Welcome to the NSW Labor Fringe Program

Saturday 29 July – Sunday 30 July 2017

The NSW Labor Annual State Conference is the largest political gathering of its kind in Australia.

More than 2000 Delegates, Party Members and Parliamentarians gather in the Sydney Town Hall to debate and shape Labor’s policy and rules.

The Fringe Program runs alongside the action on Conference Floor.

It is an opportunity for our movement to debate, connect, promote and share ideas.

Our Fringe events range from discussions of big policy ideas to presentations on the latest campaign techniques.

We look forward to hearing more about your big idea or project at this Conference.

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General Secretary, NSW Labor
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Labor for Refugees The Surgeon and the Soldier

7:30AM - UNITED SERVICES UNION, LEVEL 7, 321 PITT STREET
NSW Labor Women’s Forum Breakfast

9:00AM-9:50AM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

SPEAKER: A/Prof Munjed Al Muderis, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Chairman of Osteointegration Group of Australia. Munjed Al Muderis was the subject of a recent SBS documentary called “The Surgeon and the Soldier” which told of his breakthrough work in getting soldiers who have lost limbs walking again. An Iraqi refugee who escaped from the regime of Saddam Hussein and came to Australia by boat. He was incarcerated on Christmas Island and Curtin Detention Centre. He was punished with solitary confinement. He was repeatedly told to go back where he came from. In 2000, 10 months after being incarcerated he was granted refugee status and freed. He then carried on his career in medicine, eventually specialising in osteointegration surgery. His is an amazing story which we have asked Dr Al Muderis to tell at our Fringe Event.
If the War on Drugs has failed, What’s Next?

10:00AM-10:50AM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

Australian’s have long recognised that the so-called “War on Drugs” has gone horribly wrong. Rather than reduce harm caused by substance misuse and addiction, the War on Drugs has cost countless lives and dollars. We’re at a cross-roads as to what our next sensible policy steps should be to confront issues from medical cannabis to the ice epidemic. This session will bring together independent (non-Labor affiliated) policy experts and Labor party representatives to present alternatives to drug prohibition in Australia from their unique backgrounds, interests, and expertise. **SPEAKERS:** Dr Caitlin Hughes, Jo Haylen MP, Dr Marianne Jauncey.

Labor for the Arts
Arts Education - A House of Cards

10:00AM-10:50AM
LOWER TOWN HALL 2

Labor for the Arts (L4TA) presents a dynamic panel event that explores issues surrounding the underfunding and misrepresentation of arts education. The Turnbull and Berejiklian Governments have sought to justify severe cuts to funding and courses in creative industries by characterising them as “lifestyle choices” and “not being essential to the community”. The vitality of the arts in Australia is reliant on a robust and supportive education and training sector. **SPEAKERS:** Matt Howard, Dino Dimotradis and Genevieve Clay-Smith, 2015 Young Australian of the Year

Labor Friends of Palestine
Palestine: a Human Rights Issue

10:00AM-10:50AM
DRUITT STREET FOYER

Join this Fringe event hosted by Labor Friends of Palestine to hear from Hayim Dar from Jews Against the Occupation. **SPEAKERS:** Hayim Dar
11:00AM - 12:00PM
CONFERENCE FLOOR
Address by Luke Foley
NSW Labor Leader

12:00PM - 1:00PM
LORD MAYOR’S
RECEPTION ROOM
Country Delegates
Lunch
Evatt Foundation What the End of Corporate Tax Means for Inequality
12:00PM-1:00PM
LOWER TOWN HALL 2

Around the world there is a race to the bottom in corporate tax, with the US and UK underbidding each other to 15 per cent and below. Meanwhile tax write-offs mean corporations often pay even less - as we have seen in Australia with the plummeting revenue from our natural gas resources through the PRRT. Come and hear key thinkers and activists in the Labor movement and beyond ask: Where will the international race to the bottom in corporate taxation end? Who bears the costs? Is there really no alternative? How do we choose a different path? **SPEAKERS:** Natalie O’Brien, Economic Fairness Campaigns Director at GetUp, Jason Ward, Tax Justice Network Australia / International Transport Workers Federation, John Graham MLC.

