferguson**

Appointed Chairman in 2014

### Members of the Council

(in order of appointment)



**Mr George Wright**

National Secretary, Australian Labor Party

Representative of the Leader of the Australian Labor Party

Appointed in 2011



**Senator Sarah Hanson-Young**

Senator for South Australia

Representative of the Leader of the Australian Greens

Appointed in 2015



### **The Hon John Cobb MP**

Member for Calare

Representative of the Leader of The Nationals

Appointed in 2015



### **The Hon Gary Gray AO, MP**

Member for Brand

Representative of the Leader of the Australian Labor Party

Appointed in 2015



### **Mr Tony Nutt**

Federal Director, Liberal Party of Australia

Representative of the Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia

Appointed in 2016

## Outgoing Members of the Council

The Council thanks the following for their commitment and active participation during their appointments as Council Members:

### Mr Paul Neville MP

Mr Neville was appointed in 1998 and served as Council Member, representing the Leader of The Nationals until 2014

### Mr Brian Loughnane

Mr Loughnane was appointed in 2003 and served as Council Member, representing the Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia until 2016

### The Hon Kevin Andrews MP

Mr Andrews was appointed in 2008 and served as Council Member, representing the Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia until 2014

### The Hon Robert Ray

Mr Ray was appointed in 2009 and served as Chairman of the Council, representing the Leader of the Australian Labor Party until 2014

### Senator the Hon John Faulkner

Senator Faulkner was appointed in 2011 and served as Council Member, representing the Leader of the Australian Labor Party until 2015

### The Hon Tony Smith MP

Mr Smith was appointed in 2014 and served as a Council Member, representing of the Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia until 2015

## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

### Outgoing Australian Delegations

Each year the Council considers delegate nominations put forward by the parties of the Principals. Nominees are young Australians considered by their respective parties to have the potential to make a significant contribution to political life.

To maximise developmental opportunities, delegations comprise a representative, broadly-based group of young Australian political leaders. Delegates are selected from a range of political backgrounds including:

- members of federal and state parliaments
- party organisations, both professional and voluntary
- industry organisations
- trade unions
- ministerial and electorate office staff
- local government representatives.

Delegates are required to be party members, Australian citizens and between the ages of 25 and 46 (with the exception of the exchange program with the United States of America where the age limit is 40).

All delegates are expected to continue their involvement in Council activities after their exchange visit by participating in or assisting with organising programs for incoming delegations, and by promoting the program among colleagues and in the broader community. Former delegate participation during incoming exchanges is invaluable to the success of the programs.

At 30 June 2016, the Australian Political Exchange Council had sponsored 958 young Australians' participation in 147 overseas exchange delegations. Former delegates of the Council include many who are now in prominent political positions, including members of federal and state parliaments, and leaders in political and government organisations, trade unions and corporate Australia.

## Incoming Delegations to Australia

The Council operates a system of political exchange visits and receives delegations from its exchange partners. The Council's aim for visiting delegations is to provide an understanding of Australia and its political system. Each itinerary is developed individually and provides the following three components:

- an overview of the Australian political system, incorporating federal, state/territory and local government
- networking through meeting high profile Australian political and business leaders, as well as former delegates of the Council's programs
- an insight into Australian culture through community and cultural activities.

The total number of delegates hosted by the Council since its inception in 1981 was 923 as at 30 June 2016.

## Individual Study Tours

Each year, the Council provides developmental opportunities for young Australian political leaders through individual study tours. The total number of individuals sponsored by the Council as at 30 June 2016 was 117.



2013–2014

## Outgoing Australian Delegations for 2013–2014

In 2013–2014, the Council sponsored 18 young Australian political leaders in overseas exchange delegations to Japan, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Philippines as follows:

Date	Delegation
8 to 14 March 2014	Twenty-second Australian Delegation to Japan
5 to 11 April 2014	Eighteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
3 to 9 May 2014	Seventh Australian Delegation to the Philippines



# Twenty-second Australian Delegation to Japan

8 to 14 March 2014

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## Delegates

- **Senator Zed Seselja** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Senator for the Australian Capital Territory
- **The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Member of the Legislative Council, New South Wales
- **Mr Wyatt Roy MP** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Federal Member for Longman
- **Mr Pat Conroy MP** (Australian Labor Party)  
Federal Member for Charlton
- **Senator Nova Peris OAM** (Australian Labor Party)  
Senator for the Northern Territory
- **Mr Guy Zangari MP** (Australian Labor Party)  
State Member for Fairfield, New South Wales
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-second Delegation to Japan travelled to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Hiroshima during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Visit Program

### Tokyo

- Briefing by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Courtesy call on Mr Seiji Kihara MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Briefing by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meeting with Mr Masayuki Naoshima MP, Member of the House of Councillors, and other members of the Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League, Democratic Party of Japan
- Meeting with Mr Hidemichi Sato MP, Member of the House of Representatives, and other members of the New Komeito Party
- Luncheon with Mr Ichiro Aisawa MP and other members of the Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League
- Meeting with Mr Yoshihiro Okabe, Director-General, Japan-Australia Business Co-operation Committee
- Meeting with the Australian Studies Association of Japan, represented by Professor Teruhiko Fukushima, National Defence Academy

- Briefing and dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Bruce Miller, Ambassador of Australia
- Meeting with Mr Shinji Oguma MP, Member of the House of Representatives, and other members of the Japan Restoration Party
- Dinner hosted by Mr Kenji Kanasugi, Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceania Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Visit to INPEX Corporation
- Visit to the Japanese Diet
- Visit to Edo-Tokyo Museum

## Kyoto

- Visit to Nishijin-ori Kaikan and Kiyomizu-dera Temple and Gion
- Visit to Kinkaku-ji Temple, Ryuanji Temple and Nijojo-Castle

## Hiroshima

- Courtesy call on Mr Yasuyoshi Komizo, Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation
- Guided tour of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum by Mr Noriyuki Masuda, Deputy Director



The twenty-second Australian delegation to Japan with Mr Yasuyoshi Komizo, Chairperson, Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation



The twenty-second Australian delegation to Japan visiting the Hiroshima Peace Memorial

# Eighteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

5 to 11 April 2014

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## Delegates

- **Senator Cory Bernardi** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Senator for South Australia
- **Mr Luke Achterstraat** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Assistant Advisor, Office of the Hon Andrew Robb AO, MP
- **Mr Ross Macdonald** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Advisor, Office of the Hon Philip Ruddock MP
- **Ms Lorna Clarke** (Australian Labor Party)  
Legal Policy Officer, Office of the Hon Bill Shorten MP
- **Mr Mathew Hilakari** (Australian Labor Party)  
Electorate Officer, Office of the Hon Alan Griffin MP
- **Mr Matthew Fraser** (The Nationals)  
2013 Nationals Candidate for Richmond
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Eighteenth Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam travelled to Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Youth International Cooperation Development Centre.

## Visit Program

### Hanoi

- Meeting with Mr Nguyen Long Hai, Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, and representatives from the Vietnam Youth Federation and Vietnam National Union of Students
- Meeting with the Chairman of the External Affairs Committee of the National Assembly
- Courtesy call on Mr Tran Dac Loi, Deputy Head of the Commission for Foreign Affairs Relations of the Party Central Committee
- Meeting and reception hosted by His Excellency Mr Hugh Borrowman, Ambassador of Australia
- Meeting with the Vice President of the National Academy of Politics and Public Administration
- Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

- Meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Visit to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
- Visit to Hanoi Temple of Literature
- Visit to Vietnam Museum of Ethnology
- Attendance at Water Puppet Show

## Hue

- Dinner hosted by Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Hue Province
- Meeting with representatives of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Hue Province
- Courtesy call on Leaders of Hue Province

## Ho Chi Minh City

- Meeting with representatives of Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Ho Chi Minh City
- Meeting with representatives of *Tuoi Tre* newspaper
- Courtesy call on Leaders of Ho Chi Minh City



The eighteenth Australian delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

# Seventh Australian Delegation to the Philippines

## 3 to 9 May 2014

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### Delegates

- **Ms Georgia Goldsworthy** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Assistant Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong
- **Ms Clarabella Burley** (Australian Labor Party)  
Communications Coordinator, Australian Workers' Union
- **Mr Matt Ellis** (Australian Labor Party)  
Northern Territory Organiser, Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association
- **Mr Lachlan McNaughton** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Assistant Advisor, Office of the Hon Philip Ruddock MP
- **Mr Evan Mulholland** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Assistant Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
- **Mr Chris Daffey** (The Nationals)  
Advisor, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP
- **Mrs Lauren Barons** – Council Representative  
Australian Political Exchange Council

The Seventh Australian Delegation to the Philippines travelled to Bohol and Manila during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Philippine Center for Young Leaders in Governance.

### Visit Program

#### Bohol

- Meeting with Governor Edgar M. Chatto, Governor of Bohol
- Luncheon hosted by the Provincial Government of Bohol
- Meeting with the Hon Norman D. Palacio, Municipal Mayor of Bilor
- Dinner hosted by Governor Edgar M. Chatto, Philippine Center for Young Leaders in Governance Alumni and other city officials
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Ms Maria Katrina Lim, Mayor of Valencia and the Local Government Unit
- Dinner hosted by staff from the Office of Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV
- Visit to Chocolate Hills
- Visit to Philippine Tarsier and Wildlife Sanctuary in Corella

## Manila

- Courtesy call on Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV
- Tour of the Senate Museum
- Viewing of a Senate Session
- Dinner hosted by Cr Priscilla Marie Abante of Manila City
- Courtesy call on Mr Jose Rene Almendras, Cabinet Secretary and Mr Andres “Andy” Lacson, Mayor of Concepcion Tarlac
- Meeting with Congressman Feliciano “Sonny” Belmonte, House Speaker and PCYL Alumni from Congress
- Tour of the House of Representatives
- Briefing and dinner reception hosted by the Australian Embassy
- Meeting with Mr Alfredo “Fred” M. Yao, President, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s Board of Directors
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mayor Benjamin “Benhur” Abalos Jr. and Cr Charisse Marie Abalos
- Meeting with Dean Antonio Gabriel “Tony” La Viña, Dean of Ateneo School of Government
- Dinner hosted by Congressman Jorge “Bolet” Banal, Mr Herbert Bautista, Mayor and Ms Joy Belmonte, Vice Mayor of Quezon City
- Cocktail reception hosted by Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV



The seventh Australian delegation to the Philippines with Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV



The seventh Australian delegation to the Philippines with Chairman Mr Fred Yao and members of the Philippines Chamber of Commerce and Industry

## Incoming Delegations to Australia for 2013–2014

In 2013–2014, the Council hosted 40 participants on delegations from its exchange partners as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Delegation</b>
9 to 20 November 2013	Thirtieth Delegation from the United States of America
30 November to 6 December 2013	Fourth Delegation from the Republic of Korea
7 to 13 December 2013	Seventh Delegation from the Philippines
22 to 28 March 2014	Eighth Delegation from the Philippines
28 April to 4 May 2014	Thirteenth Delegation from Japan
21 to 27 June 2014	Eighteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

# Thirtieth Delegation from the United States of America

9 to 20 November 2013

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## Delegates

- **The Hon Donovan Dela Cruz** (Democrat)  
Member, Hawaii Senate
- **The Hon Aaron Michlewitz** (Democrat)  
Member, Massachusetts House of Representatives
- **The Hon Megan Hess** (Republican)  
Member, Iowa House of Representatives
- **Ms Lucy Okumu** (Democrat)  
Director, Executive Communications, California Institute of Technology
- **Mr Joshua Blades** (Republican)  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Speaker, Alabama House of Representatives
- **Ms Irene Quarshie** (Independent)  
Director, Government Affairs, Target Corporation
- **The Hon Matthew Dollar** (Republican) – Accompanying Officer  
Member, Georgia House of Representatives

The Thirtieth Delegation from the United States of America travelled to Sydney, Canberra, Perth and Kalgoorlie-Boulder during the twelve-day exchange.

## Visit Program

### Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing by Mr Niels Marquardt, Chief Executive Officer, American Chamber of Commerce in Australia
- Briefing by Mr Brendon Lyon, Chief Executive, Infrastructure Partnerships Australia (New Zealand 2005)
- Luncheon with Senator Mehmet Tillem, Senator for Victoria (USA 2013), Mr Ben Franklin (USA 2012) and Mr Matthew Cross (USA 2013)
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House, arranged by Mr Matthew Cross (USA 2013)
- Guided tour of Taronga Zoo



## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Julian Sheezel, Deputy Federal Director, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 2008, New Zealand 2011 and USA 2012)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member
- Briefing by Mr Bernard Wright, Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Senator for Queensland (USA 1994)
- Meeting with representatives from the Embassy of the United States of America
- Briefing by Mr Matthew Cossey, Chief Executive Officer (USA 2006) and Ms Jessica Lee, Manager, Public Affairs and Research, CropLife Australia
- Panel session conducted by the Embassy of the United States of America, chaired by the Australian National University
- Briefing by Mr Mark Baker, Principal, Endeavour Consultancy (USA 2002)
- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Shadow Minister for Resources, Federal Member for Brand (USA 1989)
- Briefing by Ms Marianne van Galen Dickie, Sub-Dean, Migration Law Program, Australian National University (China 1999)
- Meeting with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide (China 2006)
- Council luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner. Guests included Council Member the Hon Kevin Andrews MP
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Museum of Australian Democracy
- Dinner with Ms Emma Watts (USA 2012) and Ms Sallyann Innes (China 2010)
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

## Perth, Western Australia

- Briefing by the Parliament of Western Australia
- Guided tour of the Parliament conducted by Mr Rohan Davis, Parliamentary Education Officer
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative Council, State Member for South West Region (USA 1992) and the Hon Michael Sutherland MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, State Member for Mount Lawley. Guests included the Hon Joseph Francis MLA, State Member for Janakot (China 2010), the Hon Albert Jacob MLA, State Member for Ocean Reef (Philippines 2009), the Hon Simon O'Brien MLC, State Member for the South Metropolitan Region (Japan 1999), the Hon Mark McGowan MLA, State Member for Rockingham (Japan 2001), the Hon Kate Doust MLC, State Member for South Metropolitan Region (New Zealand 2007), the Hon Michelle Roberts MLA, State Member for Midland (China 1988), the Hon Fran Logan MLA, State Member for Cockburn (South Korea 1995), the Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLC, State Member for Morley (USA 2011) and the Hon Ljiljana Ravlich MLC, State Member for the North Metropolitan Region (Germany 2001)
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- Meeting with the Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, State Member for the Agricultural Region, Secretary to the Parliamentary National Party (India 2010), the Hon Brendon Grylls MLA, Minister for Regional Development, Lands, Leader of The Nationals WA, State Member for Pilbara (Japan 2004) and Ms Mia Davies MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands, Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, State Member for Central Wheatbelt (South Korea 2005)
- Briefing by Rio Tinto and guided tour of the operations centre
- Meeting with the Hon John Day MLA, Minister for Planning, Culture and the Arts, Leader of the House, State Member for Kalamunda (Japan 1996)
- Tour of the State Theatre Centre of Western Australia by Mr Brendon Ellmer, General Manager
- Briefing by Mr Bruce Campbell-Fraser, Manager, Media and Public Affairs, Chamber of Minerals and Energy (USA 1997)
- Luncheon hosted by Senator Dean Smith, Senator for Western Australia (USA 1997 and New Zealand 2012)
- Dinner at the residence of Ms Kylie Turner (USA 2013)
- Dinner hosted by the Hon Melissa Parke MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Health, Federal Member for Fremantle (Japan 2008 and India 2010). Guests included Mr Robert Reid (USA 2000), Mr Simon Mead (New Zealand 2006 and China 2012) and Mr Joshua Wilson
- Visit to Perth Mint
- Visit to Margaret River Chocolate Factory

## Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Western Australia

- Briefing by Cr Ron Yuryevich, Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Luncheon hosted by Cr Ron Yuryevich, Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Guests included Cr Allan Pental, Deputy Mayor, Cr Suzie Williams, Cr Mandy Reidy, Cr Gary Brown, Cr Beth Richardson, Cr Kyron O'Donnell, Mr Don Burnett, Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tony Chisholm, Director Community and Development Services, Mr Braden Fisher, Director Corporate Services and Mr Rob Radosevich, Director Engineering Services
- Guided tour of the Super Pit Mine
- Briefing and tour of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Guided tour of the Western Australian Museum, Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Visit to Mount Charlotte lookout
- Visit to Boulder Market Day



The thirtieth delegation from the United States of America with Ms Marianne van Galen Dickie, Sub-Dean, Migration Law Program, Australian National University and colleagues



The thirtieth delegation from the United States of America with Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Senator for Queensland

## Fourth Delegation from the Republic of Korea

30 November to 6 December 2013

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### Delegates

- **The Hon Min Soo Park** (Democratic Minjoo Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the National Assembly
- **Mr Hae Young Song** (Democratic Minjoo Party)  
Chief of Staff, Office of Mr Ihk-Pyo Hong MP
- **The Hon Tae Keung Ha** (Saenuri Party)  
Member of the National Assembly
- **Ms Jung Eun Jang** (Saenuri Party)  
Deputy Spokesman, Saenuri Party
- **Mr Jung Ho Lee** (Saenuri Party)  
Director General, Overseas Korean Affairs Bureau, Saenuri Party
- **Mr Cheol-Woo Lim** – Accompanying Officer  
Deputy Director, Media and Public Relations Centre, The Korea Foundation

