



WA Labor

2019 STATE CONFERENCE

GUIDE & AGENDA

24th & 25th August 2019

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1. Welcome

A Message from the State Secretary

This year WA Labor celebrates 120 years since we were founded.

Our Western Australian Branch of the Australian Labor Party was formed at a Trade Union Congress in Coolgardie, in Western Australian Goldfields 1899.

As Bobbie Oliver wrote in 1999 to celebrate a century of WA Labor:

On the afternoon of 11 April 1899, 28 men met at Pearce's Hall, Coolgardie, on the Western Australian Goldfields, to open the colony's first Trade Union and Labour Congress. Their meeting occurred at the end of a decade of political and social upheaval which had seen Western Australia achieve self-government and, changed from a small, rural colony of fewer than 50,000 people, to a destination for thousands hoping to cash in on the gold boom.

In a period of economic depression, immigrants from the eastern states, New Zealand and other countries poured into Western Australia. Many were young, single men who had some experience of industrial and political activity in the Labor movement, the Australian Labor Party (ALP) having formed in Queensland and other eastern colonies in 1891.

Western Australia had no branch of the ALP, so the Trades Union Congress, at which the Coastal and Goldfields Trades and Labor Councils united in their efforts to achieve political and industrial reform, is rightly regarded as the commencement of a united Labor movement in this State. From 1907 until 1963, the political and industrial wings of the Labor movement in Western Australia formed two parts of the same organisation: the Australian Labor Federation until 1919, and then the Australian Labor Party (ALP).

Source: Australian Society for the Study of Labour History No. 22, December 1999

Shortly afterwards the Federal Labor Party was formalised in time for Australian Federation in 1901. The Australian Labor Party (Western Australian Branch) achieved representation in the Western Australian Parliament in 1900 with six members, and four years later the Party entered

into minority government with Henry Daglish becoming the first Labor Premier of Western Australia.

As the oldest political Party in Western Australia, all WA Labor members have a responsibility to maintain and honour our party traditions and values. We must lead the way in the development of systems to ensure that the critical role that our political Party plays in our State's and Nation's democracy is only enhanced.

At this conference, you have a responsibility to leave the Party, and it's platform better than you found it. It's the responsibility that Ellie and I have as the Party's elected Officer's, and it's a responsibility that all party members have.

I love this Party. I love what it stands for; I love that it's bold. I love that it's brave in it's ambition for working people, our State and the Nation.

This conference refocuses us on our State Labor Government and returning Mark McGowan and his team to office in 2021.

We should be proud of everything that our State Labor Government has achieved in the most difficult of circumstances.

This Government has done a lot for the people of Western Australia, and there is still a lot more to do.

I look forward to working with every WA Labor Member to see Labor re-elected in just 18 months.



Matt Dixon
State Secretary

A Message from the Assistant State Secretary

WA Labor is a campaigning party - a party that campaigns to win (and hold!) Government.

I've been proud to see our campaigning capacity grow over the last year. With three by-elections and a tough federal election, our campaign leaders, field teams, candidates and volunteers have demonstrated that WA remains one of the most sophisticated campaigning organisations in the country, particularly when it comes to field campaigning.

The decisions we make this weekend will shape the message we take to Western Australians in 2021. Good policy is an important step on the way to re-election – but our ability to communicate our agenda to the electorate is crucial.

We have a tough fight ahead of us, and our efforts must be focused on strengthening our grassroots campaigning so that we can show Western Australians why we must re-elect a McGowan Labor Government.

We have a better chance at doing that if our party is bigger, more diverse, and more active.

Affirmative Action has meant that we boast some of the highest numbers of women in Parliament in the country. Now it's time for the next step.

Our party is made up of only 38 percent women. This is something we must work together to change.

Towards Fifty is our campaign to lead our party into the future and build our women's membership to 50 percent. I want more women to join our great party, to participate in our decision making and campaigning efforts – because that will only make us stronger.

We'll do that by working closely with branches and affiliated unions to provide women with more opportunities to engage with our party and to make the party a better place for all of us.

I hope you'll join me in my efforts to grow our membership and re-elect a McGowan Labor Government.



Ellie Whiteaker

Assistant State Secretary

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FIFTY** 

towardsfifty.com.au

Rule 1.5 - Media Comment

The State Secretary will be responsible for making all media statements in connection with Party business, including preselection. This responsibility may be delegated by the State Secretary but must not be assumed by any other Party Officers or members.

Local & Direct Branches, Federal Electorate Campaign Committees and other Party units may make media statements or take action on matters of local significance with the prior approval of the State Secretary.

2. Conference Agenda

Friday 16 August 2019

5:00PM

Credential Deadline

Credential letters for State Conference 2019 must be received by 5PM AWST Friday 16 August 2019.

Signed Credential letters can be submitted directly to **conference2019@walabor.org.au** if not already received by Party Office.