Labor Data Beers Bigly Data in the Age of Trump & Corbyn
12:00PM-1:00PM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

Join the Labor Data Beers team, including Zach Alexopoulos, Megan Lane, Eric Goddard and Elija Perrier for a Q&A to discuss the fallout from the 2016 US and recent UK elections, looking at what worked, what didn’t work and takeaways for Labor from those campaigns. We will also be discussing latest trends in big data-driven campaigning internationally. **SPEAKERS:** Zach Alexopoulos, Megan Lane, Eric Goddard, Elija Perrier

Labor for Innovation Innovation - Friend or Foe
12:00PM-1:00PM
THE VAULT

With automation and technological advances threatening the livelihoods of millions of workers around the world, the question is simple: is innovation a friend or foe? Innovation can save and prolong lives; increase productivity; get us to work efficiently and sustainably; feed and nourish millions of us and open up new forms of entertainment and education - but what is the cost? How do we balance those benefits with workers worried about job security and fears of the ability of their children to have long-term, stable and fulfilling jobs. **SPEAKERS:** Yasmin Catley MP, Sen. Deborah O’Neill, Tim Ayres, Dr Sarah Pearson and others
NSW Rainbow Labor  Ending Conversion Therapy

12:00PM-1:00PM  
DRUITT ST FOYER

NSW Rainbow Labor present this panel lead by Tim Ayres, NSW Secretary of the AMWU.  
SPEAKERS: Anthony Venn-Brown Founder and CEO of Ambassadors & Bridge Builders International (ABBI), survivor of gay conversion therapy, Michael Hercock, Former Baptist Minister and Family Therapist, founding member of 100 Reverends, Penny Sharpe MLC, Shadow Minister for Environment, Heritage, Trade, Tourism & Major Events, Rainbow Labor activist, Charlie Willbridge, Project officer, National Mindout project, LGBTI National Health Alliance.

Labor Environment Action Network  
50% Renewable Energy - The Process

1:15PM-2:15PM  
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

The Light on the Hill should be powered by renewables. Transitioning to 50% renewable energy generation by 2030 is a task that will require bold, concrete, and comprehensive policies from future state and federal governments. LEAN will be joined by Shadow Minister for Climate Change Mark Butler MP, co-founder of LEAN and Senator for NSW Jenny McAllister, NSW Shadow Minister for the Environment Penny Sharpe MLC and NSW Shadow Minister for Industry, Resources and Energy Adam Searle MLC to give insight on state and federal Labor plans to increase large-scale renewable energy generation and what this will mean for the environment, energy, and all Australians.

NSW Fabians  Pamphlet Launch –  ‘A New Vision for NSW’

1:15PM-2:15PM  
LOWER TOWN HALL 2

The NSW Fabians are delighted to invite NSW Labor Conference delegates and attendees to the launch of our new Fabian pamphlet ‘A New Vision for NSW: Ideas for the Next NSW Labor Government’. In this pamphlet, contributors set our their ideas and policies for the next State Labor Government. Contributors include Ryan Park, John Graham, Jodi McKay, Penny Sharpe, Daniel Mookhey, Tim Ayres and others. Copies of the pamphlet will be available at the event.  
SPEAKERS: John Graham MLC, Jodi McKay MP, Tim Ayres
Country Labor Towards 2019 - Opportunities for Growth in the Country

1:15PM-2:15PM
DRUITT ST FOYER

Country Labor Chair Bryce Wilson will host a panel of Country Labor MPs about how to run strong campaigns in the regions, based on Labor policies that resonate with regional communities, will make the difference in getting Labor elected. **SPEAKERS:** Bryce Wilson, Mike Kelly MP, Jenny Aitchson MP

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Domestic & Family Violence: What can Governments do to stop it?

