



# Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand

**CLAAZ Conference 2018 — Thursday 2 August, Melbourne**

## **Charity Law Today: What Does the Future Hold?**

2018 is an interesting moment for charity law, policy and regulation in Australia. Major law and policy reforms have been achieved: the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission now looks secure; the Charities Act 2013 has been in place for several years; important tax reforms continue to be pursued. However much remains unclear and undone. The ACNC's regulatory approach evolves and changes over time and the much-anticipated five year review of the ACNC Act is imminent. The Charities Act remains uninterpreted by the courts. And the political landscape continues to deliver surprising (and not so surprising) twists and turns, as demonstrated by recent efforts to restrict charity advocacy via reforms to the electoral law. It seems as important as ever to reflect on the question: what does the future hold?

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	
9.00	<b>Registration</b>		
9.20	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country (Prof Matthew Harding, CLAAZ Chair)		
9.30	Plenary Session: What Does the Future Hold?		
9.30		The Hon Michael Sukkar MP	Federal Member for Deakin, Assistant Minister to the Treasurer
9.45	Testing Charitable Purpose and Public Benefit	The Hon Dr Gary Johns	Commissioner, ACNC
10.15	The Past, Present and Future of the ACNC Review	Elizabeth Shalders Sue Woodward Murray Baird Prof Matthew Harding (Facilitator)	Lewis Holdway Justice Connect ACNC University of Melbourne
10.45	<b>Morning Tea</b>		
11.15	Breakout Sessions		
11.15	Session 1: Advocacy: The Never-Ending Story	Andrew Phillips	Charities Services, Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand
		Simon Miller	Save the Children
		Miriam McDonald	Maddocks
		Alex Milner	Prolegis
		Sue Barker (Facilitator)	Sue Barker Charities Law
11.15	Session 2: The Interface of Government, Regulation and Charity	Dr Ian Murray	University of Western Australia
		Krystian Seibert	Centre for Social Impact, Swinburne University
		Peter Hills-Jones	Public Fundraising Regulatory Association
		Vera Visevic (Facilitator)	Mills Oakley
12.15	<b>Lunch</b>		

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1.30	Breakout Sessions		
1.30	Session 1: Protecting Charity Assets	Alice MacDougall	Freehills
		Suhanya Mendes	ACNC
		Darren Fittler (Facilitator)	Gilbert and Tobin
1.30	Session 2: Governance Challenges: Best Practice and Controversies	Anne Robinson AM	Prolegis Lawyers
		Lucas Ryan	AICD
		Dr Rosemary Langford	University of Melbourne
		Libby Klein (Facilitator)	Prolegis Lawyers
2.30	Breakout Sessions		
2.30	Session 1: So Much Housing Innovation: What's Charitable and What's Not?	Mark Fowler	Prolegis Lawyers
		Hayley Parkes	Housing Choices Australia
		Lesley Dredge	Community Housing Industry Association Victoria
		Murray Baird (Facilitator)	ACNC
2.30	Session 2: Charities and Redressing Historic Wrongs	Garth Blake AM SC	NSW Bar
		Michael Shand QC	Victorian Bar
		Andrew Lind	Corney & Lind Lawyers
		Sam Burnett	Prolegis Lawyers
		Seak-King Huang (Facilitator)	Prolegis Lawyers
<b>3.30</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
4.00	Plenary Session: Charity Litigation		
4.00	Charity Litigation	Justice Michael Sifris	Supreme Court of Victoria
		Jennifer Batrouney QC	Victorian Bar
<b>4.45</b>	<b>Conference Wrap-Up (Prof Matthew Harding, CLAAZ Chair)</b>		
<b>5.00</b>	<b>CLAAZ Annual General Meeting (Woodward Conference Centre)</b>		
<b>6.30</b>	<b>Conference Dinner (Woodward Conference Centre)</b>		