5:00PM

Payment of Registration Fees

The deadline for payment of Delegate Registration Fees is 5PM AWST Friday 16 August 2019

Friday 23 August 2019

12:00PM - 7:00pm

Early Registration Opens

Party Office – Level 1, 22 Eastbrook Terrace, East Perth

Individual Delegates and Unions may collect their delegate packs.

PLEASE NOTE: ID is required to pick up individual delegate packs

5:00PM

Deadline for Proxy Appointments

For Session 1

7:00am - 9.00am

REGISTRATION

Credential Deadline

8:00am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 1

Conference Session 1

9:00am

Conference Session 1 Commences

9:00am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 2

9:00am – 9:10am

Welcome to Country

9:10am – 9:20am

In Memory of Bob Hawke

9:20am – 9:25am

Acceptance of Credentials

9:25am – 9:30am

Adoption of Conference Standing Orders and Procedural Resolutions

9:30am – 9:40am

Report – State President

9:40am – 10:00am

Keynote Address – Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of Western Australia

10:00am – 10:20am

Granting of Life Members

10:20am – 11:20am

Chapter 6: Education and Training

Committee Convenor (5 min): Georgia Tree

Committee Secretary (5 min): Emily Hamilton

Parliamentary Report (5 min): Sue Ellery

11:20am – 11:30am

Report – State Secretary

Credential Deadline

11:30am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 2

11:30am – 12:30pm

Chapter 7: Health

Committee Convenor (5 min): Magenta Wilders

Committee Secretary (5 min): Janine Freeman

Parliamentary Report (5 min): Roger Cook

12:30pm – 12:40pm

Report - Labor Women's Organisation

12:40pm

Conference adjourns for lunch

Conference Session 2

2:00pm	Conference Session 2 Commences
2:00pm – 2:05pm	Acceptance of Credentials
2:05pm – 2:15pm	Country Labor Report
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Chapter 8: Law, Public Administration and Community Safety Committee Convenor (5 min): John Bissett Committee Secretary (5 min): Matthew Hughes Parliamentary Report (5 min): John Quigley, Michelle Roberts & Fran Logan
3:15 – 4:15pm	Chapter 9: International Relations Committee Convenor (5 min): Hugo Seymour Committee Secretary (5 min): Jessica Stojkovski Parliamentary Report (5 min): Paul Papalia
4:15pm – 5.15pm	Chapter 4: Economics, Industry and Regional Development Committee Convenor (5 min): Alex Illich Committee Secretary (5 min): Don Punch Parliamentary Report (5 min): Alannah MacTiernan & Bill Johnston
5:00pm	Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 3
5:15pm	Conference Adjourns

Sunday 25 August 2019

7.00am - 9:00am

Registration

Conference Session 3

8:00am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 3

9:00am

Conference Session 3 Commences

9:00am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 4

9:00am – 9:05am

Acceptance of Credentials

9:05am – 9:15am

Working Voices Choir

9:15am – 9:20am

Returning Officer's Report

9:10am – 9:20am

WA Young Labor Report

9:40am – 10:00am

National Reconciliation Action Plan / First Nations Network

State Secretary, Matt Dixon

10:00am – 10:10am

Chapter 1: Enduring Labor Values

Premier Mark McGowan

10:10am – 10:30am

Keynote Address – Hon. Anthony Albanese, Federal Labor Leader

10.30am

Ballot Opens

10:30am – 11:30am

Chapter 5: Transport, Roads Infrastructure and Planning

Committee Convenor (5 min): Jason Walters

Committee Secretary (5 min): John Carey

Parliamentary Report (5 min): Rita Saffioti

11:30am

Deadline for Agenda items and Proxy appointments for Session 4

Credential Deadline

11:30am – 12:30pm

Chapter 2: Social and Community

Policy Committee Convenor (5 min): Victoria Burrows

Committee Secretary (5 min): Sally Talbot

Parliamentary Report (5 min): Simone McGurk, Peter Tinley & Mick Murray

12:30pm

Conference Adjourns for lunch

Conference Session 2

1:30pm	Conference Session 4 Commences Ballot Closes
1:30pm – 1:35pm	Acceptance of Credentials
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Chapter 3: Conservation, Environment and Climate Change Policy Committee Convenor (5 min): Michael Voros Committee Secretary (5 min): Chris Tallentire Parliamentary Report (5 min): Stephen Dawson & Dave Kelly
2:30pm – 2:40pm	Returning Officer's Report David Michael
2:40pm – 3:00pm	Rules Debate Matt Dixon and Ellie Whiteaker
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Non-Platform Items
3:30pm	Conference Adjourns

3. About the Conference

In 1899 the Western Australian Branch of the Australian Labor Party was established by a Trade Union Congress in Coolgardie, in the Eastern Goldfields of WA.

This year marks the 120th anniversary of WA Labor representing and protecting the interests of Western Australians. It will be a year of celebration for our Members, and we would be honoured if you were able to participate in our upcoming events.

State Conference is the supreme decision-making body of WA Labor. Conference is made up of an equal number of Political Delegates (from Local & Direct Branches) and affiliated Trade Union Delegates.