2:30PM-3:30PM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

NSW Labor leader Luke Foley recently committed to a future Labor Government joining Our Watch, a joint federal and Victorian state government initiative which is a world first framework for a consistent and integrated national approach to preventing violence against women and their children. NSW is the only state which has not joined Our Watch. Hear from a panel of guest speakers about what governments can do to stop domestic violence in NSW. **SPEAKERS:** Jenny Aitchison MP, Emma Husar MP

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Running for Local Government in the Regions

2:30PM-3:30PM
DRUITT ST FOYER

As NSW local government elections approach, the Labor Councillors’ Caucus hosts a session to hear from leading regional Labor Mayors and Councillors about their strategies to win. **SPEAKERS:** Linda Scott, Jay Suvaal, Darren Cameron, Peter Primrose MLC, Jodie Harrison MP, Darriea Turley, Melane Dagg
**LAMP Massive Overreach in Citizenship: Who, What and Why Now?**

**2:30PM-3:30PM**  
**LOWER TOWN HALL 2**

The Turnbull Government is proposing a massive crackdown on the requirements for achieving Australian citizenship, in an attempt to link our country’s most important right and duty to national security and border protection. The Federal Labor Caucus has already voted unanimously to oppose the cynical package as it currently exists, with efforts led by our Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Australia Tony Burke. Labor for Multiculturalism Policy (LAMP) is proud to host Tony Burke as well as NSW Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism (and daughter of Greek migrants) Sophie Cotsis and Labor for Refugees barrister Shane Prince in a discussion of these proposed changes, who they will adversely affect, what issues they seek to target, and what we can do to stop their passage.

**SPEAKERS:** Tony Burke MP, Sophie Cotsis MP, Shane Prince

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**Jobs of the Future**

**2:30PM-3:30PM**  
**THE VAULT**

Nearly half of young Australians are preparing themselves now for those 40 per cent of jobs that are at risk of being lost to automation. So we have a mismatch between the skills that will be demanded in the future and the skills that young people are picking up today. The question is: how many jobs will be able to be created that people can do better than machines and computers?

**Dr Andrew Charlton** is co-founder of AlphaBeta, an economic consulting and analytics company based in Sydney and Singapore. His research on international economics has been published in leading academic journals including the American Economic Review, World Trade Review and World Economy.

**SPEAKER:** Andrew Charlton

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**Organising Recruitment & Training Committee Campaigning: Back to Basics vs A New Approach**

**3:45PM-4:45PM**  
**LOWER TOWN HALL 1**

During the last State and Federal Elections, we saw how a return to grassroots campaigning helped us win key marginal seats. We realise that there must also be new and innovative approaches to campaigning. Join the Organising, Recruitment and Training Committee for a panel discussion to explore the challenges and opportunities for the next campaign.

**SPEAKERS:** Prue Car MP, Leanne Atkinson, Natalie Lang, Jonathan Mill
Restoring Class Balance – Bargaining Power and Full Employment in the 21st Century

3:45PM-4:45PM  
DRUITT ST FOYER

In Australia, the economy is growing in real terms, but real wages aren’t growing at all. Unemployment is persistently high. Former Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan MP will explain how giving workers a greater role in decision-making, both in businesses and in the economy is necessary to counter accelerating inequality.  
SPEAKER: Wayne Swan MP

Foreign Policy Caucus Where To Next for Labor in National Security & Foreign Affairs?

5:00PM  
DRUITT ST FOYER

Join Mike Kelly and Allan Gyngell for an interactive conversation on the choices facing the next Labor Government in national security and foreign affairs. What is Australia’s place in the world and how should we seek to shape it? What are the strategic challenges emerging in the Asia-Pacific? Is violent extremism on the rise in Southeast Asia? Do we need to invest more effort in the Pacific? Mike is the federal member for Eden-Monaro and Shadow Assistant Minister for Defence Industry & Support. Allan is Director of the Crawford Australian Leadership Forum and an Adjunct Professor in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. He was formerly Director-General of the Office of National Assessments, founding Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy and Senior Advisor (International) to Prime Minister Paul Keating.  
SPEAKERS: Mike Kelly MP, Allan Gyngell