The Fourth Delegation from the Republic of Korea travelled to Hobart, Canberra and Sydney during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Hobart, Tasmania

- Meeting with Mr Matthew Groom MP, Shadow Minister for Energy, Climate Change, Environment, Parks, Heritage and Sustainable Transport, State Member for Denison, Tasmania (Japan 2012)
- Working luncheon hosted by Alderman Damon Thomas, Lord Mayor of Hobart
- Guided tour of Town Hall
- Luncheon hosted by Senator David Bushby, Deputy Government Whip in the Senate, Senator for Tasmania (New Zealand 2001 and South Korea 2011). Guests included Ms Wendy Summers (South Korea 2005)
- Guided tour of Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
- Guided tour of the Port Arthur Historical Sites

- Visit to Salamanca Markets
- Visit to Mt Wellington

## Canberra, Australia Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member
- Meeting with the Hon Sussan Ley MP, Assistant Minister for Education, Federal Member for Farrer (Japan 2004)
- Meeting with the Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Communications, Federal Member for Blaxland
- Meeting with the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Member for Curtin (Germany 1999)
- Council luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Council Member
- Briefing by the Australian Sports Commission and guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Bonghyun Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Dinner with Mr Ross Macdonald (South Korea 2012) and Mr Brad Rowswell (South Korea 2012)

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with Mr Peter Barnard, General Manager, Trade and Economic Services and Ms Ryoko Uchida, Market Specialist - South Asia and Korea, Meat and Livestock Australia
- Briefing by the Parliament of New South Wales

- Working luncheon hosted by Mr Andrew Fraser MP, Assistant Speaker, State Member for Coffs Harbour and the Hon Reverend Fred Nile, Assistant President, Member of the Legislative Council. Guests included the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, State Member for Marrickville (Japan 2006), Mr John Sidoti MP, State Member for Drummoyne and Ms Ronda Miller, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
- Guided tour of Parliament of New South Wales



The fourth delegation from the Republic of Korea with Alderman Damon Thomas, Lord Mayor of Hobart



The fourth delegation from the Republic of Korea with the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Member for Curtin

## Seventh Delegation from the Philippines

7 to 13 December 2013

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### Delegates

- **The Hon Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte** (Nacionalista Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Governor, Province of Camarines Sur
- **The Hon Maria Katrina L. Lim** (Liberal Party)  
Mayor, Municipality of Valencia, Bohol
- **The Hon Jasmin Nalugon Pinsoy** (Liberal Party)  
City Councillor, Dipolog City, Province of Zamboanga del Norte
- **The Hon Josef Andrew Tayao Mendoza** (Liberal Party)  
Board Member, Province of Bulacan
- **The Hon Charisse Marie Aguilar Abalos** (Lakas Christian Muslim Democrats)  
Councillor, Mandaluyong City, National Capital Region
- **Mr Marc-Fabian B. Castrodes** (Independent)  
Main Anchor/Host, People Television Network Channel 4
- **Mr Rolendes C. Fabi** – Accompanying Officer  
Executive Director, Philippine Center of Young Leaders in Governance

The Seventh Delegation from the Philippines travelled to Melbourne and Canberra during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by Cr Craig Langdon, Mayor, Mr Simon McMillan, Chief Executive Officer, Cr Rick Garotti, Councillor, Grimshaw Ward, Banyule City Council (Philippines 2012)
- Briefing by Mr David Hawkins, Managing Director, Socom Strategic Outcomes, arranged with the assistance of Mr Timothy Singh (Philippines 2006)
- Briefing by Mr Wayne Tunnecliffe, Clerk of the Legislative Council and Mr Andrew Young, Assistant Clerk Committees, Parliament of Victoria
- Guided tour of Parliament of Victoria
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council, State Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region and the Hon Ken Smith MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, State Member for Bass
- Meeting with the Hon Peter Walsh MP, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Minister for Water, State Member for Swan Hill

- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council
- Dinner with Mr Daniel Bevan (South Korea 2011) and Mr Timothy Singh (Philippines 2006)
- Briefing by Professor Field Rickards, Dean, Graduate School of Education, Associate Professor Ester Care, Director, Assessment Curriculum and Technology Research Centre, Dr Alvin Vista, Research Fellow, Assessment Research Centre, University of Melbourne and Mr Dexter N Pante, Senior Education Program Specialist, Philippine Department of Education
- Luncheon hosted by Ms Virginia Kalong, Consul General, Philippine Consulate, Melbourne
- Briefing by Ms Alice Gregorio-Nicolas, Editor-in-Chief/Publisher, *The Philippine Times*
- Visit to Melbourne Museum and the Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Guided tour of Healesville Sanctuary
- Visit to Queen Victoria Markets
- Visit to Eureka Skydeck 88

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000) and Mr Greg Pierce, Media Advisor, Office of the Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP (UK 2011)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Ms Skye Laris, Chief of Staff to Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member
- Briefing and tour of the Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre, Geoscience Australia
- Meeting with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Federal Member for Grayndler (Vietnam 2007)
- Meeting with the Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Sport, Federal Member for Dickson (Japan 2008)
- Meeting with Dr Jim Chalmers, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Opposition Leader, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Trade and Investment, Federal Member for Rankin (UK 2005)
- Dinner with Mr Tio Faulkner (Philippines 2011), Ms Berna Doksatli (Philippines 2011) and Ms Melinda Hashimoto (Japan 2000)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate



- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Luncheon hosted by Ms Nina Cainglet, Minister and Consul General and Mr Jim San-Agustin, First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of the Philippines



The seventh delegation from the Philippines with Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals and Mr Greg Pierce, Media Advisor, Office of the Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP



The seventh delegation from the Philippines with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Federal Member for Grayndler

## Eighth Delegation from the Philippines

22 to 28 March 2014

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### Delegates

- **The Hon Esteban Evan B. Contreras** (Liberal Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Vice Governor, Province of Capiz
- **The Hon Andres D. Lacson** (Nationalist People's Coalition Party)  
Mayor, Municipality of Concepcion, Province of Tarlac
- **The Hon Ruel Darvin Momo** (Liberal Party)  
Vice Mayor, Tandag City, Province of Surigao del Sur
- **The Hon Priscilla Marie T. Abante** (Independent)  
Councillor, Sixth District of Manila, National Capital Region
- **The Hon Earl Tidy H. Oyas** (Bakud Party)  
Councillor, Municipality of Catmon, Province of Cebu
- **The Hon Mya Analene D. Rosos-Tenorio** (Nacionalista Party)  
Councillor, Malaybalay City, Province of Bukidnon
- **Ms Georgina Panol Nava** - Accompanying Officer  
Philippine Centre of Young Leaders in Governance

The Eighth Delegation from the Philippines travelled to Newcastle, Canberra and Sydney during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Newcastle, New South Wales

- Briefing by Cr Bruce MacKenzie, Mayor, Mr Peter Gesling, General Manager and Cr Steve Tucker, Central Ward, Port Stephens Council
- Meeting with Associate Professor Cheryl Kernot, Director of Social Business, Centre for Social Impact, University of New South Wales (USA 1986)
- Visit and guided tour of the Newcastle Art Gallery and observation of the children's ARTCART program
- Guided tour of the Hunter Wetlands Centre

#### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member and Ms Skye Laris, Chief of Staff
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)

- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Greg Pierce, Media Advisor, Office of the Hon Luke Hartsuyker MP (UK 2011), Ms Kate Barwick, Media Advisor, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP (China 2008) and Mr Chris Daffey, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP
- Briefing on the Australia-Philippines Collaboration in Natural Hazard Risk Assessment by Dr John Schneider, International Group Leader, Mr Matt Jakab, Philippines Activity Leader, Regional Risk Section, International Group, Dr Victoria Miller, Hazard Scientist, Regional Risk Section, International Group, arranged with the assistance of Ms Jacqui Myers, Chief Financial Officer, Geoscience Australia (Philippines 2009)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Dinner with Mr Gary Kent (Philippines 2007), Ms Jacqui Myers (Philippines 2009) and Mr Jamie Snashall (Germany 2003)
- Meeting with Ms Michelle Rowland MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Shadow Assistant Minister for Communications, Federal Member for Greenway (Germany 1995)
- Meeting with Mr Ed Husic MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Treasurer, Federal Member for Chifley
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Council luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Council Member. Guests included Council Member the Hon Kevin Andrews MP (UK 2001)
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Luncheon hosted by Ms Nina P. Cainglet and Mr Jim Tito B. San Agustin, First Secretaries and Consul, Embassy of the Philippines

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk-Assistant Committees and Ms Helen Minnican, Clerk-Assistant Committees
- Guided tour of the Parliament House of New South Wales
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, State Member for the South Coast. Guests included the Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC (USA 1984) and Mr John Robertson MP, State Member for Blacktown

- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council
- Dinner with Mr Liam Bathgate (USA 1994)
- Briefing by Mr Johnny Ching, Honorary Treasurer, Australia Philippines Business Council
- Meeting and briefing by Ms Anne Jalando-on Louis, Consul General, Mr Marford Angeles, Consul, Philippine Consulate General, Sydney
- Visit and guided tour of Taronga Zoo



The eighth delegation from the Philippines with Ms Michelle Rowland MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Shadow Assistant Minister for Communications, Federal Member for Greenway



The eighth delegation from the Philippines with the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Program

## Thirteenth Delegation from Japan

28 April to 4 May 2014

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### Delegates

- **Dr Daishiro Yamagiwa MP** (Liberal Democratic Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Arata Takebe MP** (Liberal Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Kenta Izumi MP** (Democratic Party of Japan)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Katsuo Yakura MP** (New Komeito Party)  
Member of the House of Councillors
- **Mr Koichi Yamauchi MP** (Your Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Teppei Yoshino** – Accompanying Officer  
Secretary to Dr Daishiro Yamagiwa MP

The Thirteenth Delegation from Japan travelled to Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with Mr Guy Zangari MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Communities, Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation, State Member for Fairfield (Japan 2014)
- Briefing and guided tour of the University of Sydney, arranged with the assistance of Ms Kirsten Andrews (China 2002)
- Briefing by Ms Beverly Duffy, Clerk-Assistant Committees
- Luncheon with the Hon Natasha MacLaren-Jones MLC (Japan 2014), Ms Penny Sharpe MLC (Japan 2010), the Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP, State Member for Marrickville (Japan 2006) and Mr Guy Zangari MP, State Member for Fairfield (Japan 2014)
- Guided tour of New South Wales Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Briefing and luncheon hosted by Mr Masato Takaoka, Consul General of Japan

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Australian Labor Party, Council Member and Ms Skye Laris, Chief of Staff
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000) and Mr Michael Kauter, Deputy Campaign Director, The Nationals
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Briefing by the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University
- Roundtable discussion with representatives from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Briefing by Ms Claressa Surtees, Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Luncheon with Mr Alistair Coe MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Urban Services, Shadow Minister for Transport Services, Shadow Minister for Heritage, Member for Ginninderra, Australian Capital Territory (USA 2010 and India 2013)
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Yoshitaka Akimoto, Ambassador of Japan
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

## Adelaide, South Australia

- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Penny Wright, Senator for South Australia
- Meeting with the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Federal Member for Mayo (Japan 2010)
- Briefing by Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, arranged with the assistance of Mr Don Frater (Japan 1992)
- Luncheon with Mr Grant Chapman, former Senator for South Australia (Japan 1992)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment, Senator for South Australia (Japan 2009)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Senator for South Australia (China 1994)
- Dinner with the Hon Russell Wortley, President, Legislative Council of South Australia (China 1984)
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Health, Federal Member for Kingston (Japan 2011)

- Attend Australian Rules Football match
- Guided tour of Cleland Wildlife Park
- Attended *Kodomo no Hi* Japanese festival



The thirteenth delegation from Japan with the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Federal Member for Mayo



The thirteenth delegation from Japan with Mr Alistair Coe MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Urban Services, Shadow Minister for Transport Services, Shadow Minister for Heritage, Member for Ginninderra, Australian Capital Territory

## Eighteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

21 to 27 June 2014

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### Delegates

- **Mr Dang Quoc Toan** (Communist Party of Vietnam) *Delegation Leader*  
Secretary, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
- **Ms Pham Thi Phuc** (Communist Party of Vietnam)  
Member, Provincial People's Council  
Member, Standing Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union  
Secretary, Provincial Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, Lam Dong Province
- **Ms Do Thi Hien** (Communist Party of Vietnam)  
Member, Provincial People's Council  
Member, Executive Committee of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union  
Secretary, Provincial Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, Bac Kan Province
- **Ms Nguyen Thi Thu Ha** (Communist Party of Vietnam)  
Permanent Deputy Secretary, Provincial Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, Quang Ninh Province
- **Mr Vu Hong Tien** (Communist Party of Vietnam)  
Vice Director, Vietnam Youth Academy
- **Mr Dinh Minh Trung** (Communist Party of Vietnam)  
Chief of the Administrative Office, *Tuoi Tre* Newspaper
- **Mr Tran Trung Hieu** – Accompanying Officer  
Youth International Cooperation Development Center

The Eighteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam travelled to Brisbane, Tweed Heads, Canberra and Sydney during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Brisbane, Queensland

- Visit to Mt Coot-tha Lookout
- Guided tour of Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

#### Tweed Heads, New South Wales

- Meeting with Mr Neil Baldwin, Manager Corporate Governance/Public Officer, Tweed Shire Council and Cr Warren Polglase, former Mayor of Tweed, Vice President Tweed Business Chamber
- Luncheon with Mr Neil Baldwin, Cr Warren Polglase and Mr Mathew Fraser,



former Federal Candidate for Richmond 2013 (Vietnam 2014)

- Briefing by Mr Robert Quirk, Chairman Tweed Canegrowers, Board Member of the Australian Cane Farmers Association, Director of Bonsucro
- Site visit to sugar cane farm
- Meeting with executive members of the Tweed Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Meeting with Mr Geoff Provest MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services, State Member for Tweed
- Guided tour of Minjungbal Aboriginal Cultural Centre

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Nathan Lambert, A/g National Secretary, Australian Labor Party
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Thanh Nghi Luong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Briefing on The Nationals by Ms Kate Barwick (China 2008) and Mr Chris Daffey (Philippines 2014), Media Advisors, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP
- Meeting with Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator for South Australia (Japan 2008 and Vietnam 2014)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Meeting with the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Tourism, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Federal Member for Grayndler (Vietnam 2007)
- Meeting with Dr Andrew Laming MP, Federal Member for Bowman (Vietnam 2010 and Philippines 2012)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Members Senator the Hon John Faulkner and the Hon Kevin Andrews MP (UK 2001)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council

- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Shadow Special Minister of State, Federal Member for Brand (USA 1989)
- Dinner with Mr Ross Macdonald (South Korea 2012 and Vietnam 2014)

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with the Hon Luke Foley MLC, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council (UK 2005)
- Briefing by Mr Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Council and Mr Les Gonye, Clerk Assistant-Table and Serjeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of New South Wales
- Working luncheon hosted by the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Thomas George MP, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, State Member for Lismore
- Tour of the Parliament of New South Wales
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House



The eighteenth delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with Senator Cory Bernardi, Senator for South Australia



The eighteenth delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the Hon Luke Foley MLC, Shadow Minister for the Environment and Climate Change, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council

## Individual Study Tours for 2013–2014

Five young Australians participated in individual study tours to Germany, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and India in 2013–2014. This included one attending the Asian Forum on Global Governance in India.

### Mr Ben Oquist (Australian Greens) – Germany

Chief of Staff to Senator Christine Milne, Leader of the Australian Greens,  
Senator for Tasmania

25 September to 12 October 2013

Mr Oquist's study tour aimed to observe and learn from the operations and strategy of the German Greens. Following the less than expected performance of the German Greens during the 2013 national elections, the study tour focussed on the reasons why the Greens had under-performed and the process used following the election to understand and learn from the result. During his study tour, Mr Oquist met and interviewed Greens MPs, staff members, academics and Party officials at state and national level in Berlin, Munich and Stuttgart.

*The big repeated strategic error of the overall Greens campaign approach was the failure to focus on the big ecological, climate change and energy policies. The Former leader, Joschka Fischer, has made this point publically where he criticised both the SPD and the Greens for their failure to focus on energy policy.*

*With the benefits of hindsight, it seemed everybody recognised this as a fault. Indeed, as one MP put it "after the election, everyone is an ecologist now". What wasn't completely clear, was why the error was allowed to take place in the first place given there was such widespread acknowledgment of the issue.*

*Greens State Premier Winfried Kretschmann gave a passionate speech at the election debrief conference, and at the Realo-faction debrief, about the failure of the Greens to properly articulate the core business of the Greens, that is, transforming the economy so it is ecological and is not based on resource depletion. The speech could be summarised this way – "if not now, when? If not us Greens, who?"*

*He argued passionately that Greens must show how a transformation between ecology and economy can happen and how it can be done. "If the Greens can't do that, if the Greens can't do that in Germany where we have the engineers, education and wealth, who can!?" It was the Greens' responsibility to do this. First and foremost. This was the Greens' role in history".*

*Another said "it's not true that social policies are not important, but they don't win us votes. We won't win by leading with them".*

*Overall, many felt the Greens failed to play to the Party's environmental strengths. A party MP who lost their seat said "we Greens did badly because we thought like a decathlon athlete they should make their weak sports stronger and bring them to the same level. Actually, a good decathlete has two or three very strong legs that they strive for."*

**Mr Sam Harma (The Nationals) – United States of America**

President of the Western Australia Young Nationals, Policy Advisor to WA Minister for Regional Development and Lands

9 to 22 November 2013

Mr Harma's study tour aimed to examine the issue of food security in the US and more specifically innovation in agriculture and sustaining regional populations, with a view to potential application in an Australian context. Specifically, he endeavoured to assess the similarities in produce and agricultural production techniques and commercialisation to Australia. What is the US doing differently to Australia? How are farmers and regional areas supported in the US? Can Australia learn lessons from the US example? During his study tour, Mr Harma met with a number of senior officers from the US Department of Agriculture, a US Senator, visited Kansas and Dodge City and met with senior representatives from a number of US agricultural-related businesses operating at different points along the supply chain.

