



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE

27 – 29 JANUARY 2012

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday 27 January 2012

1730 Opening reception – Jasper Hotel – Members' social function and fundraiser.

Saturday 28 January 2012

0800 Registration open

0900 Introduction and Housekeeping

0910 **Darren Churchill** – National President “*President's Address*”

0945 **Lyn Allison** – Former Federal Parliamentary Leader

1030 **MORNING TEA**

1100 **Sandra Kanck** – Former South Australian Legislative Council member

1145 **Keynote speaker David Collyer – Prosper Australia** – “*Taxation and the Natural Endowment - why the Democrats are different*”

1230 **LUNCH**

1330 **Fred Carter** – “*Democrats Climbing*”

1430 **Panel – ‘The role of the Australian Democrats in Australian politics’**

Panel discussion with former parliamentarians.

1500 **AFTERNOON TEA combined with Q&A Session** – Grab a tea or coffee, and talk to former Democrat members of parliament, and National Executive Officers.

1545 **National Executive meeting** – All welcome.

1745 Close of day

1830 **Conference Dinner – Jasper Kitchen, Jasper Hotel** – Join past parliamentarians and the National Executive to celebrate our 35th year as a political party.

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Sunday 29 January 2012

- 0900** Welcome and Housekeeping
- 0910** **Darren Churchill & Roger Howe** – *“Connecting with members and Campaigning in the Community”*
- 1030** **MORNING TEA**
- 1100** **Jason Heeris** – *“Connecting Science with Australian Politics”*
- This workshop will introduce members to a new policy area that has been drafted by Science Policy Coordinator Jason Heeris. Join Jason as he describes the background, scope and aims of the policy, and feedback received from the WA forums. This session will be interactive with lots of discussion.
- 1230** **LUNCH**
- 1330** **Workshops**
- Campaigning on Science Policy (Jason Heeris)
 - Small Business in Australia (Rick Westgrath)
- 1430** - Media Relations (David Collyer)
- 1530** **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 1600** **Where to from here – Future directions of the Australian Democrats**
- Panel discussion with National Executive and all members. Adoption of conference resolutions.
- 1700** **Conference close and depart**

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