Labor Policy Responses to Housing Affordability

3:45PM-4:45PM  
LOWER TOWN HALL 2

Housing affordability is the most significant issue of our time and our Party is responding with progressive polices at the federal, state and local levels. This panel will dissect the issue, examine our policy responses, and give you the opportunity to question our Party representatives directly. Be better informed and help contribute to this important policy debate.  
SPEAKERS: Ryan Park MP, Michael Daley MP, Tania Mihaulik MP, Senator Doug Cameron, John Wakefield, Misha Zelinsky.
Unions NSW & Vantage Group
The Future of Work

9:00AM-10:00AM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

The world of work is undergoing significant changes. Technological advancement has disrupted our understanding of how work is organised and conducted. The workshop will explore the future of work and the challenging questions we must face. This event will be interactive. A panel of experts will provide their thoughts on the future of work. This will be followed by small group workshops that will brainstorm and explore a set of key questions about how the labour movement and business can best respond to the changing nature of work. **SPEAKERS:** Emily Yue, co-founder and COO, Expert360; Dorjee Sun, serial entrepreneur and Lecturer, UNSW; Andrew Charlton, Director, Alpha Beta; Mark Morey, Secretary, Unions NSW; Tim Fung, CEO, Airtasker; Jason Yat-Sen Li, Chairman, Vantage Group

Organising to Win

9:00AM-10:00AM
DRUITT STREET FOYER

The 2019 Federal Election is going to be a test of Labor’s campaign machine. The Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries from across the country will be pivotal to forming a Federal Labor Government. The political landscape has drastically changed, even since the 2016 Federal election. The modern campaign must keep up with a dynamic political environment. We’re going to show you how. So, come and listen to Australian Labor’s Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries who will oversee the implementation our election campaign across the country. **SPEAKERS:** Hosted by Kaila Murnain, NSW Labor General Secretary, Sebastian Zwalf, National Assistant Secretary, Paul Erickson, National Assistant Secretary, Reggie Martin, SA Labor Secretary, and Pat Garcia, NSW Labor Assistant General Secretary, Rose Jackson, NSW Labor Assistant General Secretary

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Business with Labor The Future of Superannuation

9:00AM-10:00AM
SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

One the key aims of Business with Labor is to promote and continue the relationship between the Labor party and the Business community. In previous years we have held events with speakers such as Hon. Chris Bowen MP and Andrew Leigh MP. This year our fringe event will be focusing on proposed changes around Superannuation in Australia into the future, and Kelty’s Super Legacy. SPEAKERS: Mary Easson, author of Keating, Michael Block, Chief Investment Officer, Australian Catholic Schools Retirement Fund and Senator Jenny McAllister.

The Importance of Political Memes

9:00AM-10:00AM
THE VAULT

We live in an era where elections can be won or lost on memes. So much so that the Liberal Party’s election review specifically identified memes as a point of weakness. Memes are also a key to young people. They’re a central reason why young people managed to relate to the much older Bernie Sanders and Jeremy Corbyn. SPEAKERS: Senator Sam Dastyari, Lizzie Arnold, Connor Wherrett, Georgia Kriz, and others.

Universal Basic Income for Australia

10:00AM-10:50AM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

Inequality is growing faster and is widely believed to be the cause of economic instability. Douglas will argue that Universal Basic Income is about giving everyone their fair share of the economy so that they might be able to live a dignified life. SPEAKER: Douglas Lloyd Maclaine-Cross

Australia & Nepal – Nurturing a New Relationship

10:00AM-10:50PM
DRUITT ST FOYER

Australia and Nepal have enjoyed cordial relations for more than 57 years, but there is a huge potential to strengthen this in many ways. The Nepalese have become the fastest growing migrant community in Australia, and Australia has become the most sought-after destination for Nepali students. Australia has traditionally focussed on Nepal through aid efforts, but there is potential for significantly growing a trade relationship especially in hydropower, tourism and infrastructure development. SPEAKERS: Hon. Deepak Khadka, Consul-General of Nepal, Senator Sam Dastyari, Indra Ban OAM, Simon Balderstone AM, Aisha Amjad, Goba Katuwal
Labor Israel Action Committee  Sustainability: Australia’s Future

