

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL EXCHANGE COUNCIL

TWENTY-NINTH DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

21 JUNE - 2 JULY 2012

Sydney, New South Wales

- Briefing and guided tour of HMAS Kuttabul
- Briefing and guided tour of The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence by Mr Jason Glanville, Chief Executive Officer
- Briefing by the Australian Electoral Commission
- Briefing on the Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies by Mr Larry Pierce, Chief Executive Officer
- Briefing on the Crosby Textor Group by Mr Mark Textor, Managing Director (USA 1992) and Mr Andrew Laidlaw
- Dinner with Mr Jim Barron (USA 1996)
- Guided tour of the Sydney Opera House
- *The Histrionic* show by the Sydney Theatre Company

Kiama/Huskisson, New South Wales

- Working lunch with Cr Sandra McCarthy, Mayor of Kiama
- Visit to Kiama Blowhole and Illawarra Fly Tree Top Walk

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

- Briefing on the Liberal Party of Australia by Mr Bruce Edwards, International Secretary (Japan 1992)
- Briefing on The Nationals by Mr Scott Mitchell, Federal Director (USA 2000)
- Meeting with the Hon Warren Snowdon MP, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Federal Member for Lingiari
- Briefing on the Australian Labor Party by Mr George Wright, National Secretary, Council Member
- Courtesy call on Patron of the Council, the Hon Peter Slipper MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Meeting with the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Special Minister of State, Minister for the Public Service and Integrity and Minister responsible for the political exchange program, Federal Member for Brand (USA 1989)
- Reception to celebrate 30 years of exchange visits with the American Council of Young Political Leaders hosted by the Hon Gary Gray AO MP (USA 1989)
- Meeting with HE Mr Jeffrey Bleich, Ambassador of the United States of America
- Meeting with the Hon Stephen Smith MP, Minister for Defence, Federal Member for Perth
- Council luncheon hosted by the Hon Robert Ray, Chairman of the Council. Guests included Council Members Mr Paul Neville MP, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP (UK 2001), Mr George Wright and Senator the Hon John Faulkner, and Mr Bruce Edwards (Japan 1992)
- Question Time in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Briefing on the Australian Greens by Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator for South Australia, Council Member
- Courtesy call on Patron of the Council, Senator the Hon John Hogg, President of the Senate
- Meeting with the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for Health, Federal Member for Sydney (Vietnam 2006)

- Participation in the Australian National University panel session conducted by the US Embassy. Chaired by Dr John Hart, Political Science and International Relations
- Meeting with Mr Stuart Robert MP, Shadow Minister for Defence, Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Federal Member for Fadden (Japan 2011)
- Meeting with the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Shadow Minister for Trade, Federal Member for Curtin (Germany 1999)
- Independence Day event, hosted at the Embassy of the United States of America
- Guided tour of the Australian War Memorial

Adelaide, South Australia

- Meeting with the Hon John Hill MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Minister for the Arts, State Member for Kaurua (USA 1991 and Japan 1996)
- Guided site tour of the development of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, arranged with the assistance of the Hon John Hill MP
- Guided tour of Parliament of South Australia
- Meeting with Mr John Gardner MP, Opposition Whip, State Member for Morialta, South Australia (Philippines 2008)
- Afternoon tea hosted by HE Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia
- Guided tour and meeting at RAAF Edinburgh and Defence Science and Technology Organisation
- Meeting with the Hon John Olsen AO, Deputy Chairman and CEO, American Australian Association, Former Premier of South Australia, Former Consul-General to Los Angeles (Canada 1990)
- Dinner at the residence of the Hon Amanda Vanstone (USA 1989)
- *Crows v Richmond* Australian football league match, accompanied by Mr Reggie Martin, Assistant State Secretary, South Australian Branch, Australian Labor Party (Philippines 2011)
- Dinner with Mr Stephen Wade MP, Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice and Police, Member for the Legislative Council, South Australia (Germany 2001)
- Tour of Gorge Wildlife Park
- Tour of Hahndorf and Barossa Valley