*Interestingly, my time in the US coincided with debate on the US 'Farm Bill' which governs US agriculture policy and is renegotiated every five years. It was evident through this process that the cross-subsidisation of agriculture in the US was under increased scrutiny from non-agriculture sections of the US population. The tight economic conditions which surrounded the discussion have contributed to this increased scrutiny.*

*This view was reiterated on numerous occasions when the passage of the 'Farm Bill' was raised during my time in the US, reinforced by the fact that the Farm Bill is currently nine months overdue and has been in a level of stalemate as it progresses through the US legislative process. The drawn out process around the 'Farm Bill' reflects the importance and contention around this bill to the US community and economy.*

*Australia's track record of innovation and ingenuity in agriculture, and ability to remain globally competitive in tough natural and economic conditions and free from subsidies, ideally positions Australia to capitalise on opportunities that exist as a result of a rapidly developing Asia-Pacific region.*

**Mr Alistair Coe MLA (Liberal Party of Australia) – India**

**Asian Forum on Global Governance**

Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Opposition Whip, Shadow Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Shadow Minister for Urban Services, Shadow Minister for Transport Services, Shadow Minister for Heritage and Member for Ginninderra, Australian Capital Territory

**10 to 19 November 2013**

The Asian Forum on Global Governance was held in New Delhi from 10-19 November 2013, attracting around 50 participants from more than 20 countries and featured many speakers from around the world. The theme for the 2013 forum was '*Resolving Gridlock – Managing Conflicts on Sovereignty, Economy, Ecology, Technology and Demography*'. Mr Coe met with academics, government officials and policy analysts from around the world. The Forum provided Mr Coe with the opportunity to discuss, debate and challenge conventional interpretations of the existing complex realities confronting communities and leaders.

*The Asian Forum on Global Governance was a superb opportunity to discuss with professionals from across the world the challenges in public policy. Australians are often unfamiliar with the far-reaching multi-lateral organisations that exist throughout Europe and other parts of the world, therefore such conferences provide a window into other perspectives for decision-making and interaction.*

*The Forum was extremely well organised by the Observer Research Foundation and I would recommend the program to others, especially those with an interest in multi-lateral decision-making.*

**Ms Laura Smyth** (Australian Labor Party) – **Germany**  
Former Federal Member for La Trobe

19 November to 17 December 2013

Ms Smyth's study tour aimed to explore the mechanics of the arrangements negotiated under the coalition agreement between the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and the Christian Social Union (CSU); to better understand the views of participants in the coalition-building process; and to observe the reaction of media commentators, constituent units of relevant parties and the electorate. During her tour, Ms Smyth met with representatives of the SPD at both a national and regional level, a representative of Die Linke, polling consultants, an academic commentator and visited the Bundestag on the day of the announcement of the ballot outcome while parliamentary faction meetings were underway.

*In the short term, engagement of members through ratification of the coalition agreement appears to have been a success for the SPD. It has responded to members' concerns about the policy and electoral consequences of the previous grand coalition and it appears to have engaged an overwhelming majority of the party's membership. It has increased its membership in the short term at least and generated constructive debate. For a party which had suffered a decline in its polling support in recent history, this has been a very positive result.*

*I was struck most by the fact that the process could at any stage have yielded a very different result. The fate of the agreement was truly in the hands of members. It remains to be seen whether there may be broader electoral or campaigning benefits and whether the SPD is perceived more favourably by virtue of the process.*

*The decision of the SPD's party congress at Leipzig in November has opened up opportunities for broader coalitions in future and may yield a future progressive coalition. In the meantime, it is a useful reminder to the major parties that other coalitions might be possible. Significant points of departure in public policy together with historical differences between progressive parties mean that this seems unlikely to eventuate in the short term, however.*

*To have had the opportunity to observe some of the mechanics which have led to the formation of a new German Government in somewhat unusual circumstances was a very valuable and timely experience. I have learned much from the visit and it has given me cause to think further about political parties' candour with, and engagement of, members. Once again, I am grateful for having been nominated to make the visit.*

**Mr Sebastian Zwalf (Australian Labor Party) – United Kingdom**

Lead National Organiser, Australian Labor Party

23 November to 22 December 2013

Mr Zwalf's study tour aimed to identify the similarities and differences between the UK and Australia's political systems, giving consideration to what could be done differently in the Australian context. Specifically, in relation to: contemporary and emerging campaigning and organising techniques; the funding and operating models employed by think tanks in the UK; interactions between think tanks and pressure groups and decision makers; and contemporary political issues.

During his study tour, Mr Zwalf conducted semi-structured interviews with 35 senior political and think tank personnel in the United Kingdom with respect to the aforementioned topics.

*A number of trends are observable within the UK political system which demonstrate tangible differences to the Australian political system. Other features are noticeably similar. Movement for Change is unparalleled in the Australian political and civil environment. Their activities in the UK have the ability to have a large impact on political and civil outcomes – and in many instances have already done so. 38° has also had a significant impact on politics within the UK, although its impact is comparable to that of GetUp! in the Australian context. It is notable that MfC and 38° appear to have been enormously successful organisations involved in politics whilst sitting outside of the party-political process. This has occurred at a time of declining memberships of political organisations that has occurred in the United Kingdom as well as Australia. The success of both MfC and 38° perhaps suggests that while a large number of people in the community are willing to be politically active, they have a preference for doing so outside of political parties. Their success is perhaps also aided by the ability of organisations such as MfC and 38° to pursue issues that are not inherently partisan – and do not require strictly partisan actions. There would be no reason that a Movement for Change style organisation could not be viable in the Australian environment.*







2014–2015

## Outgoing Australian Delegations for 2014–2015

In 2014–2015, the Council sponsored 40 young Australian political leaders in overseas exchange delegations to the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Japan, the Philippines and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam as follows:

Date	Delegation
26 July to 1 August 2014	Twenty-second Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China
11 to 17 October 2014	Fourth Australian Delegation to the Republic of Korea
28 October to 7 November 2014	Thirtieth Australian Delegation to the United States of America
7 to 13 March 2015	Twenty-third Australian Delegation to Japan
18 to 24 April 2015	Twenty-third Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China
2 to 8 May 2015	Eighth Australian Delegation to the Philippines
27 June to 3 July 2015	Nineteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

# Twenty-second Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China

26 July to 1 August 2014

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## Delegates

- **Cr Milton Dick** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Leader of the Opposition, Infrastructure Spokesperson, Councillor for Richlands Ward, Brisbane City Council
- **Mr Michael Buckland** (Australian Labor Party)  
Member of the ALP National Policy Forum
- **Cr Darcy Byrne** (Australian Labor Party)  
Mayor of Leichhardt, Electorate Officer, Office of the Hon Anthony Albanese MP
- **Mr Daniel Try** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson
- **Mr Thomas (Tom) White** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Policy Chairman, West Australian Division Liberal Party of Australia
- **Ms Claire Coulton** (The Nationals)  
Policy Advisor, Office of the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-second Delegation to the People's Republic of China travelled to Beijing and Shenyang, during the seven-day exchange hosted by the All-China Youth Federation.

## Visit Program

### Beijing

- Meeting with Mr Jia Yandong, Deputy Director, People's Bank of China
- Meeting with Mr Fang Qiuchen, Director General of American and Oceania Affairs, Ministry of Commerce
- Courtesy call on His Excellency Mr Zhou Changkui, Vice President, All-China Youth Federation
- Welcome dinner hosted by Mr Wan Xuejun, Assistant President, All-China Youth Federation
- Meeting with Her Excellency Ms Frances Adamson, Ambassador of Australia
- Dinner with Professor Wang, Peking University
- Visit to West Changan Street sub-district community hosted by Mr Zhang Ding, including a visit to the home of Mr Nie Lian Zhong
- Visit to Yancheng, hosted by Ms Bao Kun

- Visit to the Forbidden City
- Visit to the Great Wall of China
- Visit to the 2014 APEC Summit site

## Shenyang

- Meeting and dinner hosted by Mr Tian Ye, President, Liaoning Provincial Youth Federation
- Meeting with Mr Dou Mingyang, Deputy Speaker and Mr Ning Guogang, Director of the Administration Office, the Standing Committee of the Liaoning Provincial People's Congress, including dialogue with Congressmen
- Banquet hosted by Mr Tian Ye, President of the Liaoning Provincial Youth Federation
- Visit to General Zhang Zuolin's Residence
- Visit to the Industrial Museum of China
- Visit Northern Heavy Industries Group Co. Ltd
- Visit to the Chicago International English Institute, including dialogue with students
- Visit to Shenyang Imperial Palace



The twenty-second Australian delegation to the People's Republic of China with representatives of the All-China Youth Federation

# Fourth Australian Delegation to the Republic of Korea

11 to 17 October 2014

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## Delegates

- **Mr Scott Buchholz MP** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Federal Member for Wright
- **Mr Andrew Heath** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
State Executive Member, New South Wales Division, Liberal Party of Australia  
Manager, Corporate Governance and Policy, Office of the Vice-Chancellor,  
The Australian National University
- **Mr Henry Pike** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Senior Electorate Officer, Office of Mr John Barilaro MP Former Vice President,  
Young Liberal Movement of Australia
- **Mr Roderick Schneider** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Federal Policy Group Chair and Federalism and Decentralisation Policy Committee Chair  
Financial Adviser, MGD Wealth
- **Mrs Jessica Greene** (Australian Labor Party)  
Secretary, City Central Branch, Australian Labor Party
- **Cr George Simon** (Australian Labor Party)  
Councillor, East Ward, Ryde City Council  
NSW Campaign Director, Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union
- **Mrs Lauren Barons** – Council Representative  
Australian Political Exchange Council

The Fourth Australian Delegation to the Republic of Korea travelled to Seoul and Geoje during the seven-day exchange hosted by The Korea Foundation.

## Visit Program

### Seoul

- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Ms Keum-jin Yoon, Executive Vice-President, The Korea Foundation
- Meeting with Ms Min Hyun-joo MP, Member of the National Assembly
- Meeting with Members of the National Assembly
- Meeting with members of the Korean Youth Committee
- Meeting with Dr Hoon Kim, Senior Researcher, Dr Seong Jae Cho, Senior Research Fellow and Dr Myung Joon Park, Research Fellow, Korea Labor Institute
- Dinner hosted by the Korea-Australia Foundation
- Attended traditional Korean musical “Miso”

- Visit to National Assembly and viewing of Plenary Chamber
- Visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace and the National Folk Museum
- Visit to the National Museum of Contemporary History
- Visit to Seoul National University
- Visit to the Demilitarized Zone

## Geoje

- Visit and tour of Samsung Heavy Industries



The fourth Australian delegation to the Republic of Korea at the National Assembly in Seoul



The fourth Australian delegation to the Republic of Korea with members of the Korean Youth Committee

# Thirtieth Australian Delegation to the United States of America

28 October to 7 November 2014

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## Delegates

- **Ms Shannon Threlfall-Clarke** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Senior Vice President, Victorian Branch, Australian Labor Party
- **Mr Nicholas Thompson** (Australian Labor Party)  
Secretary, Dalby-Surat Basin Branch, Queensland Division, Australian Labor Party  
Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Family Legal Service Southern Queensland
- **Mr Charles (Sam) McQuestin** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
State Director, Tasmanian Division, Liberal Party of Australia
- **Ms Alyson Richards** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Advisor, Coalition Advisory Service, Office of the Hon Philip Ruddock MP
- **Mr Andrew Blyberg** (Australian Greens)  
Senior Advisor, Office of Senator Richard Di Natale
- **Cr Shane Van Styn** (The Nationals)  
Councillor, City of Greater Geraldton  
Director, Yamatji Mining and Civil, Sun City Security and Forefront Accounting & Audit
- **Mrs Sharon Forester** – Council Representative  
Director, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Thirtieth Australian Delegation to the United States of America travelled to Washington DC, New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette during the eleven-day exchange hosted by the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

## Visit Program

### Washington DC

- Welcome by Mr Adam Meir, Program Officer, Office of Citizen Exchanges, US Department of State and Ms Linda Rotunno, Chief Executive Officer, American Council of Young Political Leaders
- Meeting with Mr Mike Ferguson and Mr Mike Kopetski, former Members of Congress
- Meeting with Mr Norman Ornstein, Resident Scholar, American Enterprise Institute
- Meeting with Ms Anusha Gordon, Voting Rights Project, Lawyer's Committee on Civil Rights
- Meeting with Ms Amy Dacey, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr Raul Alivilar, Political Director, National Democratic Committee

- Meeting with Mr Brian Zuzenak, Deputy Executive Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; and Ms Jessica Furst-Johnson, Deputy Director and General Counsel and Mr John Rogers, Deputy Political Director, National Republican Congressional Committee
- Dinner hosted by the Alumni of the American Council of Young Political Leaders
- Panel session moderated by Ms Casey Bruce, Communications Manager, American Council of Young Political Leaders. Presenters included Ms Aubrey Blankenship, Communications Director, American Majority; Mr Sergio Olaya, Politics & Causes Lead, Google+ Marketing, Google; and Mr Nu Wexler, Spokesman, Policy & Political Issues, Twitter
- Meeting with Mr Tom McMahon, Partner, New Partners and Mr Matt Robbins, President, American Majority
- Meeting with Mr Jim McCray, Managing Partner, Highwood Capital and Ms Ami Copeland, Executive Director, Business Forward
- Networking and movie night hosted by Mr Greg Saphier, Director of External Affairs, Motion Picture Association of America
- Meeting with His Excellency the Hon Kim Beasley AC, Ambassador of Australia
- Meeting with My Jay Footlik, President, Global Policy Initiatives
- Luncheon hosted by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research
- Farewell dinner hosted by Ms Linda Rotunno, Chief Executive Officer, American Council of Young Political Leaders
- Bus tour of Washington DC's monuments and memorials
- Visit to Capitol Building grounds

### New Orleans, Louisiana

- Breakfast panel session hosted by State Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell. Other presenters included Mr Tommy Screen, Executive Director, Loyola Institute of Politics, Mr Todd Ragusa, Principal, Ragusa Consulting and Ms Julia O'Donoghue, Political Reporter, *The Times-Picayune* and NOLA.com
- Attended the Ms *Mary Landrieu for United States Senate* Rally featuring Ms Hillary Clinton
- Dinner hosted by Mr Rodney Braxton, Principal, Southern Strategy. Guests included Representative Kirk Talbot, Louisiana House of Representatives
- Meeting with Ms Jessica Monroe, Director, State Government Affairs, Johnson & Johnson and Mr Peter Martinez, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America
- Attended the *Mary Landrieu for United States Senate* Campaign function and election watch
- Meeting with Mr JP Morrell, State Senator and Mr Kirk Talbot, State Representative
- Historic walking tour of New Orleans



## Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- Meeting with Mr Brian McNabb, District Director, Office of Congressman Dr William Cassidy
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Dr David Dismukes, Executive Director, Center for Energy Studies, Louisiana State University
- Tour of Louisiana State University Stadium and campus hosted by Mr Verge Ausberry, Senior Athletics Director, Louisiana State University
- Reception hosted by Mr Gifford Briggs, Vice President, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association
- Visit to campaign headquarters for *Dan Claitor for Congress*

## Lafayette, Louisiana

- Meeting with Mr Louis Perret, Clerk of Court, Lafayette Parish Court
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Mark Cole and Lafayette business leaders
- Tour of Louisiana State Capitol, hosted by Mr Peter Martinez, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
- Dinner and election day briefing hosted by Ms Jessica Monroe, Director State Government Affairs, Johnson & Johnson and Mr Jim Nickel, Director, Courson Nickel



The thirtieth Australian delegation to the United States of America with Mr Mike Ferguson and Mr Mike Kopetski, former Members of Congress



The thirtieth Australian delegation to the United States of America in front of the White House

## Twenty-third Australian Delegation to Japan

7 to 13 March 2015

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### Delegates

- **Ms Terri Butler MP** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Federal Member for Griffith
- **Ms Lisa Chesters MP** (Australian Labor Party)  
Federal Member for Bendigo
- **Mr Ari Suss** (Australian Labor Party)  
Executive Director, Fox Private Group
- **Mr Ian Goodenough MP** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Federal Member for Moore
- **Mrs Sharon Forester** – Council Representative  
Director, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-third Australian Delegation to Japan travelled to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nagasaki during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

### Visit Program

#### Tokyo

- Briefing by Mr Hiroyuki Tahara and Mr Osamu Ashizuka, Ministry of Defence
- Meeting with Mr Shinjiro Koizumi MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Reconstruction
- Briefing by representatives of the Economic Partnership Division, Ministry of Economics, Trade and Industry
- Meeting with Mr Yukihiko Wada, Mr Daisuke Roberto Kido and Ms Maiko Ishizaki, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Dinner hosted by Mr Hideo Suzuki, Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceania Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meeting with Mr Kenji Harada MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Defence
- Meeting with Mr Taku Otsuka MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice, Mr Ichiro Aisawa MP and Mr Hideki Makihara MP, Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League
- Briefing and dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Bruce Miller, Ambassador of Australia
- Courtesy call on Mr Yoshihiro Okabe, Director General, Japan-Australia Business Co-operation Committee and Mr Nobuyuki Koga, Chairman, Board of Nomura
- Meeting with Professor Teruhiko Fukushima, Professor Mayumi Kamada and Professor Tetsuaki Okamoto, Australian Studies Association of Japan

- Visit to the Japanese Diet
- Tour of Tokyo

## Kyoto

- Visit to Sanjusangendo 1001 Statues
- Visit to Kyoto Station Skyway
- Kyoto Cultural Activities, including a visit to Gion Corner and the Kiyomizu-dera Buddhist temple

## Nagasaki

- Visit to Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum
- Visit to Nagasaki Memorial Park
- Visit to camphor trees of Sanno Shinto Shrine



The twenty-third Australian delegation to Japan with Mr Shinjiro Koizumi MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Reconstruction



The twenty-third Australian delegation to Japan with members of the Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League

# Twenty-third Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China

18 to 24 April 2015

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## Delegates

- **Mr John Nguyen** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the Administrative Committee, Victorian Division, Liberal Party of Australia
- **Mr Andrew Cox** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Deputy Director, Victorian Division, Liberal Party of Australia
- **Ms Kathryn Lees** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Senior Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister
- **Mr Peter McCabe** (Australian Labor Party)  
Communications Director, New South Wales Labor Party
- **Mr Daryl Tan** (Australian Labor Party)  
Solicitor, HBA Legal
- **Ms Erin Watt** (Australian Labor Party)  
Power Savers Coordinator, United Voice NSW
- **Mrs Sharon Forester** – Council Representative  
Director, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-third Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China travelled to Beijing, Xiamen, and Shanghai during the seven-day exchange hosted by the All-China Youth Federation.