10:00PM-10:50PM  
SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

This fringe event hopes to engage rank and file members, Unions and Parliamentarians on the topics of Sustainable practices by discussing lessons learnt by Israeli based startups and business leaders. Climate change, Sustainability and Environmental policies are areas of key development within the party. Israeli companies are some of the world leaders in the field of innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and sustainable practices. The event hopes to continue our friendship with Israel and further the exchange in areas of science, technology, environment, commerce and culture. **SPEAKERS:** Senator Deborah O’Neill, Dr Richard Sheldrake AM FTSE, Mr Arek Sinanian

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**HIGHLIGHT**

11:00AM  
CONFERECE FLOOR  
Address by Bill Shorten  
Federal Labor Leader
100TH Anniversary of the 1917 Rail Strike

**12:00PM-12:50PM**
**LOWER TOWN HALL 1**

2017 is the 100th anniversary of the 1917 Rail Strike. Australia’s largest strike, it shaped the labour movement for decades to come. Ben Chifley, Doc Evatt, Bill McKell, Eddie Ward and Jack Lang all played a role. The strike began on August 2 1917. Come along to hear more about the history of the strike and the contribution of these Labour legends. **SPEAKERS:** John Graham MLC, Prof Lucy Taksa, Mark Morey, Linda Carruthers

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Privatising Disability Services: Where To From Here

**12:00PM-12:50PM**
**DRUITT ST FOYER**

The NSW Coalition Government will cease providing public disability services by June 2018. This is the largest change in disability policy in the history of this state and there has been no consultation or public debate. What will happen when there is no public safety net? Do we not have a responsibility to care for our most vulnerable citizens? Join the our Panel in discussing the future of public disability services and what it means for the affected clients and their families. **SPEAKERS:** Sophie Cotsis MP, Annamaria Wood, Associate Professor Damien Cahill, Lucille McKenna

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The Move Towards an Australian Republic - Labor’s Role

**12:00PM-12:50PM**  **THE VAULT**

It’s been in the policy book for decades now; an Australian Republic. But from the failure of the 1999 referendum, how can the ALP reignite the debate about an Australian Republic once again? Our constitutional monarchy is incompatible with the values of the Labor party; that of equal opportunity, fairness and a fair go for all. Join our guest speakers in discussing the role of the Labor Party in the move towards an Australian Republic and other ideas to improve Australia including: 1) Models for an Australian Republic 2) Ideas to Improve Australia’s Democracy 3) Reconciliation - Aboriginal Peoples and Sovereignty in the New Republic 4) A new Australian Flag 5) A new Australian National Anthem 6) New Australian National Holidays **SPEAKERS:** Matt Thistlewaite MP, Jihad Dib MP, Stephen Dametto, Tara Moriarty
Treaty Now - What Next?

12:00PM-12:50PM  SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

The idea of Treaty has gained momentum in recent years with negotiations beginning in Victoria and South Australia and increasing discussion across the country. Labor for Treaty is privileged to be joined for this event by one of the leading voices in this growing movement to discuss the possibilities and potential which Treaty represents. Tony McAvoy SC is a highly experienced and widely respected lawyer specialising in Native title with a long list of achievements in his field including becoming the first Aboriginal person to be appointed as a senior counsel. He is also a long time Treaty advocate with a clear vision of what a future with Treaty could look like.

SPEAKER: Tony McAvoy SC

Australia-India Relations - Rethinking the Way Ahead

1:00PM-1:50PM  LOWER TOWN HALL 1

Australia’s relationship with India was transformed and strengthened through the Rudd and Gillard Governments. The Indian Community has more than doubled to more than 500,000 over the last decade, and India is the leading source for permanent migrants, and second largest source for International students. This panel will discuss the unprecedented potential for stronger relations and rethinking the who, what, when, where and why.

