

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL

EIGHTH DELEGATION FROM THE PHILIPPINES

22 – 28 MARCH 2014

Newcastle and Nelson Bay, New South Wales

- Briefing on local government by Cr Bruce MacKenzie, Mayor, Mr Peter Gesling, General Manager and Cr Steve Tucker, Councillor, Central Ward, Port Stephens Council
- Meeting with Associate Professor Cheryl Kernot, Director of Social Business, The 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 to Mr George Wright
- 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 (China 2008) and Mr Chris Daffey, Office of the Hon Warren Truss
- 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, 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 exchange program, Senator for Victoria
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Richard Di Natale, Senator for Victoria, Council Member
- Dinner with former delegates Mr Gary Kent (Philippines 2007), Ms Jacqui Myers (Philippines 2009) and Mr Jamie Snashall (Germany 2003)
- Meeting with Ms Michelle Rowland, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Shadow Assistant Minister for Communications, Member for Greenway (Germany 1995)
- Meeting with Mr Ed Husic, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Treasurer, Member for Chifley
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Council Luncheon hosted by Senator the Hon John Faulkner, Senator for New South Wales, Council Member, joined by the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Social Services, Member for Menzies, Council Member (UK 2001)
- Courtesy call on the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, Speak of the House of Representatives, Patron of the Council
- Courtesy call on Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate, Patron of the 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, Australia

Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing on Parliamentary and Committee procedures 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 Presiding Officers the Hon Don Harwin MLC, President of the Legislative Council and the Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. Joined by the Hon Jenny Gardiner (USA 1984) and Mr John Robertson MP
- Question time in the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly
- Dinner with former delegate 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, Consulate of the Philippines, New South Wales
- Visit and guided tour of Taronga Zoo