## Visit Program

### Beijing

- Courtesy call on His Excellency Mr Zhou Changkui, Vice President, All-China Youth Federation
- Meeting with Madam Zheng Quan, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Finance
- Meeting with Mr Ma Hui, Director-General, Bureau for North America, Oceania, and Nordic Countries, International Department of the Chinese Communist Party
- Welcome dinner hosted by Madam Dong Xia, Deputy Secretary-General, All-China Youth Federation
- Meeting with Mr Ji Huhua, Director, China Insurance Regulatory Commission
- Forum with Professor Wang Lingui, National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Visit to the Forbidden City

- Visit to the Great Wall of China
- Visit to Chaowai Youth Center, Chaoyang District of Beijing

## Xiamen

- Roundtable discussion with Madam Huang Ying, Vice Chairman, Xiamen Youth Federation
- Welcome dinner hosted by Mr Hu Sheng, President of Xiamen Youth Federation
- Meeting with Mr Zhong Hing Guo, Deputy Secretary, Xiamen Municipal Committee of Communist Party
- Meeting with Professor Xiding Jiang, Institute of International Relations, Xiamen University
- Campus tour of Xiamen University
- Visit to the Xiamen Fangcheng Group and Septwolves Industries, hosted by Mr Hang Cheng, Xiamen Fangcheng Group and Mr Ryan Zhou, Septwolves Industries
- Visit to South Putuo Temple

## Shanghai

- City tour of Shanghai



The twenty-third Australian delegation to the People's Republic of China with Madam Zheng Quan, Ministry of Finance



The twenty-third Australian delegation to the People's Republic of China with scholars of the National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Science

## Eighth Australian Delegation to the Philippines

2 to 8 May 2015

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### Delegates

- **Mr Ross Macdonald** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Advisor, Office of Mr Scott Buchholz MP
- **Mr Ben Riley** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Immediate Past President, Young Liberal Movement of Australia
- **Mr Ross Schafer** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Advisor, Office of the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP
- **Cr Daniel Barbar** (Australian Labor Party)  
Councillor, Marrickville Council
- **Mr Nathan Seng** (Australian Labor Party)  
Scholarships and Prizes Officer, Griffith University
- **Ms Jessica Turner** (The Nationals)  
Electorate Officer, Office of Senator Matthew Canavan
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Eighth Australian Delegation to the Philippines travelled to Manila, Oriental Mindoro and Batangas during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Philippine Center for Young Leaders in Governance.

### Visit Program

#### Manila

- Orientation and dinner hosted by Mr Rollie Fabi, Executive Director, Philippine Center for Young Leaders in Governance
- Meeting and dinner hosted by the Hon Kirk Aninon Asis, Bayugan City Council and National President of the National Movement of Young Legislators. Guests included Ms Dorothy “Doray” Delarmente, Vice Mayor of Corona
- Meeting with Mr Parisya H. Taradji, Undersecretary and Ms Vilma B. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary, Operations and Programs Group, Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Meeting with Ms Cielo Magno, College Secretary, Associate Professor Agustin Arcenas and Professor Solita Monsod, School of Economics, University of the Philippines

- Courtesy call on the Hon Carlos M. Padilo, Deputy Speaker, Philippine House of Representatives, the Hon Mercedes K. Alvarez, the Hon Anthony del Rosario and the Hon Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Members of Congress
- Meeting with Mr Feliciano Belmonte Jr., House Speaker
- Dinner hosted by Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV
- Fellowship night hosted by the Office of Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” A. Aquino IV
- Meeting with Mr Sherwin Prose C. Castaneda, Bureau of Import Services, Department of Trade and Industry
- Meeting with Mr Antonio V. Enriquez II, Chairman, Philippines-Australia Business Council
- Meeting with Mr Miguel B. Varela, Chairman, Mr Donald G. Dee, Chief Operating Officer and Mr Apolinar Aure, Chairman of the SME Committee, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Seminar hosted by the Australian Embassy and the Philippine Center for Young Leaders in Governance
- Reception hosted by His Excellency Mr Bill Tweddell, Ambassador of Australia. Guests included Members of Congress and representatives from local business groups
- Guided tour of the Ayala Museum
- Visit to local markets in Greenhills

### **Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro**

- Meeting and luncheon hosted by the Hon Humerlito “Bonz” A. Dolor, Vice Governor, National Chairman, League of Vice Governors of the Philippines and Treasurer, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines
- Meeting and dinner hosted by Mr Hubbert Christopher Dolor, Mayor, Puerto Galera
- Briefing on the work of the Ayala Foundation
- Attended a sitting of the Provincial Government, with the Hon Humerlito “Bonz” A. Dolor, Vice Governor as the Presiding Officer
- Briefing by Mr Orlando Tizon, Officer-in-Charge, Provincial Tourism, Investment and Enterprise Development and Ms Christine Pine, Provincial Agriculturalist
- Courtesy call on the Hon Alfonso Umali Jr., Governor of Oriental Mindoro
- Dinner hosted by the Governor, Vice Governor and the Provincial Board
- Boat tour of Puerto Galera
- Visit to a local Mangyan village

### Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

- Meeting with Mr Arnan C. Panaligan, Mayor, Calapan City
- Luncheon cruise hosted by Calapan City Council

### Batangas

- Meeting with the Hon Antonio C. Halili, Mayor and the Hon Jhoanna C. Corona, Vice Mayor, Tanuan City



The eighth Australian delegation to the Philippines with Vice Governor Humerlito “Bonz” A. Dolor at Congress



The eighth Australian delegation to the Philippines with Ms Jhoanna C. Corona, Vice Mayor, Tanuan City



# Nineteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

27 June to 3 July 2015

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## Delegates

- **Mr Matthew Merry** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Official, National Union of Workers
- **Ms Leah Dwyer** (Australian Labor Party)  
Workplace Organiser, Community and Public Sector Union
- **Ms Caitlin Keage** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Media Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
- **Mr Gideon Rozner** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Assistant Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson
- **Mr Tim Smith MP** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
State Member for Kew, Legislative Assembly of Victoria
- **Mr Craig McAllister** (The Nationals)  
Research Officer, West Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet
- **Mrs Sharon Forester** – Council Representative  
Director, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Nineteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam travelled to Ho Chi Minh, Hue and Hanoi during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Youth International Cooperation Development Center.

## Visit Program

### Ho Chi Minh

- Meeting and dinner hosted by Mr Dinh Minh Trung, Chief Administrative and Mr Tang Huu Phong, Editor-in-Chief of *Tuoi Tre* Newspaper
- Courtesy call on the Leaders of Ho Chi Minh City, including Mr Le Thanh Liem, Vice President
- Meeting with Leaders and representatives of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, including Mr Nguyen Manh Cuong, Secretary
- Dinner hosted by former delegates to Australia including Mr Vo Van Thuong, Deputy Secretary, Municipal Party Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, and Mr Mai Huu Tin, Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, U&I Groups, Member of Vietnam National Assembly
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Nguyen Manh Cuong, Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union

- Visit to War Remnants Museum and the Independence Palace
- Visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels

## Hue

- Courtesy call on Mr Tran Thanh Binh, Deputy Secretary, Provincial Committee, Communist Party
- Meeting and luncheon with Leaders and representatives of the Youth Union of Thua Thien Hue Province, hosted by Mr Nguyen Chi Tai, Secretary

## Hanoi

- Briefing and welcome reception at the Australian Embassy, hosted by His Excellency Mr Hugh Borrowman, Ambassador of Australia
- Visit to the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union, hosted by former delegates to Australia including Mr Nguyen Long Hai, Secretary, Ms Pham Phuong Chi, Deputy Chair, Vietnam Youth Federation and Head, International Department and Ms Bui Diem Huong, Deputy Head, International Department
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Dang Quoc Toan, Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
- Meeting with Mr Bui Sy Loi, Deputy Head, Social Issues Committee, National Assembly
- Meeting with Mr Nguyen Thanh Tan, Head, Southeast Asian, Southern Asian and South Pacific Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Briefing by Mr Le Hong Son, Vice President, Hanoi's People's Committee
- Meeting with the Deputy Head, Department of Social Protection and the Head of International Cooperation, Ministry of Labour
- Meeting with Mr To Ngoc Son, Deputy Head, Asia-Pacific Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Visit to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



The nineteenth Australian delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam outside the Independence Palace in Ho Chi Minh City



The nineteenth Australian delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with representatives from Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union

## Incoming Delegations to Australia for 2014–2015

In 2014–2015, the Council hosted 25 participants on delegations from its exchange partners as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Delegation</b>
27 to 30 August 2014	Twenty-second Delegation from the People's Republic of China
17 to 28 September 2014	Thirty-first Delegation from the United States of America
21 to 27 March 2015	Ninth Delegation from the Philippines
30 April to 5 May 2015	Fourteenth Delegation from Japan

## Twenty-second Delegation from the People's Republic of China

27 to 30 August 2014

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### Delegates

- **His Excellency Mr Qin Yizhi** (Communist Youth League of China ) *Delegation Leader*  
First Secretary, Secretariat of the Central Committee, Communist Youth League of China
- **Mr Wan Xuejun** (All-China Youth Federation)  
Assistant President, All-China Youth Federation  
Deputy Secretary-General, China Young Entrepreneurs Association
- **Mr Tian Ye** (Liaoning Provincial Youth Federation)  
President of Liaoning Provincial Youth Federation
- **Ms Shen Hongxing** (Qinghai Provincial Youth Federation)  
President of Qinghai Provincial Youth Federation
- **Mr Shang Duyuan** – Accompanying Officer  
Deputy Director, International Department, All-China Youth Federation

The Twenty-second Delegation from the People's Republic of China travelled to Sydney and Canberra during the four-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Official welcome by Cr Robyn Kemmis, Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney
- Meeting with Ms Susana Ng, Senior Community Program Officer and Ms Christine McBride, Manager Social Policy and Programs, City of Sydney
- Meeting with representatives from the Australia China Business Council
- Dinner hosted by Mr Huaxin Li, Consul General, People's Republic of China
- Opera performance at the Sydney Opera House

#### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Meeting with the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Social Services, Federal Member for Menzies (UK 2001)
- Meeting with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide (China 2006)

- Meeting with the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, Federal Member for Sydney (Vietnam 2006)
- Meeting with the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, Chief Government Whip, Chair of the Australia-China Friendship Group, Federal Member for Berowra
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Members Senator Richard Di Natale and the Hon John Cobb MP and Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Dinner hosted by the His Excellency Mr Zhaoxu Ma, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Paul Erickson, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Labor Party (USA 2011)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Ms Kate Barwick (China 2008) and Mr Chris Daffey (Philippines 2014), Media Advisors, Office of the Hon Warren Truss MP



The twenty-second delegation from the People's Republic of China with Mr Paul Erickson, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Labor Party



The twenty-second delegation from the People's Republic of China with the Hon Philip Ruddock MP, Chief Government Whip, Chair of the Australia-China Friendship Group, Federal Member for Berowra

# Thirty-first Delegation from the United States of America

17 to 28 September 2014

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## Delegates

- **The Hon Micah Ali** (Democrat)  
President, Compton Unified School District Board of Education, California
- **The Hon Stefani Carter** (Republican)  
Member, Texas House of Representatives
- **The Hon Jenny Eck** (Democrat)  
Member, Montana House of Representatives
- **Mr Tom Foulkes** (Independent)  
Vice President, State Government Affairs, Entertainment Software Association Maryland
- **The Hon Amy Sinclair** (Republican)  
Member, Iowa Senate
- **Mr Mike Buth** – Accompanying Officer  
Director of International Programs, El Pomar Foundation, Colorado

The Thirty-first Delegation from the United States of America travelled to Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane and Kingaroy during the eleven-day exchange.

## Visit Program

### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing by Mr Andrew Young, Acting Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Guided tour of Parliament of Victoria hosted by Mr Patrick Boribon, Parliamentary Attendant
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Bruce Atkinson, President of the Legislative Council, State Member for Eastern Metropolitan Region and the Hon Christine Fyffe, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, State Member for Evelyn
- Meeting with Ms Lily D'Ambrosio MLA, Shadow Minister for Energy and Resources, Shadow Minister for the Cost of Living, Shadow Minister for the Suburbs, State Member for Mill Park (USA 1991)
- Meeting with Mr Colin Brooks MLA, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education, State Member for Bundoora (Japan 2010)

- Meeting with Mr Jason Aldworth, Director, The Civic Group (Vietnam 2004 and South Korea 2005) and former Senator Helen Kroger, Senior Counsel of Civic Creative (USA 1999 and Japan 2006)
- Meeting with representatives from the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Meeting with Mr Erik Locke, Professionals Australia (USA 2002)
- Dinner with Ms Holly Byrne, Director, HB Migration (USA 2007) and Ms Lizzie Blandthorn, Senior Industrial Relations Officer, Catholic Education Office Melbourne (USA 2012)
- Guided tour of Indigenous and contemporary artworks at the Burrinja Cultural Centre
- Visit to the Dandenong Ranges
- Visit Eureka Skydeck 88

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Paul Erickson, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Labor Party (USA 2011)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Council luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Council Member. Guests included Council Members the Hon Tony Smith MP and the Hon John Cobb MP
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Meeting with Ms Kelly O'Dwyer MP, Chair, US/Australia Parliamentary Group, Federal Member for Higgins (USA 2011)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Mark Coulton MP, Chief Whip, The Nationals, Federal Member for Parkes
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Meeting with Mr Paul Hougé, Counsellor for Public Affairs, Mr Matt Murray, Counsellor for Economic Affairs and Mr Pete Peterson, Deputy Counsellor for Political Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Panel session conducted by the United States Embassy and the Australian National University. Chaired by Dr Andrew Banfield, Australian National University

- Dinner with Ms Mary Wood, Executive Director, Retirement Living Council (USA 2006) and Ms Jane Seaborn, Director, Landscape Research and Communications (USA 1993)
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial by Dr Brendan Nelson, Director, Australian War Memorial (UK 1997)
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Visit to Floriade

### Brisbane, Queensland

- Meeting with the Hon Tim Mulherin, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Shadow Minister for Racing, Shadow Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games, State Member for Mackay
- Tour of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland Parliament hosted by Ms Kerry Millard MP, State Member for Sandgate
- Meeting with the Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Queensland Attorney General and Minister for Justice, State Member for Kawana (Japan 2010)
- Luncheon hosted by Moreton Bay Regional Council
- Guided tour of the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

### Kingaroy, Queensland

- Meeting with Mayor Wayne Kratzmann and Cr Damien Tessmann, South Burnett Regional Council
- Meeting with Mr Ken Bone, Mayor and Mr Warren Collins, Chief Executive Officer, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Briefing by Mr Lionel Weck, Grower Relationships and Logistics Manager and Mr Steve Magnussen, Human Resources Manager, Peanut Company of Australia
- BBQ dinner hosted at the Tessmann dairy farm at Coolabunia. Guests included Mrs Deb Frecklington MP, Assistant Minister to the Premier, State Member for Nanango, Mr Ian Hayllor, Commissioner, Queensland GasFields Commission and Mr Brian Tessmann, President, Queensland Dairyfarmers Organisation
- Morning tea with Mr John Bjelke-Petersen
- Breakfast meeting hosted by the South Burnett Regional Council
- Visit to the Ration Shed Museum
- Visit to Nanango Energy Centre
- Visit to Tarong Power Station (Stanwell Corporation) hosted by Mr Dennis Franklin, Site Manager, Tarong Power Station