4. Conference Venues and Times

The 2019 WA Labor State Conference will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August 2019.

The main Conference floor will be held in the Riverview Theatre.

Fringe Seminars will be held in the adjacent rooms .

Please Note: detailed maps can be found at the back of this Conference guide or at conference.walabor.org.au/conference-map

5. Who Participates

5.1 Delegates

315 voting delegates will be credentialed to the 2019 WA Labor State Conference, consisting of;

- i. Fifteen (15) members of the Administrative Committee
- ii. 150 Political Delegates
These delegates include:
 - One (1) delegate from the State Parliamentary Labor Party (SPLP)
 - One (1) delegate from the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party (FPLP); and
 - 148 delegates from Local and Direct Branches.
- iii. 150 Union Delegates. Unions are allocated delegates in accordance with their affiliation. At this year's State Conference there is a 50/50 ratio of Political Delegates to Union Delegates.

Proxy Delegates

Delegates who cannot attend all or part of State Conference may credential another Party Member as a proxy delegate. Proxy delegates do not have to pay the registration fee.

Political delegates from metropolitan Local and all Direct Branches must ensure their

proxies are members of the same Local or Direct Branch.

Political delegates from non-metropolitan Local Branches may credential any financial Party Member as their proxy. Delegates elected under Affirmative Action rule must ensure their proxies meet the same Affirmative Action requirements.

To credential a proxy, delegates must complete a signed Proxy Appointment Form and lodge with staff at the Registration Desk or submit via email.

Additional forms will be available during State Conference from the Registration Desk.

The rules for credentialing proxies are complex and delegates should read the Guidelines for Credentials section of this Conference Guide to ensure proxy arrangements go smoothly.

Party members who are neither delegates nor proxy delegates may attend State Conference to watch proceedings. These Party Members will not be allowed on the Conference Floor but will be able to view State Conference from a reserved area.

5.3 Community Observers

People who are not Party Members may attend State Conference as Community Observers.

These participants will need to complete a Community Observer form, which must have the approval of the President, State Secretary or Assistant State Secretary and the name of a sponsor delegate.

Observers will not be allowed on the Conference Floor but will be able to view State Conference from a reserved area.

Observers must agree to abide by the WA Labor Code of Conduct during their time at Conference. Copies of WA Labor's Code of Conduct are available from the Registration & Credentials Desk during Conference.

5.4 Media

Representatives from local and national media outlets will attend State Conference. A reserved area on the Conference Floor will be set aside for both journalists and crews.

6. What Happens

6.1 Registration

All Delegates to State Conference 2019 will be required to pay a registration fee before they can receive their State Conference identification badge, voting card, refreshment vouchers and lunch tickets.

The registration fee for State Conference 2019 is \$220 per delegate.

The deadline for payment of Delegate registration fees is 5PM AWST Friday 16 August 2019.

Registration and collection of Delegate Packs will take place on Friday 23 August 2019 from 12:00PM until 7:00PM at Party Office, Level 1, 22 Eastbrook Tce, East Perth and from 7.00AM on Saturday 24 August 2019 at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

It is strongly advised you register and collect your Delegate Packs early. Delegates will not be allowed on the Conference floor without an identification badge.

6.2 Draft Platform and Rules

The Draft Platform and Rules will be available on the Delegate Area of the Conference 2019 website prior to State Conference.

These drafts are submitted by the Policy Committee Convenors and include proposed changes to be discussed at Conference.

6.3 Credentials

All delegates and proxy delegates must be credentialed. Most delegates will have been credentialed prior to the commencement of State Conference. Delegates are credentialed when the President/Secretary of the Local or Direct Branch, or Union President/Secretary provides written notification to Party Office of the names of their delegate(s).

6.4 Conference Structure

Delegates, Proxy delegates, Members of Parliament and VIP's are the only people allowed to sit within the Conference Floor.

Amendments to the Draft Platform and Rules will be visible on screens at the Conference 2019, accessible from the Conference floor.

The State Conference timetable will then be followed.

State Conference will consist of a number of Sessions. Each Session will consist of a number of reports and debates as appropriate.

6.5 Amendments

All Amendments must relate to the Draft Platform and Rules and identify the chapter and paragraph (or rule) numbers they affect.

Amendments should be submitted online.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to submit amendments online by accessing WA Labor's State Conference website - conference.walabor.org.au

This submission form includes information about whether the Policy Committee Convenor and the relevant Minister has seen the amendment.

Physical submission of amendments will only be accepted where circumstances prevent them from being submitted online. Please contact the amendments desk in the event that you are unable to submit your amendment online.

The State Secretary is treated as the Convenor of the Rules Committee for amendments to the Rules.

All amendments must be submitted to the

Amendments Table as early as possible but no later than two (2) hours before the session in which they will be considered. For example, an amendment to a Report scheduled for the Saturday afternoon session starting at 2:00pm must be submitted two hours before the start of that session; ie: before 12:00 noon. However, all amendments for Session 1 (Saturday morning) will be accepted at any time up to one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the Report concerned.