SPEAKERS: Jason Clare MP, Michelle Rowland MP, Aisha Amjad, Dr Monika Barthwal-Datta, Harish Velji

Interns Australia Working Towards What? Are our Ideas of Employment Stuck in the Past?

1:00PM-1:50PM  THE VAULT

Experts predict truck drivers will not exist by 2025. Wage growth is the lowest since records began. In the coming decade, flexible work will have a greater impact on global social and economic change than climate change or the rise of the middle class. Globalisation, automation, the sharing economy, flexibility... with all the changes influencing the labour market, will we be able to compete internationally without rethinking our expectations of jobs and work? Is the fight for wages and security one we are destined to lose? And what will be the consequences of failing to accept the realities of employment, business, and growth in 2017 and beyond?

SPEAKERS: Natalie O’Brien, Susan Templeman MP, Katelin McInerney, Jim Stanford, Ph.D., Melanie Poole, Jack Kenchington-Evans
Kids Belong Together: Students with Disability in Regular Class at School

1:00PM-1:50PM DRUITT ST FOYER

What happens when students with disability are in the regular class at school? Join a parent, an academic, and campaigner and advocate Meg Clement-Couzner to hear about inclusive education - what it is, why it matters and how you can help spread the word that inclusion works. We’ll look at: The history of disability education; The evidence on inclusive education; How inclusion can work; The current policy context; Ways forward toward a fully inclusive education system; and How you can help. SPEAKERS: Megan Clement-Couzner, Linda Graham, David Roy

Reskilling NSW - Labor’s Challenge to Save Vocational Education

1:00PM-1:50PM SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

TAFE enrolments and apprenticeship numbers are plummeting under the Liberals. More teachers are being sacked every year and our TAFE campuses are being closed. With a skills shortage crisis affecting important sectors of the economy, how does a future Labor Government save vocational education? SPEAKERS: Prue Car MP, Sam Crosby, Executive Director, McKell Institute, Tim Ayres, NSW Secretary Australian Manufacturing Workers Union and Maurie Mullheron

HIGHLIGHT

2:00PM CONFERENCE FLOOR
Life Members Ceremony
Policy Responses to Housing Affordability

3:00PM-4:00PM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

As NSW city centres experience a housing affordability crisis, come along to hear from a star panel: Labor Leader Luke Foley, Committee for Sydney’s CEO Dr Tim Williams, former Age Discrimination Commissioner Susan Ryan AO, and St Vincent de Paul’s CEO Jack de Groot, as they share their thoughts on Labor’s new comprehensive plan to tackle housing affordability and help first home buyers find a home. This event is hosted by the NSW ALP Sustainable Communities Policy Committee, with MCs Alex Claassens, NSW Secretary of the Rail, Tram and Bus Union, and Linda Scott, Labor Councillor on the City of Sydney Council. 
SPEAKERS: Luke Foley MP, Linda Scott, Alex Claassens, Dr Tim Williams, Susan Ryan and Jack De Groot

Arabic Friends of Labor The Case for Australia Recognising Palestine Now

TIME AND LOCATION TBC

Associate Professor Peter Slezak will speak for 10-15 minutes on the session topic, followed by Q&A. Lunch will be provided. This event is hosted by the Arabic Friends of Labor.

SPEAKERS: Associate Professor Peter Slezak and Derek Nolan

The Education Agenda

3:00AM-4:00AM
THE VAULT

The NSW education and skills system is under strain – with inadequate physical infrastructure, the undermining of key institutions like TAFE, pressure to lift educational standards and the ongoing challenge of equipping its students to succeed in a dynamic, global work and marketplace. NSW Labor has a plan to meet the needs of a growing and increasingly diverse population. Issues of the affordability of and accessibility to a high-quality education are paramount. Supporting the development of capable educators is a key focus. Our speakers bring real-life experience and a deep commitment to this discussion and welcome questions from the floor. 
SPEAKERS: Jihad Dib MP, Kate Washington MP, John Gelling OAM
Your Body, Your Choice
3:00PM-4:00PM
SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

Join EMILY’s List Australia and our panel of fabulous feminists in a discussion about abortion law reform in Australia. Hosted by National Co-Convenor Sharon Claydon MP and NSW Co-Convenor Trish Doyle, our panel will explore why NSW and Queensland have failed to reform where other jurisdictions have succeeded. Join the discussion on what we need to do to improve reproductive health services and why abortion law reform is so important in NSW.