- Visit to Meandu Coal Mine (Stanwell Corporation) hosted by Mr Jim Young, Asset Manager, Meandu Mine
- Visit to the Smithfield Feedlot hosted by Mr Ryan Brown, Livestock Manager



The thirty-first delegation from the United States of America with Mr Mark Coulton MP, Chief Whip, The Nationals, Federal Member for Parkes



The thirty-first delegation from the United States of America with Ms Kelly O'Dwyer MP, Chair, US/Australia Parliamentary Group, Federal Member for Higgins

## Ninth Delegation from the Philippines

21 to 27 March 2015

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### Delegates

- **The Hon Humerlito “Bonz” Dolor** (Liberal Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Vice Governor, Oriental Mindoro Province
- **The Hon Jhoanna De Chavez Corona** (Liberal Party)  
Vice Mayor, Tanauan City, Batangas Province
- **The Hon Kirk Aninon Asis** (National Unity Party)  
Councillor, Bayugan City, Province of Agusan del Sur
- **The Hon MA. Lourdes Del Rosario Tumangan** (United Nationalist Alliance)  
Councillor, Navotas City, Metro Manila
- **The Hon Ria Christina G. Farinas** (Nacionalista Party)  
Board Member, Province of Ilocos Norte
- **The Hon Madelone Y. Rengel** (Liberal Party)  
Board Member, Province of Bohol
- **Mr Karl Niccolo Gamboa Atos** – Accompanying Officer  
Philippine Council of Young Leaders

The Ninth Delegation from the Philippines travelled to Sydney, Canberra and Adelaide during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing by Ms Anne Jalando-on Louis, Consul General and Mr Marford M. Angeles, Consul, Philippine Consulate General, Sydney
- Meeting with Cr Lucille McKenna, Mayor of Ashfield, Cr Darcy Byrne (China 2014) and Ms Vanessa Chan, General Manager, Ashfield Council
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Guided tour of Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Visit to The Rocks
- Visit to Bondi Beach

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by Mr Matthew Jakob, Philippines Activity Leader, Community Safety Group and Dr Andrew Jones, Section Leader, Regional Risk, International Group, Geoscience Australia
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Sebastian Zwalf, A/g National Secretary, Australian Labor Party (UK 2013)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Luncheon hosted by Ms Nina Cainglet, Minister and Consul General, and Mr Jim San-Agustin, First Secretary and Consul, Embassy of the Philippines
- Briefing with Dr Nick Austin, Chief Executive Officer, Dr Peter Horne, General Manager, Country Programs and Dr Richard Markham, Research Program Manager, Horticulture, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Dinner with Mr Chris Daffey (Philippines 2014), Mr Lachlan McNaughton (Philippines 2014), Ms Georgia Goldsworthy (Philippines 2014) and Mr Evan Mulholland (Philippines 2014)
- Meeting with the Hon Julie Collins MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, Federal Member for Franklin
- Meeting with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide (China 2006)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Members the Hon Tony Smith MP and Senator Richard Di Natale and Mr Andrew Laming MP representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Vietnam 2010 and Philippines 2012)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Meeting with Mr Kane Silom, Advisor, Office of the Hon Bruce Billson MP (Vietnam 2013)
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council

## Adelaide, South Australia

- Meeting with the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC, Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Shadow Minister for Water and the River Murray, Shadow Minister for the Status of Women (Vietnam 2001)
- Briefing by Ms Aida Garcia, President, Filipino Communities Council of Australia
- Question Time in the House of Assembly and Legislative Council
- Meeting with Mr Phil Frensham, Economic and Finance Committee
- Dinner with Mr Michael van Dissel, former Federal President, Young Liberal Movement of Australia (Philippines 2012)



The ninth delegation from the Philippines with the Hon Michelle Lensink MLC, Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, Shadow Minister for Water and the River Murray, Shadow Minister for the Status of Women



The ninth delegation from the Philippines with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide

## Fourteenth Delegation from Japan

30 April to 5 May 2015

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### Delegates

- **Mr Hideki Makihara MP** (Liberal Democratic Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Takeshi Miyazaki MP** (Democratic Party of Japan)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Hiromasa Nakano MP** (New Komeito Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Hideki Murai MP** (Liberal Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Masanobu Ogura MP** (Liberal Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Takayuki Shimizu MP** (Japan Innovation Party)  
Member of the House of Councillors
- **Mr Shinji Suehiro** (Liberal Democratic Party) – Accompanying Officer  
Public Secretary to Mr Hideki Makihara MP

The Fourteenth Delegation from Japan travelled to Canberra, Brisbane and Sydney during the six-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Luncheon hosted by Senator Zed Seselja, Senator for Australian Capital Territory (USA 2007 and Japan 2014)
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Paul Erickson, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Labor Party (USA 2011)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Sumio Kusaka, Ambassador of Japan

## Brisbane, Queensland

- Meeting with the Hon Steven Ciobo MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Trade and Investment, Federal Member for Moncrieff (Japan 2005)
- Meeting with Mr Wyatt Roy MP, Federal Member for Longman (Japan 2014)
- Meeting with the Hon Bernie Ripoll MP, Shadow Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation, Federal Member for Oxley (Philippines 2006)
- Luncheon hosted by Ms Terri Butler MP, Federal Member for Griffith (Japan 2015)
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Ms Yoko Yanagisawa, Consul General of Japan to Queensland
- Guided tour of Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art
- Visit to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Corrections, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Veterans Affairs, State Member for Baulkham Hills (Japan 2013)
- Meeting with the Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Federal Member for Port Adelaide (China 2006)
- Meeting and tour hosted by Professor Bruce Milthorpe, Dean of Science, University of Technology Sydney
- Meeting and dinner hosted by Mr Masato Takaoka, Consul General of Japan to New South Wales
- Meeting with Mr Jon Cheshire, Senior Manager, Institutional Markets, Domestic Markets Department and Mr David Jacobs, Head of Prices, Wages and Labour Markets Section, Economic Analysis Department, Reserve Bank of Australia
- Guided tour of the Parliament of New South Wales
- Guided tour of Scenic World, Blue Mountains
- Sydney Harbour luncheon cruise
- Visit to Bondi Beach
- Visit to The Rocks



The fourteenth delegation from Japan with Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia



The fourteenth delegation from Japan with Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals

## Individual Study Tours for 2014–2015

Six young Australians participated in individual study tours to the United Kingdom and the United States of America in 2014–2015. This included one attending the Asian Forum on Global Governance in India.

**Ms Jane Austen** (Australian Labor Party) – **United Kingdom**  
Executive Officer, Chifley Research Centre

**28 August to 26 September 2014**

Ms Austen's study tour aimed to gain an understanding of the layered progressive political community by interviewing representatives from think tanks, pressure groups, labour media organisations, elected representatives and prominent academic figures, as well as the Party organisation. The broad objective was to map the ideas generation process within Labour.

*Critical to the progressive political culture in the UK is the prominence of a writing culture. Almost all non-party organisations have an online presence, publishing think pieces, opinion, commentary and news on a regular basis. Additionally, many organisations publish long-form articles in the form of pamphlets (non-periodical book under forty-eight pages in length), magazines and research papers. There are also a number of serious political journals such as New Statesman and Prospect magazine, as well as traditional news outlets – The Independent, The Guardian and The Evening Standard who regularly publish Labour thinkers. Much of this work is unpaid to the author, but on the surface payment is less important than the platform and readership offered by publication. From my observations and discussions, it is clear that the writing culture is a critically important activity to the political class at all levels, and is crucial for both garnering support for your idea and solidifying your “on the record” position.*

*Within the ranks of the younger and newer Members of Parliament is a desire to create a richer civil society, and in turn, better informed political discourse. In discussing these issues with Stella Creasy MP, she said “social democracy means people need to be engaged in decision making, for MP’s not to turn up and say, “This is how I’ll fix your problem””. This transition from a civic servicing to civic organising is an ongoing shift and a significant challenge for social democratic parties around the world.*

**Ms Felicity Walker (The Nationals) – United States of America**  
State Chairman, NSW Young Nationals

**6 October to 6 November 2014**

Ms Walker's study tour allowed her to observe the final month of the U.S. mid-term campaign and election day. During her time in the US, Ms Walker joined the campaign trail, door knocking and talking to voters, as well as meeting with campaign managers, digital strategists, pollsters, lobbyists, campaign mail houses, journalists, think tanks, legislative and communications staffers, fundraisers and Party, political and departmental employees.

*It will be interesting to see what happens at the Presidential Election in 2016 – time and time again as I met Republicans across the country, they said to me their Party's problem was that they always learnt the wrong lessons from each electoral cycle, and won the midterms but lost the Presidential Elections.*

*This time around, there is the prospect of another Clinton versus Bush contest, and many demographic influencers are yet to play out in the primaries. It is unlikely there will be an African-American contesting, and with African-Americans voting strongly for Obama previously, it will be interesting to see where those votes go.*

*Similarly, it is plausible the race will include the first female Presidential candidate in Hillary Clinton, and there are a number of plausible Hispanic candidates, particularly on the Republican side.*



**Ms Rebecca White MP (Australian Labor Party) – India**

**Asian Forum on Global Governance**

Shadow Minister for Health, Shadow Minister for Human Services,  
Spokesperson for Children, State Member for Lyons

**26 October to 4 November 2014**

The Fourth Asian Forum on Global Governance was hosted by the Zeit Stiftung and Observer Research Foundation in Delhi, India. The forum included delegates from thirty-one countries and presented an opportunity for all participants to immerse themselves in a diverse agenda over ten days. During the conference, Ms White was able to participate in discussion and debate across a number of topics including climate change, sovereignty, the growth of Asia, the use of drones, global finance and the use of digital media.

*The opportunity to participate as a delegate at the Asian Forum on Global Governance will remain with me as one of the most interesting experiences of my professional career. The diversity of discourse and level of intelligent debate has reignited my interest in international affairs in a far deeper way.*

*The number of challenges and opportunities facing the world are immense. The response to these will need to come from both the developed and developing nations with a particular expectation that Asia will be required to play a major role in international relations for any outcome to be agreed upon, implemented and successful. The exact geographic definition of Asia is unclear, however, what is clear is that India and China with their large populations will play central roles in determining the approach the globe takes to addressing climate change, how we maintain stability across borders, how we lift people out of poverty and how trade and investment patterns change this century. Australia needs to position itself strategically to take advantage of the opportunities that will present in the coming years as the rise of Asia continues.*

*In addition to the very stimulating debate and confronting questions there was also a strong emphasis placed on networking by the conference organisers. The friendships that were created from participating in the conference are ones I hope to build on, not just to maintain a wonderful network of colleagues across the globe, but because of the genuine interest that was shown in helping each person develop their own path in life. One of the great advantages of a conference hosting delegates from the ages of twenty-eight to thirty-five is that we each are at a stage in our career where we are beginning to face new challenges and to be able to share that experience in the light of far greater global challenges was a truly unique opportunity.*

*I am extremely grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent the Labor party and Australia at this conference and without any hesitation recommend future conferences to any aspiring delegates.*

**Mr Samuel Rae (Australian Labor Party) – United States of America**

Electorate Officer, Office of Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Senator for Victoria

27 October to 15 November 2014

Mr Rae's study tour aimed to explore, document and contrast American politics with those of Australia. During his three weeks in the US, Mr Rae spent the first portion of his time in the headquarters of the Crist for Governor gubernatorial race in Florida. The second portion of the exchange was spent meeting with political, business and diplomatic leaders in Washington DC, New York and Boston.

*The relationships between international business and American legislators are complex and powerful. Given the significant impact upon international markets and economies that American policy has, it is unsurprising that many corporate entities and foreign governments invest heavily to maintain influence over regulatory and funding decisions that have significant flow-on effects. While such relationships are often pursued in the best interests of all parties (including the American people), there exists the uncomfortable reality that such influence is often wielded without accountability or transparency.*

*As Australia's political campaigning environment continues to increase in competitiveness and professionalism, the demand for resources will grow. The reliance of the American system on private, and particularly corporate, funding sources serves as an example to Australia about the perils of an expanding political campaign industry without appropriate regulation, incentive control and economic consideration.*

**Ms Imogen Ebsworth (Australian Greens) – United Kingdom**  
 Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Christine Mile, Senator for Tasmania

12 November to 11 December 2014

Ms Ebsworth's study tour focussed on exploring examples of local economic transition, with the view to bringing home ideas relevant to her home state of Tasmania. In examining these issues, Ms Ebsworth spent the bulk of her study trip meeting people in regions of the UK that had similar scale, advantages and disadvantages to Tasmania. This principally took her to Scotland including the Western Islands and Inner Islands; West England including a brief period in Wales; and South-West England focusing on Bristol, Devon and Cornwall.

**Economic localisation is a growing movement with relevance to Tasmania**

*Prior to the onset of the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) and the Westminster response of imposing austerity, moves were already underway to explore how to map trial and support stronger local economies in the UK. The UK's recognised failure to deliver effective regional economic development combined with the imposition of austerity has greatly increased interest and support for localisation. Energy and food are consistently being targeted as the most important sectors to re-localise to create local jobs and prosperity, reduce inequality and strengthen societal resilience. These initiatives are found across the country, and are increasingly expanding into areas that deal with financial mechanisms through projects such as complementary community currencies.*

*The loss of external sources of capital (public and private) since the GFC has intensified the UK's emphasis on local communities building their own prosperity by strengthening their economy first rather than relying on external forces. This experience is particularly relevant and offers alternative positive solutions for a state like Tasmania which has historically focussed on attracting external investment.*

**Responses to austerity and localisation reinforce the importance of the 'third sector'.**

*The severe cuts to the public sector in the UK has seen local government in particular re-evaluate the value of and their role in supporting the third sector (non-governmental, generally not-for-profit sector). Much of this has been forced by necessity through severe budget cuts. As a result, local governments have been actively facilitating the formation of social enterprises that can then take on the delivery of services they previously provided. In my interviews, concerns that essential services would not be delivered fairly by the private sector or that there would be no interest from the private sector in picking them up because there would be no significant profit to be made, were repeatedly raised. Collaboration and support for new and existing social enterprises by UK local councils in order to facilitate community delivery of essential services is therefore now a growing phenomenon.*

*While the circumstances driving the renewed focus on social enterprise is grim, in some parts of the UK this is combining positively with moves to localise the economy, and some communities are seizing it as an opportunity to re-take control of essential services and deliver them along with local sufficiency and jobs. Tasmania can benefit from this experience by looking at these models that break the cycle of focus on solely the quantum of funding available, and challenge the traditional differentiation between the service delivery 'bureaucracy' and 'clients'.*

**Mr Douglas Martin (The Nationals) – United Kingdom**

Head of Community Engagement

8 April to 7 May 2015

Mr Martin's study tour aimed to observe the United Kingdom's General Election from 8 April to 7 May 2015. During his tour, Mr Martin worked with the Scottish Liberal Democrats, who campaigned for re-election in 11 seats as part of the first-term coalition government. Through his study tour, Mr Martin gained an understanding of UK political campaigning and insight into some of the rules and regulations surrounding the election.