Please see Procedural Resolution 5 later in this Conference Guide for more information about submission of amendments.

6.6 Voting

State Conference delegates or their proxies may vote only if they are on the Conference Floor. The Conference Floor will be closed before voting and delegates who are not within the Conference Floor will not be allowed to vote.

This year we will again be using voting cards. Delegates will collect their cards when they register for State Conference. One card per delegate or proxy will be issued. It is each delegate's responsibility to give their card to their proxy. In order to vote, the delegate or their proxy must have the card in their hand.

6.7 Members' Seminars

Would you like to engage in discussion about current issues? Would you like to become more involved in WA Labor branches and campaigns?

There will be numerous seminars conducted exclusively for Party Members during the weekend of State Conference to provide information on our policy development process and to help give you the skills to contribute more effectively to our campaigns. Details are available at the back of this Conference Guide.

7. Information for Delegates

7.1 Venue Map

PLEASE NOTE: a digital downloadable map of the PCEC facilities is available for mobile devices here: <http://conference.walabor.org.au/conference-map>

7.2 Childcare

Childcare facilities will be provided free of charge between 8:00am and 5:00pm on the Saturday and Sunday of State Conference.

Delegates will need to submit a Child Information Sheet to Party Office which will be provided upon request.

Delegates who are aware ahead of time that they may require this service should inform Party Office as soon as possible.

7.3 Lunch & Tea and Coffee Facilities

Lunch & Morning tea will be provided to Delegates and is included in the price of the Delegate Registration Fee.

There are also a number of options for food and coffee available at and around PCEC for individuals who may wish to source their own lunch.

Lunch will be served in the Southern Foyer. Delegates will be provided with lunch tickets for each day which **MUST** be presented to receive lunch. If you have any dietary requirements or concerns please contact WA Labor on conference2019@walabor.org.au or by phoning 08 9328 7222 as soon as possible.

7.4 Conference Break Areas

Lounging areas will be available for use by Conference Delegates and Observers.

WA Labor has also provided a dedicated Women's Room during Conference weekend which can be located on the Conference 2019 Map.

7.5 Parking

Convenient Parking is available at the CPP Convention Centre Car Park.

Attendees who wish to be dropped off at the entrance should use the drop off zone shown on the map.

7.6 Public Transport to PCEC

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is conveniently located next to Elizabeth Quay Bus and Train Stations.

Plan your journey using Transperth:
transperth.wa.gov.au

7.7 Travelling to Conference

WA Labor has secured special Conference rates for those travelling to, or wishing to stay near Conference.

Parmelia Hilton Perth 14 Mill St, Perth
\$125 per night between 23 - 25 August 2019
Full breakfast at the Adelphi Restaurant for \$16 per person.

Available to book by calling (08) 9215 2487.

Adina Apartment Hotel Perth

33 Mounts Bay Rd, Perth

10% discount on the fully flexible rate using the promo code: **WALABOR19**.

Available to book by calling 13 86 42.

7.8 WIFI

Secure WIFI will be provided and details will be provided at Conference for delegates.

7.9 Disability Access

PCEC provides full disability access throughout the Venue.

8. Guidelines for Credentials

8.1 General

- All delegates and proxy delegates must be financial Members of the Party.
- In addition to being financial Members of the Party, delegates and proxy delegates representing affiliated unions must also be members of that affiliated union.
- Where the credential of any delegate or proxy delegate is challenged relating to their failure to comply with Rule 6.4.1.2, for the purpose of these Rules, written notice from the Secretary or President of the relevant affiliated Union stating that the delegate or proxy delegate is a member of the relevant union shall be proof of their Union membership.
- All credentials must be in writing, and signed as required under the Rules.
- Delegates from Local Branches within the metropolitan area and all Direct Branches can only credential proxies from the same Local or Direct Branch
- Delegates from non-metropolitan Local Branches can credential any financial

Member of the Party as their proxy. If you are unsure if your Local Branch is nonmetropolitan please contact Party Office to discuss.

- No person who is a credentialed delegate may exercise a proxy vote during Conference.
- No person can exercise a proxy vote for more than one (1) delegate during any Session.

8.2 Prior to Conference

- Credentials for delegates and proxy delegates will be accepted at Party Office in person at Level 1, 22 Eastbrook Tce, East Perth or by email to **conference2019@walabor.org.au**
- These credentials will be assumed to be credentials for all Sessions of Conference unless otherwise indicated.

9. Procedural Resolutions

9.1 Sitting Times & Order of Business

- 9.1.1. “That Sitting Times and Order of Business be adopted.”
- 9.1.2. “That any part of a Report not concluded in the time allocated be referred to the final Session, unless Conference, prior to the end of time set out in the Order of Business for the Report, determines otherwise.”
- 9.1.3. “Any business not concluded at the close of Conference will lapse.”

