



**The  
Thirtieth Conference  
of  
The Samuel Griffith Society**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**

**The Pullman Hotel  
King George Square  
Corner of Ann and Roma Streets  
Brisbane, Queensland 4000**

## **Friday, 3 August 2018**

### **1:00pm - 2:00pm: Special Pre-Conference Event**

Tour of Parliament House, Corner of George and Alice Streets, Brisbane  
(registration required, and available only to conference attendees)

**6:15pm:** Pre-Conference Cocktail Party

### **7:30pm: Dinner (Chair - Stuart Wood QC)**

Honourable Campbell Newman - *"Not all the smart people are in Canberra"*

*Vote of thanks:* John Roskam

## **Saturday, 4 August 2018**

**8:30am:** Registration

**8:45am:** Opening Remarks - Eddy Gisonda

### **Session 1: "Federalism"**

**9:00am:** Honourable Justice David Jackson - *"McCawley and other cases in light of Kirk - are there unrecognised possible limitations on the State's powers of constitutional amendment derived from the Constitution?"*

**9:30am:** Discussion

**9:45am:** Associate Professor Robyn Hollander - *"Morality policy and federalism"*

**10:15am:** Discussion

**10:30am:** Morning Tea

### **The 10<sup>th</sup> Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration**

**11:00am:** Honourable Susan Kiefel, AC - *"The High Court Justices and the weight of war"*  
With an introduction by Mr Peter Dunning, QC SG - Solicitor-General for Queensland

**11:30am:** Break

### **Session 1: "Federalism cont ..."**

**11:40am:** Professor Nicholas Aroney - *"The prospects of Australian federalism"*

**12:10pm:** Discussion

**12:25pm:** Lunch

### **Session 2: "Freedom of Religion"**

**1:40pm:** The Most Reverend Julian Porteous DD - *"The freedom to hold and profess a religious belief"*

**2:10pm:** Discussion

**2:25pm:** Gerard Henderson - *"The media and religion in Australia"*

**2:55pm:** Discussion

**3:10pm: Afternoon Tea**

**Session 3: “The Murphy Papers”**

**3:40pm:** Professor Nicholas Cowdery, AM, QC - *“Reflections on the Murphy trials”*

**4:10pm:** Honourable Stephen Charles, AO, QC - *“The Commission of Inquiry”*

**4:40pm:** Combined Discussion

**5:10pm: Free time**

**Saturday Night Dinner**

**6:30pm:** Pre-Dinner Drinks

**7:00pm: Dinner (Chair - Honourable Nick Minchin)**

Honourable Peter Dutton MP - *“The evolving state of debate in Australia”*

*Vote of thanks:* Senator Amanda Stoker

**Sunday, 5 August 2018**

**Session 4: “Law and War”**

**8:40am:** Major General Aziz Gregory Melick, AO, SC - *“Lawyers in action during World War I”*

**9:10am:** Discussion

**9:20am: Break**

**Session 5: “An Australian Republic?”**

**9:30am:** Honourable Tony Abbott MP - *“In defence of our current constitutional arrangements”*

**10:00am:** Discussion

**10:15am: Morning Tea**

**Session 5: “An Australian Republic? cont ... ”**

**10:40am:** Professor David Flint, AM - *“More than a waste of time and money, a significant obstacle to constitutional reform”*

**11:10pm:** Discussion

**11:25am:** Gray Connolly - *“Crown or republic: there is no via media”*

**11:55pm:** Discussion

**12:10am: Break**

**12:20pm: Special address**

Honourable Dr Chris Jessup, QC

*“The strange demise of the conciliation and arbitration power”*

**12:50pm:** Concluding Remarks

**Speakers:**

**The Honourable Susan Kiefel, AC** Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

**The Honourable Peter Dutton** Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration and Border Security

**The Honourable Campbell Newman** Former Premier of Queensland

**The Honourable David Jackson** Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland

**The Honourable Dr Chris Jessup, QC** Former Justice of the Federal Court of Australia

**The Honourable Tony Abbott** Former Prime Minister of Australia

**The Honourable Stephen Charles, AO, QC** Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria

**The Most Reverend Julian Porteous DD** Archbishop of Hobart

**Major General Aziz Gregory Melick, AO, SC** Chief Integrity Commissioner of Tasmania

**Professor Nicholas Cowdery, AM, QC** Former DPP for the State of New South Wales

**Professor Nicholas Aroney** Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Queensland

**Professor David Flint, AM** National Convenor, Australians for Constitutional Monarchy

**Associate Professor Robyn Hollander** Head of Griffith Business School, Griffith University

**Gerard Henderson** Executive Director of the Sydney Institute

**Gray Connolly** Barrister at Law in the State of New South Wales

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