*While the result in England came as a surprise, in Scotland public polling had been right all along. Prior to May 7, a senior Liberal Democrat told me that all 11 seats were on the line but their internal polling was more positive than the publicly predicted wipeout.*


*Labour's disappointment in Scotland would have been equally understandable, with their seat count being reduced from 41 to 1. On the ground, the campaigns worked incredibly hard but they could not match the media the SNP received throughout the campaign.*

*During my program, I was attached to the Scottish Liberal Democrats, who campaigned for re-election in 11 seats as part of the first-term coalition government. I gained an introductory understanding of UK political campaigning and insight into some of the rules and regulations surrounding the election.*

*Being afforded the opportunity to visit the UK during the campaign for the 2015 general election is something I will never forget. The experience was hugely rewarding; and expanded my political horizons considerably. Through my visit, I was able to gain firsthand insight into various idiosyncrasies of the British campaigning and election processes, whilst broadening my introductory knowledge of UK politics.*

*Many people were extremely magnanimous, I would once again like to thank and acknowledge their generosity and I look forward to fostering and developing the friendships I developed whilst overseas. I would like to thank all the fantastic individuals who made my visit such an incredible experience.*

*Finally, I thank the Council for the opportunity to participate in the program and those from The National Party of Australia who selected me.*



2015–2016

## Outgoing Australian Delegations for 2015–2016

In 2015–2016, the Council sponsored 28 young Australian political leaders in overseas exchange delegations to the United States of America, New Zealand, Japan, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China as follows:

Date	Delegation
11 to 24 July 2015	Thirty-first Australian Delegation to the United States of America
22 to 28 August 2015	Tenth Australian Delegation to New Zealand
13 to 19 February 2016	Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to Japan
9 to 15 April 2016	Twentieth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
14 to 20 May 2016	Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China

# Thirty-first Australian Delegation to the United States of America

11 to 24 July 2015

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## Delegates

- **Mr Alistair Campbell** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Advisor, Office of the Hon Joe Hockey MP
- **Ms Sheree Lineham** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Electorate Office Manager, Office of the Prime Minister
- **Ms Tess Farrell** (Australian Labor Party)  
Communications Officer, Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association
- **Mr Paul Frayne** (Australian Labor Party)  
Advisor, Office of Mr Andrew Giles MP
- **Mr Robert Curtin** (The Nationals)  
Advisor, Office of the Hon Darren Chester MP
- **Ms Monique Vandeleur** (Australian Greens)  
Media Advisor, Office of Senator Larissa Waters
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Thirty-first Australian Delegation to the United States of America travelled to Washington DC, Pittsburgh and Helena during the fourteen-day exchange hosted by the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

## Visit Program

### Washington DC

- Dinner hosted by Mr Matthew Freedman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Global Impact. Guests included the Hon Marty Russo, former Member, US House of Representatives and Ms Nancy Andriuk, Director of Communications, Russo Capitol Strategies
- Meeting with Ms Linda Rotunno, Chief Executive Officer, American Council of Young Political Leaders
- Meeting with the Hon Dennis Hertel, Counsel, The Franklin Partnership LLP, former Member, US House of Representatives and the Hon Cliff Stearns, Executive Director, APCO, former Member, US House of Representatives
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mr Andrew Kovalcin, Senior Director, Advocacy and External Affairs, Ms Ashley Mergen, Manager of International Intellectual Property and Mr Jared Parks, Director of Advocacy and External Affairs, US Chamber of Commerce

- Meeting with Mr David Gainer, Deputy Director and Ms Soo-yeon Shim, Korean Diplomatic Exchange Program, Bureau of East Asian Pacific Affairs, US Department of State
- Meeting with Ms Betsy Woodruff, Political Reporter, *The Daily Beast*
- Breakfast meeting with His Excellency the Hon Kim Beazley AC, Ambassador of Australia
- Meeting with Mr Mike Doyle, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
- Private tour of US Capitol Building
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mr Tom Foulkes, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Entertainment Software Association
- Meeting with Mr Josh Daniels, Deputy Political Director, National Republican Senatorial Committee
- Meeting with Mr Doug Goudie, Director International Government Relations, Pfizer Inc
- Reception hosted by the American Council of Young Political Leaders. Guests included Mr David Black, Director-Washington Affairs, Union Pacific; Mr George Cook, Associate Director-Government Affairs, Toyota Motor North America Inc; the Hon Mary Gonzalez, Member, Texas House of Representatives; Ms Joanna Evans, Senior Manager-Corporate and Foundation Relations, SNV; Mr Rob Quartel, Chairman and CEO, NTEL-X; and Ms Jennifer Spall, Senior Director-Public Affairs & Government Relations, Walmart Stores Inc
- View the US House of Representatives Chamber in session
- View the US Senate Chamber in session
- Meeting with Ms Amber Goodwin, State Legislative Policy, Americans for Responsible Solutions and Mr Peter Ambler, Director and Founder, Americans for Responsible Solutions
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mr Justin Ford, General Manager, DogTag Bakery
- Tour of Washington DC monuments including The White House, Jefferson Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and Lincoln Memorial

## Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

*(Visit hosted by Ms Chelsa Wagner, Allegheny County Controller)*

- Meeting with Ms Jennifer Beer, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Ms Suzi Pegg, Vice President, Global Business Development, Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Hon Matt Smith, President, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
- Meeting with the Hon Corey O'Connor, Member, Pittsburgh City Council
- Tour of Pittsburgh City Hall
- Meeting with United Steelworkers Union
- Dinner hosted by University of Pittsburgh Government Relations
- Viewing of “*East of Liberty*” and discussion with Mr Chris Ivey
- Tour of University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning
- Tour of cityLAB Tiny Houses Project with Ms Eve Picker
- Tour of Manchester Craftsman Guild facilities



- Guided tour of Mattress Factory Art Museum
- Guided tour of the Warhol Museum

## Helena, Montana

*(Visit hosted by the Hon Jenny Eck, Member, Montana House of Representatives)*

- Meeting with Mr Mike Milburn, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Attorney General
- Meeting with Mr Steve Bullock, Governor of Montana
- Guided tour of Montana State Capitol
- Visit to Historical Society Museum hosted by Mr Bruce Whittenberg, Museum Director
- Dinner hosted by Ms Linda Carlson. Guests included Ms Nancy Keane, Executive Director, Montana Democratic Party and Mr Brian Miller
- Discussion with Mr Darryl Norman on the history of the Blackfeet Tribe
- Meeting with Mr Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- Meeting with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council, preceding a discussion with Ms Rhonda Swaney, Head Legal Counsel for the Tribes
- Dinner with Mr Pat Williams, former Member, US House of Representatives and the Hon Carol Williams, former Speaker of the House, Montana House of Representatives. Guests included Mr Jason Wiener, Member, Missoula City Council and the Hon Cynthia Wolken, Member, Montana State Senate
- Meeting and luncheon with Mr Brian Lipscomb, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Keepers
- Dinner hosted by Mr Jon Eck, Teacher, Summit Preparatory Academy
- Tour of Kerr Dam with Mr Lloyd Turnage, Operations Supervisor, Energy Keepers Inc
- Meeting and tour hosted by Mr Larry Hall, President and General Manager, S&K Electronics
- Geology boat trip around St Mary's Lake, Glacier National Park



The thirty-first Australian delegation to the United States of America with Congressman Mike Doyle, the US Representative for Pennsylvania's 14th congressional district in his Capitol Hill Office in Washington DC



The thirty-first Australian delegation to the United States of America outside of The White House in Washington DC

## Tenth Australian Delegation to New Zealand

22 to 28 August 2015

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### Delegates

- **Mr Robert Bozinovski** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Research and Policy Officer, Australian Services Union
- **Mr Simon Berger** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Chief of Staff, Coalition Advisory Service
- **Ms Sarah Bridger** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield
- **Ms Giorgia Christmas** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Assistant Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister
- **Mr Michael Lewis** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Media Advisor, Officer of the Hon Matthew Guy MP
- **Mr Andrew Anson** (Australian Labor Party)  
Media Assistant, Office of the Hon Bill Shorten MP
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Tenth Australia Delegation to New Zealand travelled to Queenstown, Christchurch and Wellington during the seven-day exchange, hosted by the New Zealand Parliament.

### Visit Program

#### Queenstown

- Welcome dinner hosted by Mr Todd Barclay MP, Member for Clutha-Southland
- Meeting with Mr Graham Budd, Chief Executive, Destination Queenstown
- Meeting with Mr Charlie Phillips, Chief Executive, Queenstown Resort College
- Skyline Gondola and Luge experience
- Shotover jet boat ride

#### Christchurch

- Official welcome address (*Mihi whakatau*)
- Presentation by Mr Matthew Slater, Chief Investment Officer, Ngāi Tahu Holdings Corporation Ltd
- Tour of Quake City
- Meeting with Her Worship Ms Lianne Dalziel, Mayor of Christchurch
- Briefing by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority

- City tour of precinct sites, residential red zones and anchor projects
- Meeting hosted by Dr Hamish Cochrane, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), University of Canterbury

## Wellington

- Official dinner hosted by the Rt Hon David Carter, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Briefing on the Green Party by Mr James Shaw, male Co-Leader
- Meeting with Mr Tim Workman, Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives
- Tour of Parliament House
- Luncheon hosted by the Australia-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group
- Question Time in the House of Representatives
- Meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Briefing on the Māori Party by Ms Marama Fox MP, female Co-Leader
- Briefing by the Leader of the ACT Party, Mr David Seymour MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of Education and Regulatory Reform
- Briefing on the National Party by Mr Wayne Eagleson, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister, including Mr Tim Macindoe MP, Chief Government Whip and Mr Willy Trolove, Director of Government Research and Communications Unit
- Briefing from the Select Committee Office by Mr James Picker, Operations Manager
- Briefing from the Cabinet Office by Ms Rachel Hayward, Deputy Secretary (Constitutional and Honours) and Ms Tessa Bromwich, Legal Advisor
- Meeting with Mr Robert Peden, Chief Electoral Officer, Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Labour Party by Mr Neil Jones, Director of Communications
- Meeting with the Hon Tim Groser MP, Minister for Trade
- Tour of Te Papa's Gallipoli Exhibition
- Meeting with the Community Operations Team, Department of Internal Affairs
- Briefing at the Ministry for Culture and Heritage, followed by a visit to Pukeahu National War Memorial Park
- Farewell luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Michael Potts, Australian High Commissioner



The tenth Australian delegation to New Zealand at the steps of Parliament House



The tenth Australian delegation to New Zealand at Quake City in Christchurch

# Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to Japan

13 to 19 February 2016

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## Delegates

- **Senator Dean Smith** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
Deputy Government Whip in the Senate, Senator for Western Australia
- **Senator Bridget McKenzie** (The Nationals)  
Senator for Victoria
- **Ms Nina Springle MLC** (Australian Greens)  
Member of the Legislative Council, Parliament of Victoria
- **Mr Murray Watt** (Australian Labor Party)  
Member ALP Queensland Branch, Policy Coordination Council
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to Japan travelled to Hiroshima and Tokyo during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Visit Program

### Tokyo

- Meeting with Mr Shinjiro Koizumi MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Reconstruction
- Attendance at the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Basic Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation between Australia and Japan. Guests included the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Member for Curtin (Germany 1999) and His Excellency Mr Bruce Miller, Ambassador of Australia
- Briefing by Mr Masatoshi Sugiura, Director and Mr Shu Tamaura, Principal Deputy Director, Oceania Division, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meeting with Mr Ichiro Aisawa MP and other members of the Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League
- Meeting with Mr Hidekazu Oshita and Mr Nobuyoshi Aoyama, Japan-Australia Business Cooperation Committee
- Briefing by Mr Norifumi Kondo, Principal Deputy Director, National Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meeting with Mr Kenji Wakamiya MP, State Minister for Defence
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Masakazu Hamachi MP, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Tour of the Japanese Diet and viewing of a Plenary Session
- Meeting with Mr Kensuke Onishi MP, House of Representatives, Deputy Chair, National Rallying and Canvassing Committee

- Meeting with Mr Seiji Kihara MP, State Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Bruce Miller, Ambassador of Australia
- Meeting with Mr Nobushige Takamizawa, Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary, Deputy Secretary-General, National Security Secretariat, Director-General, National Centre of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity
- Meeting with Mr Kenko Sone, Spokesperson for the Prime Minister's Office, Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs/Director of Global Communications
- Visit to East Gardens of the Imperial Palace
- Visit to Tsukiji Fish Markets

## Hiroshima

- Visit to Atomic Bomb Dome, Children's Peace Monument and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
- Visit to Miyajima Island, including the Itsukushima Shrine and Miyajima History and Folklore Museum
- Visit to Hiroshima Castle
- Visit to a local sake factory, including inspection of food manufacturing facilities



The twenty-fourth Australian delegation to Japan with members of the Japan-Australia Parliamentarians' Friendship League



The twenty-fourth Australian delegation to Japan with Mr Kenji Wakamiya MP, State Minister for Defence

# Twentieth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

9 to 15 April 2016

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## Delegates

- **Ms Eleni Petinos MP** (Liberal Party of Australia) *Delegation Leader*  
State Member for Miranda, New South Wales
- **Ms Emma Andrew** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Communications and Office Manager, Office of Mr Corey Wingard MP
- **Ms Danielle Young** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Senior Political Advisor, Office of Ms Giulia Jones MLA
- **Mr Brett Maryniak** (Australian Labor Party)  
Electorate Officer/Advisor, Office of Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP
- **Ms Casey Thompson** (Australian Labor Party)  
Electorate Officer, Office of Senator Jenny McAllister
- **Mr James Weld** (Australian Greens)  
Advisor, Office of Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twentieth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam travelled to Hanoi, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh during the seven-day exchange hosted by the Youth International Cooperation Development Center.

## Visit Program

### Hanoi

- Luncheon hosted by Mr Nguyen Truong Son, Deputy Secretary, Youth Union of Central Committee of Young Entrepreneurs
- Meeting with the Australian Embassy
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mr Dang Quoc Toan, Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
- Meeting hosted by Ms Tran Thi Giang Huong, Head, International Department, Ministry of Health
- Meeting hosted by Mr Nguyen Thanh Tan, Head, Department for Southeast Asia, South Asia and South Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Meeting with by Ms Nguyen Hoai Linh, Head of the International Department, Vietnam Woman's Union

- Reception hosted by Mr Layton Pike, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Australia
- Courtesy call on Mr Tran Dac Loi, Deputy Head, Commission for Foreign Relations, Party Central Committee
- Courtesy call on Mr Nguyen Duc Chung, Chairperson, Hanoi People's Committee
- Meeting with the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour
- Meeting hosted by Mr Nguyen Viet San, Head of International Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade
- Visit to President Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's Vestige in the Presidential Palace Area, Ho Chi Minh Museum and the Temple of Literature

## Da Nang

- Meeting with Mr Tran Vu Duy Man, Deputy Secretary, Da Nang City Youth Union
- Courtesy call on Mr Dang Viet Dung, Deputy Chairperson, Da Nang People's Committee
- Luncheon hosted by Mr Nguyen Ba Canh, Secretary, Da Nang City Youth Union
- Visit to Hoi An Ancient Town

## Ho Chi Minh

- Meeting hosted by Mr Nguyen Manh Cuong, Secretary, Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union
- Courtesy call on Mr Le Thanh Liem, Deputy Chairperson, Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee
- Meeting and luncheon hosted by Mr Tran Viet Hung, Secretary General, *Thanh nien* Newspaper
- Meeting with the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Ho Chi Minh City
- Dinner hosted by the Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union
- Visit to the Cu Chi tunnels



The twentieth Australian delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with Mr Tran Viet Hung, Secretary General, *Thanh nien* Newspaper

# Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China

14 to 20 May 2016

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## Delegates

- **Ms Christina Dickinson** (Australian Labor Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Director of Policy, Office of the Premier of Victoria
- **Mr Jamie Parravicini** (Australian Labor Party)  
Electorate/Research Officer, Office of Mr Ben Wyatt MLA
- **Ms Angela Awabdy** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
State Party Secretary, Queensland
- **Mr Darren Grimwade** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
Independent Councillor, Moreton Bay Regional Council
- **Mr Christopher Rath** (Liberal Party of Australia)  
State Executive, Insurance Australia Group
- **Mr Matthew Crossley** (The Nationals)  
Chairman, Griffith Federal Divisional Council
- **Ms Suzy Domitrovic** – Council Representative  
Executive Officer, Australian Political Exchange Council

The Twenty-Fourth Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China travelled to Beijing and Haikou City during the seven-day exchange hosted by the All-China Youth Federation.

## Visit Program

### Beijing

- Meeting with Professor Wang Changjiang, Director, Party Building Teaching and Research Department, Central Party School, Chinese Communist Party
- Briefing and luncheon hosted by Mr Justin Hayhurt, Deputy Head of Mission and Mr Alex Westcome, Second Secretary (Political), Embassy of Australia
- Meeting with Mr Fang Hao, Chief, Australian Affairs Division, Ministry of Commerce
- Courtesy call on His Excellency Mr Zhou Changkui, Vice President, All-China Youth Federation
- Dinner hosted by Ms Dong Xia, Deputy Secretary General, All-China Youth Federation
- Meeting with Mr Li Mingzhi, Director of Economic Affairs, Financial and Economic Committee, National People's Congress
- Visit to Great Wall of China
- Visit to Forbidden City



## Haikou

- Briefing by Mr Shen Chen, Assistant General Manager, Haikou Luoniushan Agricultural Products Processing Industrial Park
- Meeting with Mr Xi Jinsong, Vice President, Mr Lin Yongxin and Ms Li Jianwei, Research Fellows, South East China Sea Institute
- Welcome banquet hosted by Mr Zeng Feng, President, Hainan Provincial Youth Federation
- Briefing and campus tour hosted by Mr Chen Guangrui, Vice President, All-China Youth Federation, Hainan University
- Visit to permanent site of Boao Asia Forum
- Meeting with Mr Wang Zhenjiang, Chief Inspector, Renewal City Internet Innovation and Entrepreneurship Zone



The twenty-fourth Australian delegation to the People's Republic of China outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing



The twenty-fourth Australian delegation to the People's Republic of China visiting the Boao Forum for Asia site

## Incoming Delegations to Australia for 2015–2016

In 2015–2016, the Council hosted 40 participants on delegations from its exchange partners as follows:

Date	Delegation
8 to 14 August 2015	Fifth Delegation from the Republic of Korea
5 to 11 September 2015	Nineteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
7 to 19 October 2015	Thirty-second Delegation from the United States of America
9 to 12 November 2015	Twenty-third Delegation from the People's Republic of China
22 to 27 November 2015	Tenth Delegation from New Zealand
30 April to 6 May 2016	Fifteenth Delegation from Japan

## Fifth Delegation from the Republic of Korea

8 to 14 August 2015

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### Delegates

- **Mr Eui Dong Yu MP** (Saenuri Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the Nineteenth National Assembly
- **Mr Jaeyel Lee** (Saenuri Party)  
Director-General, International Relations Bureau and Overseas Korean Bureau
- **Mr Byung Ik Jung** (Saenuri Party)  
Chief of Staff, Office of Mr Won Jin Cho MP
- **Ms Sukyung Lim MP** (The New Politics Alliance for Democracy)  
Member of the Nineteenth National Assembly
- **Mr Min Cheol Shin** (The New Politics Alliance for Democracy)  
Chairperson of Autonomous Administrative Committee, Namyangju City Council
- **Mr Weonjeong Yi** (The New Politics Alliance for Democracy)  
Deputy Director, External Relation Bureau
- **Mr Changhee Han** – Accompanying Officer  
Senior Program Officer, The Korea Foundation