9.2 Conference Agenda Committee

- 9.2.1. The WA Labor Administrative Committee has established an Agenda Committee to ensure the smooth running of conference, the Agenda Committee is chaired by the President and comprises of the State Secretary, Assistant State Secretary, six (6) members and a Member of the SPLP appointed by the Premier. Others may be appointed to the Agenda Committee by absolute agreement of the Committee. The Agenda Committee will meet at the beginning and conclusion of conference each day and before the

beginning of each session. Other meetings may be called by the State Secretary from time to time.

9.3 Credentials & Change of Credentials

- 9.3.1. “That delegates as credentialed, together with any approved change of credentials, constitute the WA Labor 2019 State Conference.”
- 9.3.2. “That the Guidelines for Credentials, as listed on page 14 of this Guide, be accepted.”

9.4 Amendments

- 9.4.1. “That all Amendments must be submitted at least two (2) hours before the session in which they will be considered.”
- 9.4.2. “Saturday morning Amendments will be accepted at any time up to one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the Report concerned.”

9.5 Voting Cards

- 9.5.1. “To assist the tellers in fulfilling their obligations in accordance with the Standing Orders, delegates and voting proxies are to hold the appropriate voting card in their hand when voting.”

- 9.5.2. “The appropriate voting card for a member of the Administrative Committee or a political delegate is the voting card issued to them.”
- 9.5.3. “The appropriate voting card for the proxy of a member of the Administrative Committee (when permitted) or of a political delegate is the voting card issued to the delegate for whom the member has been appointed proxy in accordance with this resolution.”
- 9.5.4. “The appropriate voting card for a Union delegate or properly appointed Union proxy delegate, is the card, or any of the cards, issued to that Union.”

9.6 Visitors

- 9.6.1. “That Party Members visiting Conference be admitted. Non-members may only be admitted with the permission of the State Secretary, Assistant State Secretary or the State President.”

9.7 Media

- 9.7.1. “That representatives of the media be admitted to Conference subject to the Conference retaining the right to exclude them at any time.”

9.8 Private Sessions

- 9.8.1. “That in the event of Conference resolving to go into private Session, all persons not being Party Members shall be excluded.”
- 9.8.2. “All Party Members remaining must respect the confidentiality of the proceedings.”

9.9 Presentation

- 9.9.1. “That the State Secretary be empowered to carry out any necessary redrafting or renumbering of the decisions of Conference with the aim of achieving a uniform presentation of the Party’s Platform, Rules and Constitution.”

9.10 Conference Resolutions

- 9.10.1. “Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Chair at least two (2) hours before the session in which they will be considered.”
- 9.10.2. “Conference Resolutions from the Floor of Conference will be accepted only if they comply with the ‘urgent general business’ provisions of State Conference Standing Orders. The Chair will rule on their admission.”
- 9.10.3. “Resolutions on Reports considered on Saturday morning will be accepted by the Chair at any time up to one (1) hour prior to the commencement of consideration of the Report.”

9.11 Mobile Telephones

- 9.11.4. “That all mobile telephones must be switched to silent before entering the Conference Floor.”

10. Conference Procedure

The following procedures are a summary of current State Conference Standing Orders:

10.1 Chair of Conference

The President, where possible, will chair all meetings.

In the absence of the President, the most senior officer present will take the Chair. If no officers are present, the meeting shall elect one (1) of its members to take the Chair. The Chair retains any pre-existing voting rights.

10.2 Standing Orders

State Conference will determine on Motion or Amendment the order in which all business before it will be considered.

No debate will be allowed except on a Motion or Amendment that is duly proposed and seconded. The Chair may permit questions if satisfied that the questions are directed for clarification of procedures which will assist the functioning of Conference.

Reports submitted for the information of Conference will not be subject to time limits given for moving Motions or Amendments.

Any delegate proposing a Motion or Amendment, or asking a question, must rise and address the Chair. No delegate may address the Conference unless called by the Chair.

The mover of a Motion will have seven (7) minutes to present argument in support of the Motion and five minutes to exercise their right of reply.

The seconder of the Motion and all other speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes. Conference may extend the time of any speaker on Motion without debate. Such extension of time will not exceed five (5) minutes. Conference may agree to further extensions on the same basis.

The Chair will call attention to the time for all speakers one (1) minute before their time expires. Motions for extensions may be made at that time but not later.

Movers and seconders of Motions and Amendments may exercise their right to speak at the time of moving and not subsequently. The mover of a Motion will have the right of reply before the Motion and Amendments are put to the vote.

10.3 Voting at Conference

The Chair will call for delegates who support the question to say “Aye” and those who are opposed to say “No”.

The chair will then declare the question carried or lost.

Any delegate not satisfied with the Chair’s decision may, by standing in their place, call for a show of hands. If supported by not less than three (3) other delegates who will also stand, the Chair will determine the question by calling those supporting the Motion to raise their right hands and calling for those who are opposed do the same. The Chair will appoint two (2) tellers to take the count and they will be representatives of the opposing viewpoints. When the tellers are agreed on their count, the Chair will declare the result by giving the figures for and against.

