
ASU NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024

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DAY ONE - Wed 13 Nov

1.30–2.45pm

REGISTRATION AND AFTERNOON TEA

2.45–3.00pm

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

by Cliffy Wilson

3.00–3.10pm

CONFERENCE BUSINESS

Apologies, Proxies, Observers,
Adoption of Agenda

3.10–5.00pm

NATIONAL PRESIDENT WELCOME

by Paul O'Neill

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S OPENING ADDRESS

by Emeline Gaske

BRANCH PRESENTATIONS

5.00–6.00pm

CONFERENCE BUSINESS

Life Memberships

6.00–8.00pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

*with Premier of South Australia,
the Hon Peter Malinauskas*

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All times Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT)

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DAY TWO - Thu 14 Nov

8.30–8.45am

CONFERENCE BUSINESS

Apologies, Proxies, Observers

8.45–10.15am

PANEL - Local Government Matters

- *Kate Cotter, President, ASU QLD (S&NA) Branch*
- *Zoe Edwards, Deputy Branch Secretary, ASU VIC & TAS A&S Branch*
- *Kristen Gilbertson, President, ASU SA & NT Branch*
- *Beth Hodgson, Deputy President, ASU WA Branch*
- *Daniel Papps, Manager, Industrial, Rules, Governance and Compliance, ASU NSW US Branch*

Chaired by Jennifer Thomas, ASU National Vice President

10.15–10.30am

HESTA PRESENTATION

10.30–10.50am

MORNING TEA

Sponsored by Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers

10.50–11.50am

PANEL - Building Climate Safe Communities

Guest Speaker: Judith Kotobalavu, General Secretary, Fiji Public Service Association

- *Leon Cermak, Member, ASU SA & NT Branch*
- *Lucas Garretty, Workplace Delegate, ASU QLD (S&NA) Branch*
- *Melanie Gent, President, ASU VIC & TAS A&S Branch*
- *Allan Jauncy, Branch Executive Member, ASU WA Branch*
- *Julie Perkins, Vice President SACS, ASU NSW & ACT (Services) Branch*

Chaired by Narelle Rich, Manager, Energy, Utilities & Private Sector, ASU NSW US Branch

11.50am–12.00pm

MOTION - Building Climate Safe Communities

12.00–12.30pm

CONFERENCE GROUP PHOTO

12.30–2.00pm

**LUNCH - Winning for Working Women,
Winning for Everyone**

*Guest Speaker: the Hon Amanda Rishworth,
Minister for Social Services*

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2.00–3.15pm

**WORKSHOP SESSION - Building Climate Safe
Communities and Supporting Workers in
Climate Change and Disaster**

- *Group 1 – Local Government, Public Administration and Public Health - SACA Committee Room*
- *Group 2 – Social and Community Sector – Sheffield Shield Room*
- *Group 3 – Transport, Rail, Airlines, Utilities, Water, Private Sector and Legal, Energy - Premiership Suite*

3.15–3.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

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3.30–5.00pm

**PANEL - Community and Disability Workers
Deserve Better – the ASU’s Skilled, Respected,
Equal Campaign**

- *Narelle Clay, Executive President, ASU NSW & ACT (Services) Branch*
- *Robert Habel, Vice President, ASU SA & NT Branch*
- *Maria Leebeek, Vice President, ASU QLD (S&NA) Branch*
- *Marsha Reid, Branch Executive Councillor, ASU WA Branch*
- *Adele Walsh, Branch Executive Member, ASU VIC & TAS A&S Branch*

Chaired by Emeline Gaske, ASU National Secretary

5.00pm

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED

6.30–7.00pm

PRE-DINNER DRINKS

7.00–10.30pm

DINNER & DELEGATE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

*Guest Speakers: the Hon Murray Watt,
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations;
Sally McManus, ACTU Secretary*

Dinner & Awards brought to you by AustralianSuper

DAY THREE - Fri 15 Nov

- 9.00–9.10am** **CONFERENCE BUSINESS**
Apologies, Proxies, Observers
- 9.10–9.50am** **PLENARY 1 - Artificial Intelligence and the Modern Workplace**
- *Senator Lisa Darmanin, Member of the Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)*
 - *Fiona Macdonald, Policy Director, Industrial and Social - The Australia Institute, Centre for Future Work*
- 9.50–10.00am** **MOTION - Artificial Intelligence**
- 10.00–10.25am** **PLENARY 2 - Global Solidarity**
- *Kate Lee, Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA*
- 10.25–11.00am** **MORNING TEA**
Sponsored by Australian Retirement Trust
- 11.00–11.30am** **PLENARY 3 - It's for everybody – Reproductive Health Leave**
- *Dee Spink, Branch Assistant Secretary, ASU QLD Together Branch*
 - *Dr Gabrielle Golding, Senior Lecturer, Adelaide Law School - University of Adelaide*
- 11.30–11.40am** **MOTION - Reproductive Health Leave**
- 11.40am–12.20pm** **PLENARY 4 - The Four-Day Work Week**
- *Imogen Sturni, Branch Secretary, ASU VIC PS Branch*
 - *Dr Ty Ferguson, Research Associate, UniSA Allied Health & Human Performance*
- 12.20–12.30pm** **CONFERENCE WRAP-UP & CLOSE**
- 12.30–1.30pm** **LUNCH**

Delegate of The Year

NOMINEES

MAXINE DAWSON

Wollongong City Council

ASU NSW US Branch

PAUL GLATTER

AGL Torrens Island Power Station

ASU SA & NT Branch

JULIE PERKINS

Gurehlgam Aboriginal Community Corporation

ASU NSW & ACT (Services) Branch

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ASU WA Branch

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