The Fifth Delegation from Republic of Korea travelled to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Meeting with Mr Jason Aldworth, Director, The Civic Group (Vietnam 2004 and South Korea 2005)
- Working luncheon hosted by Cr Rick Garotti, Chair of Finance and Corporate Services, Banyule City Council (Philippines 2012). Guests included Cr Craig Langdon, Mayor, Mr Simon McMillan, Chief Executive Officer and Cr Jenny Mulholland, Deputy Mayor, Chair of Community Programs and Assets
- Dinner hosted by Mr Hongju Jo, Consul General of the Republic of Korea
- Guided tour of Healesville Sanctuary
- Visit to St Kilda
- Visit to Eureka Skydeck 88
- Visit to Queen Victoria Markets

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Elias Hallaj, International Project Officer, Australian Labor Party (New Zealand 2002)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Bonghyun Kim, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea
- Dinner hosted by Mr Gary Humphries, Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Canberra Registry (Japan 1992 and South Korea 2005)
- Meeting with Mr Scott Buchholz MP, Chief Government Whip, Federal Member for Wright (South Korea 2014)
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Members the Hon Tony Smith MP and the Hon John Cobb MP, Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992) and Mr Elias Hallaj representing the Australian Labor Party (New Zealand 2002)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Welcome by Mr Alex Stedman, Deputy Usher of the Black Rod, Legislative Council and Mrs Cheryl Samuels, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly with the assistance of Ms Rebecca Main, Director, Committee Secretariat
- Briefing by Mr Steven Reynolds, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Council
- Meeting with members of the Asia-Pacific Friendship Group, hosted by Mr Daryl Maguire MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Veterans Affairs and the Centenary of ANZAC, State Member for Wagga Wagga (China 2002). Other members included Mr Jonathan O’Dea MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism, State Member for Davidson; Ms Sonia Hornery MP, State Member for Wallsend; and Ms Anna Watson MP, Temporary Speaker, State Member for Shellharbour
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker, State Member for South Coast and the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council
- Dinner hosted by Mr Whie Jin Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea

- Guided tour of the Parliament of New South Wales
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House



The fifth delegation from Republic of Korea outside Parliament House in New South Wales



The fifth delegation from Republic of Korea with members of Banyule City Council

# Nineteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

5 to 11 September 2015

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## Delegates

- **Mr Le Quoc Phong** (Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union) *Delegation Leader*  
Secretary, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
- **Mr Nguyen Manh Cuong** (Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union)  
Secretary, Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union
- **Mr Nguyen Ba Canh** (Da Nang City Youth Union)  
Secretary, Da Nang City Youth Union
- **Ms Le Hong Tham** (Kien Giang Provincial Youth Union)  
Secretary, Kien Giang Provincial Youth Union
- **Mr Tang Huu Phong** (*Tuoi Tre* Newspaper)  
Editor-In-Chief of *Tuoi Tre* Newspaper
- **Mr Hoang Thai Nam** (Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union)  
Officer of School Youth Department, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
- **Ms Nguyen Y Van** – Accompanying Officer  
Program Officer, Youth International Cooperation Development Center

The Nineteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam travelled to Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra during the seven-day exchange.

## Visit Program

### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Meeting with the Rt Hon Robert Doyle AC, Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Japan 1996)
- Guided tour of the Town Hall
- Dinner with Mr Tim Smith MP, Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Scrutiny of Government, State Member for Kew (Philippines 2009 and Vietnam 2015) and Mr Matthew Merry (Vietnam 2015)
- Guided tour of Healesville Sanctuary
- Visit to St Kilda
- Visit to Eureka Skydeck 88
- Visit to Queen Victoria Markets
- Visit to Federation Square

## Adelaide, South Australia

- Meeting with Dr Jane Olsson, Regional Manager (Vietnam, Indonesia, North America, Latin America) International Office, University of Adelaide
- Meeting with the Hon Zoe Bettison MP, Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Ageing, Minister for Youth, Minister for Volunteers, Member of the Executive Council, State Member for Ramsay (Vietnam 2000 and South Korea 2012)
- Meeting with Dr John Greste, Director of the Library, South Australia Parliament
- Guided tour of the South Australian Parliament hosted by Ms Annabel Digance MP, State Member for Elder
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Tom Kenyon MP, Government Whip, State Member for Newland and Ms Annabel Digance MP, State Member for Elder
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Sebastian Zwalf, A/g Assistant National Secretary and Director of Australian Labor International, Australian Labor Party (UK 2013)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Council Member (USA 1989). Guests included Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Assistant Minister for Education and Training, Senator for South Australia (Japan 2009)
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Dinner with Mr Gideon Rozner (Vietnam 2015), Ms Caitlin Keage (Vietnam 2015) and Ms Leah Dwyer (Vietnam 2015)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Senator for Victoria (USA 1991)
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia, Council Member (USA 2012)
- Meeting with the Hon Alan Tudge MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Federal Member for Aston (Vietnam 2012)

- Guided tour of the Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Luong Thanh Nghi, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial



The nineteenth delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Council Member and Mr Bruce Edwards International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia at Parliament House in Canberra



# Thirty-second Delegation from the United States of America

7 to 19 October 2015

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## Delegates

- **The Hon Raumesh Akbari** (Democrat)  
Member, Tennessee General Assembly
- **The Hon Katrina Shankland** (Democrat)  
Assistant Minority Leader, Wisconsin State Assembly
- **Ms Jinyoung Lee Englund** (Republican)  
Vice President, Strategy and Digital Currency Council
- **Ms Leslie Fox** (Independent)  
Director, Legislative Outreach International Council of Shopping Centers
- **Mr Kouri Marshall** (Democrat)  
Executive Director, Democratic Gain
- **Mr Stephen Plevniak** (Democrat)  
Manager, Federal Government Affairs, Xcel Energy Inc
- **Mr Doug Stang** (Republican) – Accompanying Officer  
Director, State and Local Public Affairs, 3M

The Thirty-second Delegation from the United States of America travelled to Sydney, Hobart, Canberra, Cairns and Brisbane during the eighteen-day exchange.

## Visit Program

### Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Meeting with the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Federal Member for Kingsford Smith (China 2009 and Japan 2013)
- Tour of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices by Ms Sharon Brigden, NSW State Manager, Ministerial and Parliamentary Services, Department of Finance
- Meeting with Mr Anthony Bensch, Managing Director, Barton Deakin (USA 1996)
- Meeting with Cr Daniel Barbar, Marrickville City Council (Vietnam 2011 and Philippines 2015)
- Meeting with Mr Liam Bathgate, Director, Australian Public Affairs (USA 1994)
- Meeting with Ms Lisa Harrington, Head of Government Relations and Ms Fiona Orton, Manager, Policy and Research, AGL Energy Ltd
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Visit to Bondi Beach, Manly Beach and Nelson's Point

## Hobart, Tasmania

- Meeting with Ms Rebecca White MP, Shadow Minister for Health, Shadow Minister for Human Services, Spokesperson for Children, State Member for Lyons (USA 2008 and India 2014)
- Meeting with Mr Michael Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Meeting with the Hon Matthew Groom MP, Minister for State Growth, Minister for Energy, Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage, State Member for Denison (Japan 2012)
- Meeting with the Hon Elise Archer MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly
- Meeting with the Hon Jim Wilkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council and Mr David Pearce, Clerk of the Council
- Question Time in the House of Assembly and Legislative Council
- Tour of Parliament House
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Elise Archer MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly, State Member for Denison and the Hon Jim Wilkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council, State Member for Nelson
- Visit to Salamanca Markets
- Guided tour of Port Arthur historical sites

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Sebastian Zwalf, A/g Assistant National Secretary and Director of Australian Labor International, Australian Labor Party (UK 2013)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Member the Hon John Cobb MP, Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992) and Mr Elias Hallaj representing the Australian Labor Party (New Zealand 2002)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Courtesy call on the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Participation in a panel discussion hosted by the Australian National University
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia, Council Member (USA 2012)
- Meeting with the Hon Darren Chester MP, Assistant Minister for Defence,

Federal Member for Gippsland (USA 2004)

- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Shadow Minister for Resources, Shadow Minister for Northern Australia, Shadow Special Minister for State, Federal Member for Brand, Council Member (USA 1989)
- Courtesy call on Mr Rob Lee, Counselor for Political Affairs, Ms Tina Malone, Counselor for Public Affairs and Mr Matthew Murray, Counselor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America

## Cairns, Queensland

- Briefing by representatives of the Family Responsibilities Commission
- Briefing by representatives of the Mossman Elders Justice Group and Mossman Magistrate Court
- Briefing by representatives of the Apunipima Cape York Health Council Primary Health Care Clinic, including Mr Cleveland Fagan, Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sheryl Ellington, Manager, Mossman Primary Health Care Centre and Ms Renee Williams, Partnership and Development Coordinator
- Visit to East Trinity Reserve, including a traditional owner guided walk
- Morning tea and cultural presentation
- Dinner with Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Senator for Queensland (USA 1994)
- Visit to Mossman Gorge Centre, including an Indigenous Guided Dreamtime Gorge Walk, and a visit to the Indigenous Art Gallery
- Skyrail Rainforest Cableway

## Brisbane, Queensland

- Visit to Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary



The thirty-second delegation from the United States of America with the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council



The thirty-second delegation from the United States of America with Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia, Council Member

# Twenty-third Delegation from the People's Republic of China

9 to 12 November 2015

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## Delegates

- **Ms Dong Xia** (All-China Youth Federation) *Delegation Leader*  
Deputy Secretary General, All-China Youth Federation
- **Mr Wang Yanan** (Nanning Municipal Youth Federation)  
President, Nanning Municipal Youth Federation
- **Mr Sun Jian** (Oriental Morning Post)  
Deputy Editor-In-Chief, *Oriental Morning Post* and *The Paper News*
- **Ms Wang Minyao** (Office of the State Council)  
Program Officer, Department of Education, Science, Research, Culture and Health
- **Ms Ni Xia** (Mengniu Dairy Group)  
President Assistant, Mengniu Dairy Group
- **Ms Zhang Ying** – Accompanying Officer  
Project Officer, International Department, All-China Youth Federation

The Twenty-third Delegation from the People's Republic of China travelled to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney during the four-day exchange.

## Visit Program

### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Tour of Parliament House
- Briefing by Mr Andrew Young, Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly
- Visit to St Patrick's Cathedral

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Elias Hallaj, International Project Officer, Australian Labor Party (New Zealand 2002)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Council Member (USA 1989)

- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Meeting with the Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Shadow Minister for Rural Affairs, Federal Member for Hunter
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Meeting with the Hon Mal Brough MP, Minister for Defence Material and Science, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Federal Member for Fisher
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia, Council Member (USA 2012)
- Dinner with Mr John Nguyen (China 2015), Mr Daryl Tan (China 2015) and Ms Kathryn Lees (China 2015)

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Tour of the Sydney Opera House



The twenty-third delegation from the People's Republic of China with Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals



The twenty-third delegation from the People's Republic of China with the Hon Mal Brough MP, Minister for Defence Material and Science, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Federal Member for Fisher

## Tenth Delegation from New Zealand

22 to 27 November 2015

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### Delegates

- **Mr Todd Muller MP** (National) *Delegation Leader*  
Member for Bay of Plenty
- **Mr Chris Bishop MP** (National)  
List Member
- **Mr Darroch Ball MP** (New Zealand First)  
List Member
- **Ms Alexandra Marett** (Labour)  
Senior Researcher, Office of the Leader of the Opposition
- **Mr Rob Carr** (Labour)  
Senior Research Advisor, Office of the Leader of the Opposition
- **Mr Jack McDonald** (Green Party)  
Senior Executive Assistant to Ms Metiria Turei MP
- **Mr Oliver Whitehead** – Accompanying Officer  
Delegation Secretary, Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Tenth Delegation from New Zealand travelled to Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Brisbane, Queensland

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Meeting with Cr Milton Dick, Leader of the Opposition, Councillor for Richlands Ward (South Korea 2005 and China 2014)
- Meeting with Cr Angela Owen-Taylor, LNP Councillor for Parkinson and Chairman of Council
- Luncheon with the Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Assistant Minister of State Assisting the Premier, Leader of the House, State Member for Sandgate, Mr Jim Soorley AM and Ms Sally Anne Atkinson AO
- Tour of historic Council Chamber
- Tour of Brisbane City Hall including a visit to Museum of Brisbane and Clock Tower

## Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Michael Cooney, Executive Director, Chifley Research Centre (China 2003) and Ms Erin Swan, Head of Digital, Australian Labor Party
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director, The Nationals (USA 2000)
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Alan Ferguson, Chairman of the Australian Political Exchange Council. Guests included Council Member the Hon Gary Gray AO MP (USA 1989) and Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Dinner hosted by Mr Simon Berger, Chief of Staff, Coalition Advisory Service (USA 2002 and New Zealand 2015)
- Meeting with the Hon Mal Brough MP, Minister for Defence Material and Science, Special Minister of State, Minister with portfolio responsibility for the Australian Political Exchange Program, Federal Member for Fisher
- Meeting with Mr Bert van Manen MP, Chair, Australia/New Zealand Parliamentary Group, Federal Member for Forde
- Meeting with Senator Nova Peris OAM, Senator for the Northern Territory (Japan 2014)
- Luncheon hosted by His Excellency Mr Chris Seed, High Commissioner for New Zealand
- Meeting with the Hon Alan Tudge MP, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for Social Services, Federal Member for Aston (Vietnam 2012)
- Meeting with Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for Communications, Minister for the Arts, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Government, Manager of Government Business in the Senate, Senator for Victoria (Japan 2009)
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

## Sydney, New South Wales

- Guided tour of Parliament House by Mrs Cheryl Samuels, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms
- Briefing with senior officers of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- Meeting with Mr Guy Zangari MP, Shadow Minister for Trade, Tourism and Major Events, Shadow Minister for Corrections, Shadow Minister for Emergency Services, Shadow Minister for Sport, Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs, State Member for Fairfield (Japan 2014)

- Meeting with Mr Jarkko Jaaskela, Head of Business and Trade Section, Economic Analysis Department, Reserve Bank of Australia
- Meeting with Mr Anthony Benschel, Managing Director, Barton Deakin, NSW (USA 1996) and Mr Justin Di Lollo, Business Director at STW Group
- Meeting with the Hon Patricia Forsythe, Executive Director, Sydney Business Chamber (Canada 1987)



The tenth delegation from New Zealand with Cr Milton Dick, Leader of the Opposition, Councillor for Richlands Ward



The tenth delegation from New Zealand with Mr Bert van Manen MP, Chair, Australia/New Zealand Parliamentary Group, Federal Member for Forde



## Fifteenth Delegation from Japan

30 April to 6 May 2016

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### Delegates

- **Mr Keisuke Suzuki MP** (Liberal Democratic Party) *Delegation Leader*  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Daisaku Hiraki MP** (Komeito Party)  
Member of the House of Councillors
- **Mr Takayuki Kobayashi MP** (Liberal Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Mr Eiichiro Washio MP** (Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Ms Kazumi Ota MP** (Democratic Party)  
Member of the House of Representatives
- **Ms Aya Morozumi** (Liberal Democratic Party) – Accompanying Officer  
Private Secretary to Mr Keisuke Suzuki MP

The Fifteenth Delegation from Japan travelled to Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne during the seven-day exchange.

### Visit Program

#### Sydney, New South Wales

- Meeting with Tourism Australia
- Guided tour of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices
- Meeting with Mr Chris Becker, Senior Manager, Domestic Portfolio Liquidity Analysis, Domestic Markets Department and Ms Penny Smith, Head of Household and National Account, Economic Analysis Department, Reserve Bank of Australia
- Dinner hosted by Mr Masato Takaoka, Consul General of Japan to New South Wales
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- Sydney Harbour cruise

#### Melbourne, Victoria

- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Guided tour of the Town Hall
- Courtesy call on the Rt Hon Robert Doyle AC, Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Japan 1996)

- Meeting with Ms Nina Springle MLC, Member of the Legislative Council, Spokesperson for Families and Children, Family Violence Prevention, Multicultural Affairs, Waste and Women, State Member for South Eastern Metropolitan Region (Japan 2016)
- Dinner hosted by Ms Keiko Haneda, Consul General of Japan to Victoria
- Tour of Parliament House
- Briefing by Mr Andrew Young, Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Question Time in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council
- Luncheon hosted by the Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Telmo Languiller MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Guests included Ms Melina Bath MLC, State Member for Eastern Victoria, Ms Emma Kealy MP, State Member for Lowan, Mr Brad Battin MP, State Member for Gembrook and Mr Andrew Young, Clerk of the Legislative Council
- Guided tour of the Shrine of Remembrance
- Visit to Eureka Skydeck 88
- Attended an Australian Rules Football Match

### Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr Paul Erickson, Assistant National Secretary, Australian Labor Party (USA 2011)
- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary, Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Ms Ruby Cameron, President of the Federal Young Nationals, Advisor to the Hon Michael McCormack MP and Mr Larry Anthony, President of The Nationals (Japan 1994)
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Council Member. Guests included Mr Bruce Edwards representing the Liberal Party of Australia (Japan 1992) and Mr Elias Hallaj representing the Australian Labor Party (New Zealand 2002)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Meeting with the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Chair of the Japan Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Federal Member for Leichardt and Mr Nick Champion MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Manufacturing, Deputy Chair of the Japan Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Federal Member for Wakefield (China 2008 and Japan 2010)
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon Stephen Parry, President of the Senate, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Courtesy call on the Hon Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Australian Political Exchange Council
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Scott Ludlam, Co-Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator for Western Australia

- Meeting with the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia, Federal Member for Kooyong
- Meeting with the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration, Federal Member for Kingsford Smith (China 2009 and Japan 2013)
- Meeting with Ms Gai Brodtmann MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Federal Member for Canberra
- Dinner hosted by His Excellency Mr Sumio Kusaka, Ambassador of Japan
- Luncheon with Senator Dean Smith, Deputy Government Whip in the Senate, Senator for Western Australia (USA 1997, New Zealand 2012 and Japan 2016) and Senator Bridget McKenzie, Senator for Victoria (China 2006 and Japan 2016)
- Meeting with Geoscience Australia
- Meeting with the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Federal Member for Curtin (Germany 1999)
- Meeting with Ms Lisa Chesters MP, Federal Member for Bendigo (Japan 2015)



The fifteenth delegation from Japan with the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for Resources, Energy and Northern Australia, Federal Member for Kooyong



The fifteenth delegation from Japan with the Hon Warren Entsch MP, Chair, Japan Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Federal Member for Leichardt and Mr Nick Champion MP, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Manufacturing, Deputy Chair, Japan Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, Federal Member for Wakefield

## Individual Study Tours for 2015–2016

Five young Australians participated in individual study tours to the United Kingdom and the United States of America in 2015–2016. This included one attending the Asian Forum on Global Governance in India.