When any question voted upon by Conference results in equal numbers for and against, the Chair must declare that question lost.

10.4 Amendments

Any delegate may move an Amendment at any time during debate. All Amendments must be seconded. Motions may be amended by adding or deleting words, and by deleting words and inserting other in their place, providing that the proposed Amendment is not a direct negative to the Motion.

Any number of Amendments may be proposed and discussed simultaneously with the original Motion. At the close of debate Amendments will be put in the order they have been moved.

A Member may only speak once to any question before the Chair, except to give a personal explanation or with the consent of the Conference. Consent may only be given by a majority of those present.

At any time during the debate the Chair may accept a Motion “that the question be now put” or “that the question be adjourned” or “the next business be proceeded with”, provided that at least two (2) speakers have spoken for and against. A Member having spoken to the question may not so move. If an adjournment Motion is moved, only the time of adjournment

may be amended.

These Motions must be put without debate unless the substantive Motion referred the question to another body or deferred consideration of it. In that case the mover (s) of the adjournment Motion and any Amendments and the mover of the substantive Motion will have the right to speak. If the mover of the substantive Motion exercises that option, the right of reply will be deemed to have been exercised.

If Conference resolves that “the question be put” the mover of the original Motion will have the right to reply, and then the Motion, and all Amendments, will be put.

Motions for the reconsideration of any decision of Conference must be carried by a three-fourths majority.

Only two (2) delegates in succession may speak for or against any question. The mover and seconder of any Amendment will be deemed to be neither for or against the Motion to which the Amendment relates.

Conference, or an urgent Motion, may discuss

questions not on the Agenda, providing that on the closing date for Agenda items, no item was presented under this heading. Conference, before discussing the merits of any such question, must first, on Motion, agree that the question is urgent.

10.5 Dissent from the Chair

A delegate may move a Motion calling on Conference to disagree with the ruling of the Chair. If the Motion is seconded, the Presiding Officer will vacate the Chair (See Standing Order 20.2).

The delegate moving the Motion will be given five (5) minutes to support the dissension Motion. This right will be extended to the seconder. Only one (1) other speaker will be permitted to speak in opposition to the Motion for a limit of five (5) minutes.

The Presiding Officer who gave the disputer ruling will be given five (5) minutes to defend it. The Acting Chair will then put the question and, on the question being determined, the Presiding Officer will resume the Chair.

10.6 Censure Motions

A Motion seeking to censure a Member of the Party will not be considered until that person has been notified in advance of the proposed Motion.

10.7 Conduct of Party Members &

Delegates

Delegates and Party Members should conduct themselves in line with Party Rules and WA Labor's Code of Conduct at all times during State Conference, particularly on matters of the media.

10.8 Speakers List

Speakers seeking a Report or an Amendment must give their names to the Amendments Tables before the commencement of the Session.

In order to ensure the timely running of the conference, the Agenda Committee will make recommendations to the conference on the number of speakers.

The Chair will advise the conference when the speaker's list has closed.

10.9 Promotion of Women Speakers

The Chair will encourage the participation of female speakers throughout the conference debate by calling for additional speakers from time to time.

11. Conference Contacts

11.1 Policy Committee Convenors

& Secretaries

Community & Social Policy Committee

Convenor: Victoria Burrows
social.policy@walabor.org.au
Secretary: Sally Talbot

Conservation, Environment & Climate Change

Convenor: Michael Voros
environment.policy@walabor.org.au
Secretary: Chris Tallentire

Economics, Industry & Regional Development

Convenor: Alexander Illich
economics.policy@walabor.org.au
Secretary: Don Punch

Education & Training

Convenor: Georgia Tree
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12. Conference Timeline

12.1 Policy Timeline

Under Rule 5.2.1:

PLEASE NOTE: that the Rules impose strict deadlines on the submission of Agenda items.

Agenda items, motions and Rules must be submitted before the commencement of that chapter.

The draft platform proposed by Policy Committees is available on the delegates website.

You can submit your items to
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An agenda is available on page 2 of this guide.

Ministers are required to submit their written reports on progress in implementing the WA Labor Policy Platform no later than Friday 16 August 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: that the only circumstances that late agenda items are considered by Conference

is in accordance with Rule 5.5

Credentials are due with Party Office by Friday 16 August 2019, 5:00pm AWST

13. Members' Seminars

13.1 Saturday Seminars

Time/Venue	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
11:00 - 12:30 Seminar Room 3 (M6)	WA Fabians - Does WA need a progressive Think Tank?	Dr Sally Talbot MLC & Philip O'Donoghue	Australia has a number of progressive think tanks, including the Evatt Foundation, the McKell Foundation, Per Capita, Australian Fabians, The Dunstan Foundation, The Whitlam Institute. Is there a need for a uniquely West Australian think tank? If so, how might this differ from models elsewhere? How might we make one happen?
11:00 - 12:30 Seminar Room 2 (M7)	Liquor Reform under a McGowan Government - Round 2	Emma Roebuck Lisa Baker MLA Peter Peck	Come along and hear from a few perspectives the journey of Liquor Reform in WA under the McGowan Government, after reforms made under Labor in 2007.