SPEAKERS: Trish Doyle MP, NSW Co-convener EMILY’s List, Sharon Claydon MP, National Co-convener EMILY’s List, Penny Sharpe MLC, Gai Brodtmann MP, Jodi McKay MP, Claire Pullen, Director, Family Planning NSW

Domestic Violence in South Asian Communities – From Challenge to Change
4:15PM-5:15PM
LOWER TOWN HALL 1

Statistics say that 1 in 3 women suffer from some form of domestic violence but in South Asian Communities, this is rarely reported or spoken about. There has been an increase in cases, but also a critical need for culturally specific solutions. There are more sensitive and complex layers when it comes to addressing family violence issues including joint families, shame of divorce, dowry, economic abuse, abandonment, visa blackmail and lack of family and community support. This panel addresses how we can turn challenges into change.

SPEAKERS: Michelle Rowland MP, Aisha Amjad, Sue Advani, Firdousi Obeidullah, Harinder Kaur, Yelda Chembirka.
Looking to Asia: Foreign Policy Priorities for the next Labor Government

4:15PM-5:15PM
SOUTHERN FUNCTION ROOM

We are often told that Australia needs to have better relations with Asia. We are rarely told how we can achieve this. In this Fringe event, three ideas to achieve this will be outlined. First, we need better relations with China, so as to better navigate the complexities of relations with this large and consequential nation. Second, we need stronger and better sustained relations with Indonesia, Australia’s most important neighbour. Third, we need a greater emphasis on people to people relations as a policy priority. These are key ideas that a future Labor government needs to embrace to establish the foundations of a long lasting and effective foreign policy which secures Australia’s long-term national interests. In this event, we will discuss how these priorities can be achieved, and examine how we can navigate and profit from the challenges we face in a rapidly evolving and changing region. SPEAKERS: Brendan Forde, Greg Baines, Prof. Hugh White, Dr. Greg Raymond, Merriden Varrall
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CONFERENCE LEADERS BRIEFING

HON BILL SHORTEN MP
Leader of the Opposition

LUKE FOLEY MP
NSW Leader of the Opposition
NSW Shadow Minister for Western Sydney

WHEN 1:00PM, JULY 30
WHERE LORD MAYOR’S RECEPTION ROOM

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THIS EVENT IS EXCLUSIVE FOR CHIFLEY FORUM MEMBERS ONLY
It's the fringe event with a tinge of Halal meat. Sam Dastyari's One Halal Of A Story will be officially launched by Melbourne University Press as a fringe event for the NSW ALP Conference in Lower Town hall 1, at 5pm on Saturday 29th of July 2017, two days before it hits bookstores.

One Halal Of A Story is a window into Sam’s often bizarre world of politics, controversy and multiculturalism in a Styrofoam box. It's a book that looks through the button up suits and the sound bites into the soul of Canberra.

It's about coffee grinds and fortune telling in Western Sydney. It’s about social rejection due to a funny name on a neighbourhood street when you’re six, and getting the top job in NSW Labor twenty years later. It’s about bank CEOs and whistle-blowers. It’s about how we collect hate, but keep the love. It’s about political focus groups and fat men dressed as Elvis. It’s definitely One Halal Of A Story.
Fringe Venues in Town Hall

- Marconi Room
- Southern Function Room
- Main Conference Floor
Fringe venues in Lower Town Hall

- Lower Town Hall 1
- Lower Town Hall 2
- Druitt Street Foyer
- The Vault
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