### **Mr David Knobel (Australian Greens) – United Kingdom**

Member of Queensland Greens, Convenor of Maroochy Greens and State Council Delegate

**14 July to 1 August 2015**

Mr Knobel's study tour aimed to examine the strategies and techniques employed by the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) and the Green Party of Scotland (GPS) to rapidly and successfully increase their membership base and voter engagement. During his study tour, Mr Knobel met and interviewed members of the GPEW national office, elected representatives, leaders, Young Greens convenors, candidates and volunteers. He also met with staff, party officials, elected representatives and candidates of the GPS. He visited London, Birmingham, Liverpool and Edinburgh.

*While there are clear differences between the structure of the Australian Greens and that of Greens Parties in the UK, the observations of their membership surge and challenges for member retention are relevant to the Australian context. The work done to make Party websites, marketing and communication consistent across the State Greens and Australian Greens parties and the internal development to professionalise the operations of the Greens in Australia are consistent with the approach taken by Greens Parties in the UK.*

*The Australian Greens and the Parliamentary Party Room have the greatest opportunity to promote Greens politics and drive the Green agenda at a national level. This also means that when new members join State Parties, they may come with particular expectations based on their impressions of the Australian Greens Representatives, rather than necessarily because of the work done by local activists.*

*Being a federation of State Greens parties, however, some will do better than others at building the capacity of local branches. Nonetheless, building local branches, assisting them to engage members in progressive, broadly Left campaigns and identifying and nurturing leadership talent are important factors in preparation for a membership increase.*

*While the Australian Greens may not be able to facilitate the membership increases seen in the UK over the previous two years, there are certainly things that can be implemented to ensure any new members are engaged, retained and developed into the Greens activists of the future.*

**Mr Adam Clarke** (Australian Labor Party) – **United Kingdom**  
Organiser, Unions Tasmania

7 September to 4 October 2015

Mr Clarke's study tour aimed to observe the operations and political dynamics of the UK Labour Party and the broader labour movement, and compare and contrast them with his experience of the same in Australia. During his visit, Mr Clarke attended the UK Labour Annual Conference and the Trades Union Congress (TUC). He also met with key personnel, particularly in some of the UK's largest trade unions, as well as many party and union activists around the country. He also attended a range of public meetings, rallies and forums.

*The vast majority of seats in the UK House of Commons are what we would consider safe seats. That is to say that most party strategists and pundits consider the margin in these seats between the winning party and the next closest contender insurmountable. This generally means that, barring any extreme circumstances, once a Labour candidate has won initial endorsement and the subsequent general election for a safe seat constituency they are widely considered to be secure in their parliamentary seat until such time as they chose to retire. This allows MP's time to focus on the next height of their career, almost exclusively over servicing their constituency.*

*The fact that a Member of Parliament does not require the support of their Constituency Labour Party (CLP) members to be re-selected inevitably leads to a disconnect between the two as the MP seeks to court influence where it counts and CLP members feel neglected.*

*The sphere of influence that the MP gravitates towards is the political class establishment of Westminster. This includes the powerful finance brokers of the City of London (the City), major media pundits, lobbyists for major corporations and powerful sectors of the economy and other longer serving MP's.*

*This division in political loyalties manifests itself most particularly on acute matters of policy difference where the establishment political class and grassroots labour movement activists hold considerably divergent views.*

**Mr Vincent Tarzia MP (Liberal Party of Australia) – India**  
**Asian Forum on Global Governance**

State Member for Hartley, South Australian Parliament

**25 October to 3 November 2015**

The Fifth Asian Forum on Global Governance took place in New Delhi, India from 25 October to 3 November 2015. This Forum is a joint enterprise of the Observer Research Foundation and ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius. The forum saw 44 young leaders from nearly 30 countries come together. Their fields included the political sphere, diplomacy, academia, journalism, business, media, banking and civil society. The aim was to analyse the Pacific-Asian region, and the obstacles that the global community faces. In 2015, the specific theme of the Forum was *End of Liberal Internationalism? Debating Seventy Years of the Post-War World Order*.

*The Asian Forum on Global Governance which discussed the subject End of Liberal Internationalism? Debating Seventy Years of the Post-War World Order, was exceptional. I have enormous gratitude for the Observer Research Foundation, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, as well as the Australian Political Exchange Council for enabling me the opportunity to attend. The forum sessions were stimulating, extremely well organised and presented. The opportunity to engage with a group of young professionals around the world on international issues, allowed me to take a step back from the granular level, and see things from a global perspective. I would have no hesitation in recommending the forum to other young Australians with an interest in politics and global affairs.*

**Mr David Dobson** (Australian Labor Party) – United States of America  
State Field Director

4 to 29 December 2015

Mr Dobson's study tour aimed to observe the operation and execution of a primary campaign, the role of super PACs in modern political discourse, the role of data in political campaigns, community organising in American politics and the operation of politics at all three levels of government. During his study tour, Mr Dobson met with a diverse group of political organisations including unions, political campaigns, consultants, and Super PACs (post-Citizens United world of 'independent expenditure only committees').

*The increased concentration of money in the political system has caused an array of new political problems and opportunities. The most obvious impact of the increase in money is the prevalence and strength of Super PAC's. PAC's are able to raise unlimited amounts of money; this money can then be used to profit a particular political message. During my time in the USA I met with a number of super PACs.*

*One example was Worker's Voice. Worker's Voice has a clear and existing base of voters and supporters. Worker's Voice is run by the AFL CIO. They engage with union members in order to pursue pro-union agenda. Their funding is accumulated through a combination of union donations and membership donations. Most of their campaign effort is focused on getting union members to turn out to vote.*

*Another example is Next Generation Climate (Next Gen). Next Gen was quite dissimilar to Worker's voice. The PAC has only one major contributor, Tom Steyer. Mr Steyer is a billionaire businessperson turned environmentalist who founded Next Gen. The PAC's sole purpose is to increase political dialogue to avoid environmental degradation. The PAC is based out of San Francisco, but has a focus on key swing states and primary states. The PAC works in conjunction with other PAC's to increase the reach and scope of their message. Next Gen is well staffed with political campaigners who work like a conventional campaign to influence voter behaviour.*

*Super PAC's have caused an increased debate on the role of money in politics. This has led to a number of 'Counter-PACs'. In my time in the USA I met with a number of these PACs such as The Stampede. The purpose of Counter-PACs is to try and remove and reduce the amount of money in American Politics.*

*The increase in money has resulted in a saturation of political messaging. Many consultants and employees of PACs freely stated that their messaging was likely to have little or no impact. The degree to which spending has permeated politics, particularly in key primary states, means that most communication is simply getting lost in the noise.*

**Mr Nathan Lambert** (Australian Labor Party) – United States of America  
Former Assistant National Secretary

19 April to 19 May 2016

Mr Lambert's study tour aimed to examine a number of technological trends that may affect Australian political campaigning, including trends in advertising, market research, campaign software, community organising and social networking. Interviews were conducted with 37 academics and political professionals in San Francisco, Washington DC, and New York.

*Changes in the way content and advertising are delivered are also transforming campaigning. While "data and analytics" may be over-hyped as a phrase, the value of good analytical teams, continuous survey work, and customised databases nonetheless continues to rise, and will probably do so for an extended period.*

*Over time, a body of simple analytical experiments and hard-earned rules of thumb will confirm the importance of some campaign beliefs and invalidate others. Parties will become more responsive to voter sentiment and more appreciative of its nuances. The organisations that discover these learnings first (and find ways to accept them) will be rewarded with electoral support.*

*Rather than representing a "Big Brother" dehumanisation of politics, these developments will represent a democratic improvement. In some areas, like field campaigning, technology has already generated a renaissance in old-fashioned engagement methods, with positive results for candidates and voters.*

*Going forward, voters will be engaged in terms that better suit their needs, and their feedback or views will have greater influence on campaign outcomes, as parties and candidates improve their ability to manage and respond to a wide, fragmented polity.*



## CHRONOLOGY OF VISITS

Date	Delegation Details
9 to 20 November 2013	<b>Thirtieth Delegation from the United States of America</b> Leadership shared between delegation members
30 November to 6 December 2013	<b>Fourth Delegation from the Republic of Korea</b> Led by the Hon Min Soo Park (Democratic Minjoo Party) Member of the National Assembly
7 to 13 December 2013	<b>Seventh Delegation from the Philippines</b> Led by Governor Miguel Luis R. Villafuerte (Nacionalista Party) Province of Camarines Sur
8 to 14 March 2014	<b>Twenty-second Australian Delegation to Japan</b> Led by Senator Zed Seselja (Liberal Party of Australia) Senator for the Australian Capital Territory
22 to 28 March 2014	<b>Eighth Delegation from the Philippines</b> Led by the Hon Esteban Evan B. Contreras (Liberal Party) Vice Governor, Province of Capiz
5 to 11 April 2014	<b>Eighteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</b> Led by Senator Cory Bernardi (Liberal Party of Australia) Senator for South Australia
28 April to 4 May 2014	<b>Thirteenth Delegation from Japan</b> Led by Dr Daishiro Yamagiwa MP (Liberal Democratic Party) Member of the House of Representatives
3 to 9 May 2014	<b>Seventh Australian Delegation to the Philippines</b> Led by Ms Georgia Goldsworthy (Australian Labor Party) Assistant Advisor, Office of Senator the Hon Penny Wong
21 to 27 June 2014	<b>Eighteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</b> Led by Mr Dang Quoc Toan (Communist Party of Vietnam) Secretary, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
26 July to 1 August 2014	<b>Twenty-second Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China</b> Led by Cr Milton Dick (Australian Labor Party) Councillor, Brisbane City Council

Date	Delegation Details
27 to 30 August 2014	<p><b>Twenty-second Delegation from the People's Republic of China</b>            Led by His Excellency Mr Qin Yizhi            (Communist Youth League of China)            First Secretary, Secretariat of the Central Committee,            Communist Youth League of China</p>
17 to 28 September 2014	<p><b>Thirty-first Delegation from the United States of America</b>            Leadership shared between delegation members</p>
11 to 17 October 2014	<p><b>Fourth Australian Delegation to the Republic of Korea</b>            Led by Mr Scott Buchholz MP            (Liberal Party of Australia)            Federal Member for Wright</p>
28 October to 7 November 2014	<p><b>Thirtieth Australian Delegation to the United States of America</b>            Led by Ms Shannon Threlfall-Clarke            (Australian Labor Party)            Vice President/Lead Organiser, Australian Workers' Union -Victorian Branch</p>
7 to 13 March 2015	<p><b>Twenty-third Australian Delegation to Japan</b>            Led by Ms Terri Butler MP (Australian Labor Party)            Federal Member for Griffith</p>
21 to 27 March 2015	<p><b>Ninth Delegation from the Philippines</b>            Led by the Hon Humerlito "Bonz" Dolor (Liberal Party)            Vice Governor, Oriental Mindoro Province</p>
18 to 24 April 2015	<p><b>Twenty-third Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China</b>            Led by Mr John Nguyen (Liberal Party of Australia)            Member of the Administrative Committee</p>
30 April to 5 May 2015	<p><b>Fourteenth Delegation from Japan</b>            Led by Mr Hideki Makihara MP            (Liberal Democratic Party)            Member of the House of Representatives</p>
2 to 8 May 2015	<p><b>Eighth Australian Delegation to the Philippines</b>            Led by Mr Ross Macdonald (Liberal Party of Australia)            Advisor, Office of Mr Scott Buchholtz MP</p>
27 June to 3 July 2015	<p><b>Nineteenth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</b>            Led by Mr Matthew Merry (Australian Labor Party)            Official, National Union of Workers</p>

Date	Delegation Details
11 to 24 July 2015	<b>Thirty-first Australian Delegation to the United States of America</b> Led by Mr Alistair Campbell (Liberal Party of Australia) Advisor, Office of the Hon Joe Hockey MP
8 to 14 August 2015	<b>Fifth Delegation from the Republic of Korea</b> Led by Mr Eui Dong Yu (Saenuri Party) Member of the 19th National Assembly
22 to 28 August 2015	<b>Tenth Australian Delegation to New Zealand</b> Led by Mr Robert Bozinovski (Australian Labor Party) Research and Policy Officer, Australian Services Union
5 to 11 September 2015	<b>Nineteenth Delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</b> Led by Mr Le Quoc Phong (Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union) Secretary, Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union
7 to 19 October 2015	<b>Thirty-second Delegation from the United States of America</b> Leadership shared between delegation members
7 to 11 November 2015	<b>Twenty-second Delegation from the People's Republic of China</b> Led by Ms Dong Xia (All-China Youth Federation) Deputy Secretary General
22 to 27 November 2015	<b>Tenth Delegation from New Zealand</b> Led by Mr Todd Muller MP (National) Member for Bay of Plenty
13 to 19 February 2016	<b>Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to Japan</b> Led by Senator Dean Smith (Liberal Party of Australia) Deputy Government Whip in the Senate, Senator for Western Australia
9 to 15 April 2016	<b>Twentieth Australian Delegation to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</b> Led by Ms Eleni Petinos (Liberal Party of Australia) State Member for Miranda, New South Wales
30 April to 6 May 2016	<b>Fifteenth Delegation from Japan</b> Led by Mr Keisuke Suzuki MP (Liberal Democratic Party) Member of the House of Representatives
14 to 20 May 2016	<b>Twenty-fourth Australian Delegation to the People's Republic of China</b> Led by Ms Christina Dickinson (Australian Labor Party) Director of Policy, Office of the Premier of Victoria

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The Council is able to offer developmental opportunities to young political leaders from Australia and overseas with the assistance and support of a number of individuals and organisations.

### Former Delegates

The Council wishes to thank all former delegates whose ongoing support contributes in a very positive and significant way to the experience of delegations visiting Australia. The assistance the Council receives from former delegates, in arranging appointments and briefings and sharing their knowledge and experience with incoming delegations, continues to enrich the program.

### Supporting Organisations

A number of activities are made possible through the support of private sector and other organisations.

The Council would like to thank the Presiding Officers of the Federal and State Parliaments, and participating embassy and consular officials in Australia and abroad for their continued enthusiastic support of the Council's program. The generous support of all state and territory governments continues to enhance the program.

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**China** – All-China Youth Federation

**Japan** – the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**New Zealand** – Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives

**Philippines** – Philippine Center of Young Leaders in Governance

**Republic of Korea** – The Korea Foundation

**Socialist Republic of Vietnam** – International Youth Cooperation Development Center

**United States of America** – American Council of Young Political Leaders

## APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Year	\$
<b>2013–2014</b>	
Commonwealth Appropriation	\$0.857m
Expenditure	\$0.358m
<b>2014–2015</b>	
Commonwealth Appropriation	\$0.877m
Expenditure	\$0.449m
<b>2015–2016</b>	
Commonwealth Appropriation	\$0.889m
Expenditure	\$0.356m

### Notes – unexpended funds

1. The financial affairs of the Council are examined by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its annual audit of the financial statements of the Department of Finance.
2. Funds are set aside each financial year based on all exchange activities proceeding, however, a number of circumstances can prevent visits from taking place, such as elections in Australia and events in partnering countries.

## APPENDIX B – ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

### Chairman’s Remuneration

The Chairman receives a sitting fee when the Council meets and when he is engaged in business on behalf of the Council, in accordance with the determinations made by the Remuneration Tribunal. Members of the Council do not receive any remuneration.

### Staffing

A number of staff from the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division of the Department of Finance have supported the Council over the reporting period. As at 30 June 2016, the Council Secretariat staff were Mrs Sharon Forester – Director, Ms Suzy Domitrovic – Executive Officer and Mr Rick Corkhill – Program Officer.

The Council extends its thanks for the work and commitment of former Secretariat staff, in particular, Ms Deb Lewis, Ms Hilda McGrillen, Ms Melissa Baker and Mr Matthew Ryan.

### Freedom of Information

One application (FOI 15/53) was received by the Council under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* during the reporting period.

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