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
11.00 - 12.30 Seminar Room 1 (M8)	Energy in WA	Bill Johnston MLA	Western Australia is experiencing an unprecedented transition in the way electricity is supplied and used. More households and small businesses than ever are installing solar photovoltaic systems to take control of their electricity production. At the same time, large-scale renewable generators are supplying more of our electricity needs. This is having an impact on our traditional power generators and system as a whole. Hear from Bill Johnston on how the McGowan Government is working to deliver a reliable, innovative and dynamic electricity system that continues to provide affordable, reliable and clean energy to consumers.
11.00 - 11.30 Party Units Room 2 (M10)	Country Labor AGM	David Michael MLA	
11.30 - 12.30 Party Units Room 2 (M10)	Returning Officer Training with David Michael	David Michael MLA	David Michael MLA is WA Labor's Chief Returning Officer, Member for Balcatta, and a seasoned veteran in the art of the ballot count.

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
1.30 - 2.15 Seminar Room 3 (M6)	A Nuclear Free Australia	Steve McCartney, Vicki Abdullah, Dave Sweeney, Adrian Glamorgan, Piers Verstegen	Amid rising global nuclear tensions and a new Federal Inquiry into nuclear power, join a panel of national and state experts on peace and nuclear issues for a snap shot of recent Australian developments and policy discussions on nuclear weapons, waste, power and uranium mining.
2.15 - 3.30 Seminar Room 3 (M6)	Action on climate change – the opportunity for Western Australia	Piers Verstegen	Climate action in WA can deliver thousands of new jobs and bring huge opportunities for WA. But right now, WA is the only state with no climate policy and rapidly rising emissions. The elephant in the room is the highly polluting LNG industry, set to overtake pollution from all other sectors in WA combined. Offsetting this pollution through carbon farming, tree planting and renewable energy would cost around 2% of company profits and create over 4,000 jobs. But instead, the LNG industry and its influence on government is holding back climate action in our state.

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
1.30 - 3.00 Seminar Room 3 (M7)	Lithium and Battery Minerals in WA	Hon Bill Johnston MLA Warren Pearce	How and why Western Australia has the unique opportunity to leverage the evolution / revolution of lithium ion batteries and electric vehicles to build a local processing industry, realising greater value from our raw minerals and creating thousands of new local job opportunities. This is a once in a generation opportunity for Western Australia to position ourselves as a critical part of what is quickly becoming one of the fastest growing new industries in the world – the development of batteries for electric vehicles.
1.30 - 3.30 Seminar Room 2 (M7)	Animal Welfare in WA	Alannah MacTiernan MLC	It takes more than desire or sheer determination to get reform in such a diverse and hotly-debated industry. How we treat livestock and domestic animals is becoming one of the most hotly contested policy areas around the globe. Hear the steps the State Labor Government has taken to advance animal welfare in Western Australia, and about the current review of the State's Animal Welfare Act.

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
1.30 - 3.30 Seminar Room 1 (M8)	Council Connect Session 1: The Nuts and Bolts of Running for Council	Cr Lauren Cayoun (Belmont) Cr Mark Elliott (Swan) Cr Dom Zappa	

13.2 Sunday Seminars

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
10.00 - 12.00 Seminar Room 2 (M7)	Now or Never: Biodiversity on the Swan Coastal Plain	Mary Gray, President Dr Jane Chambers	The south west of WA is one of two world-recognised areas of significantly high biodiversity in Western Australia. Within this hot spot, the Perth regions is a sub hot spot of high biodiversity. Such areas have a large variety of plant and animal species types, many of which are endemic. Only a small part of the Swan Coastal Plain still survives, and it is still under threat. However, there are some who are determined to do all they can to preserve and care for what we have left. This will be explained by the speakers.
10:00 - 12:00 Party Units Room (M10)	Council Connect Session 2: Running an Effective Council Campaign Presenters	Cr Lauren Cayoun (Belmont) Cr Mark Elliott (Swan) Stephen Pratt	

14. Women's Lounge Seminars

WA Labor Women's Lounge is the go-to place for all Labor women at State Conference.

If you're looking for some quiet time or a place to meet and talk about conference, the lounge will be open both days for the duration of conference.

There will also be 5 Fringe Events in the Lounge that are open to all women to attend.

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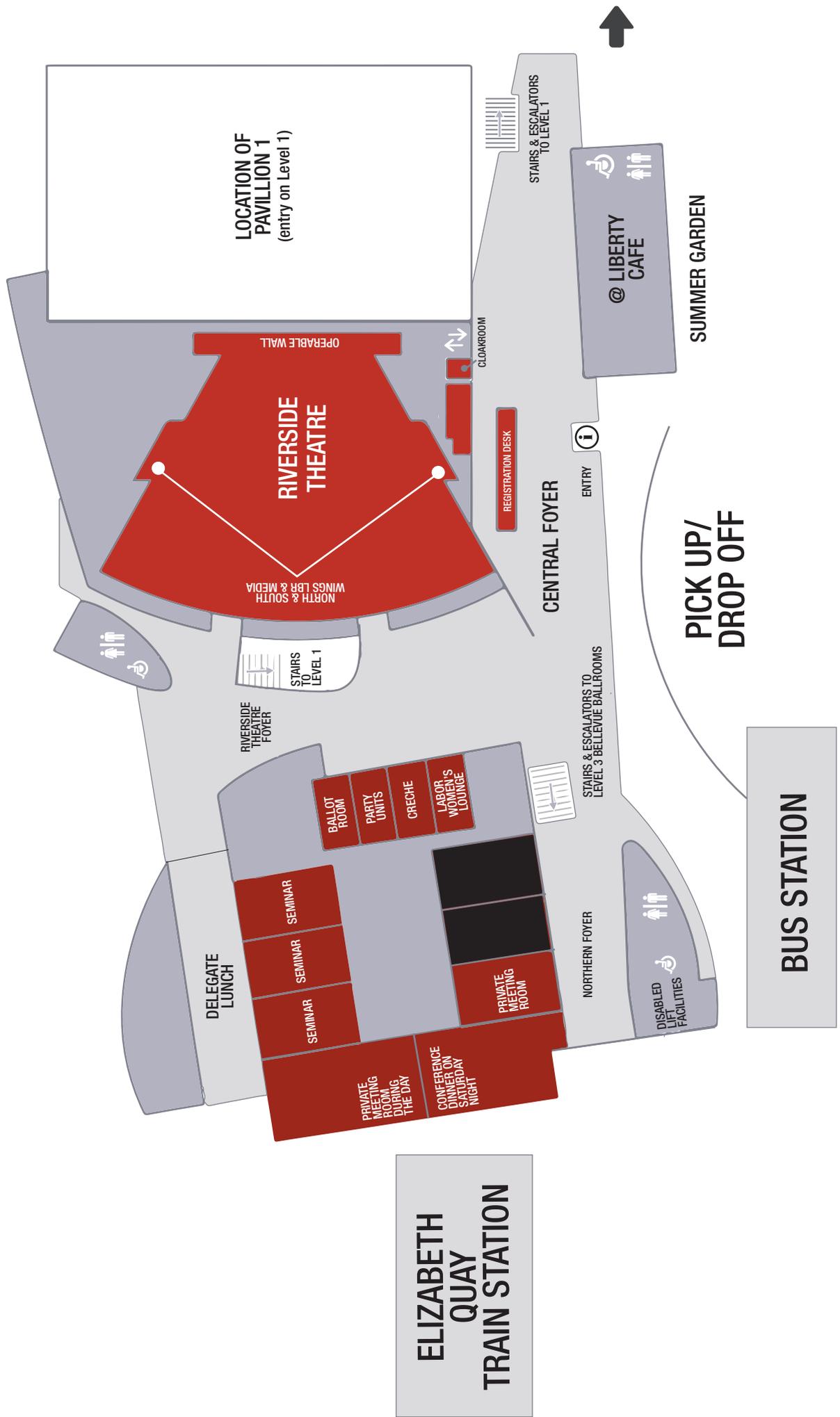
14.1 Saturday Seminars

Time/Venue	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
10.30am M12	Social Media & Women in Politics	Dr Anne Aly MP Cassie Rowe MLA Senator Louise Pratt Jessica Stojkovski MLA	Anne, Louise, Cassie and Jessica will discuss the challenges and opportunities that come with being a woman in Parliament with the rise of social media, and how they use it to maximise their profile.

Time	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
11.30am M12	STEM & Girls	The Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training	Sue will share the Government's agenda on STEM and girls – and discuss why it's so important for the education of girls in our schools.
2.30pm M12	Obstacles to Female Membership	Dr Anne Aly MP Ellie Whiteaker, Assistant State Secretary Kendall Galbraith, WA Labor Women's Organiser	WA Labor, with the Labor Women's Organisation, has just completed a review into our women's membership. We held in person forums and focus groups, conducted online surveys and analysed membership data to find out what we can do to improve the membership experience for women and grow our women's membership. Hear about our findings!

14.2 Sunday Seminars

Time/Venue	Seminar Title	Panel Members	Description
10.30am M12	Women's Voices and Domestic Violence Report	The Hon. Simone McGurk MLA Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	The McGowan Labor Government has been working hard to address gender inequality. As part of this strategy, Simone McGurk has been running Women's Voices consultations across the state, to hear from diverse women from a range of communities which will inform a long-term women's plan for Western Australia. This session will give us an insight into what has come out of this consultation process – and what's next!
1.30pm M12	Women in Campaigns	The Hon. Sally Talbot MLC The Hon. Sam Rowe MLC Adelaide Kidson Andy Sutherland	Hear from the women in WA Labor who have been running campaigns – ask questions and get some tips on running a great campaign, engaging volunteers, managing candidates and more!





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