

Parliamentary Friendship Groups Policy

May 2011

1. Objects of policy

The objects of this policy are:

- (a) to provide a framework and guidelines for the approval of Parliamentary Friendship Groups by the Presiding Officers in accordance with paragraph 1.1.12 of page 21 of the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual report and determination of 21 June 2010, and
- (b) to protect the reputation of the Parliament by establishing membership, record keeping and reporting requirements to enhance the accountability of approved parliamentary friendship groups.

2. Approval Process

- 2.1 All prior approvals of Parliamentary Friendship Groups will lapse as at [insert date 90 days after policy signed].
- 2.2 All future approvals are for the term of the Parliament, and will lapse upon 90 days after the first meeting of the new Parliament following an election. Friendship Groups are required to re-apply for formal recognition at the commencement of each Parliament.
- 2.3 Applications are to be submitted to both Presiding Officers on the form attached as Schedule 1. In submitting an application guidance can be sought from the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant at Arms regarding the requirements of the policy.

3. Criteria for approval

- 3.1 To receive approval from the Presiding Officers the Friendship Group must satisfy all of the following criteria:
 - (a) membership is open to all Assembly and Council members;
 - (b) the Group must be parliamentary in character (including groups with an interest in the study of Parliament)
 - (c) the Friendship Group membership must consist of at least 5 current members of Parliament
 - (d) the aims and activities of the Group must be non-party political, and its membership must consist of representatives of at least 2 political parties

- (e) the aims and activities of the Group must be clearly defined
- (f) the Group must not undertake activities of a commercial nature (other than obtaining sponsorship for charitable donations)

4. Reporting Requirements

- 4.1 Each Group must elect a Chair, a Deputy Chair and, if the Group holds a bank account, a Treasurer. Each group can decide whether other positions are to be elected. The Presiding Officers must be advised of the office holders when the application is submitted at the start of a new Parliament. All members of both Houses must be given notice of the first meeting.
- 4.2 Each Group must decide whether the office holders hold their position for the life of the Parliament or are to be elected annually at a Annual General Meeting of which all members are notified. The Presiding Officers must be advised in writing of changes in position holders.
- 4.3 Each Group must advise the Presiding Officers of the members registered at the time of the application for approval being submitted.
- 4.4 A subscription for membership may be charged, although is not required. If a subscription is charged the Group may decide that voting rights be restricted to paid up members.
- 4.5 By 31 March of each year following approval, the Chair Person must submit a report to the Presiding Officers covering the calendar year ending 31 December, detailing:
 - (a) Activities undertaken, including a record of the dates of meetings held.
 - (b) Details of any bank accounts held and the office holders who are signatories to those accounts.
 - (c) A statement of income received (if any) from subscriptions, sponsorship, donations or other sources; and of expenditure. A bank statement(s) covering the period would be sufficient.
 - (d) The current members of parliament that are members of the Group at the end of the financial year.
- 4.6 It is desirable that minutes are taken of all formal meetings held.
- 4.7 The Presiding Officers will publish on Parliament's intranet and website a list of all approved Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

5. Independence of Groups

- 5.1 The office holders of the Groups are responsible for all decisions made and all commitments entered into by the Groups. The Parliament accepts no responsibility for any liability incurred by activities of the Groups.

- 5.2 Groups may not draw upon the resources of any of the three Departments, other than the usual support provided under the Rooms Bookings Policy for any member booking a room. No financial resources of any Department are to be used to contribute to any group. However, once the Group is approved, a Member's staff may provide administrative assistance to the activities of the Group.
- 5.3 Membership of a Group by a person who is not a current member of either House does not entitle that person to any rights not held by any other member of the public (for instance they do not have car parking rights, nor are they able to use the parliamentary crest on business cards).

6. Expenditure of Entitlements

- 6.1 Paragraph 1, pages 19- 21 of the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual report and determination of 21 June 2010, (in particular paragraph 1.1.12) permits additional entitlements, excluding Electoral Allowance, to be used for parliamentary duties related to a member's participation in a Parliamentary Friendship Group which has been approved in writing by the Presiding Officers.

7. Revocation of Approval

- 7.1 Failure to comply with reporting requirements in 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.5 may result in the Presiding Officers jointly revoking the approval given to the Group. Such revocation will not be retrospective and 90 days notice in writing will be given before such action is taken.
- 7.2 Failure to comply with any policy of the Parliament published on the intranet may result in the Presiding Officers jointly revoking the approval given to the Group. Such revocation will not be retrospective and 90 days notice in writing will be given before such action is taken.
- 7.3 The Presiding Officers reserve the right to jointly revoke approval given to any Group provided the Group is provided the reasons for the proposed revocation in writing and with 90 days notice.



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President

The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker



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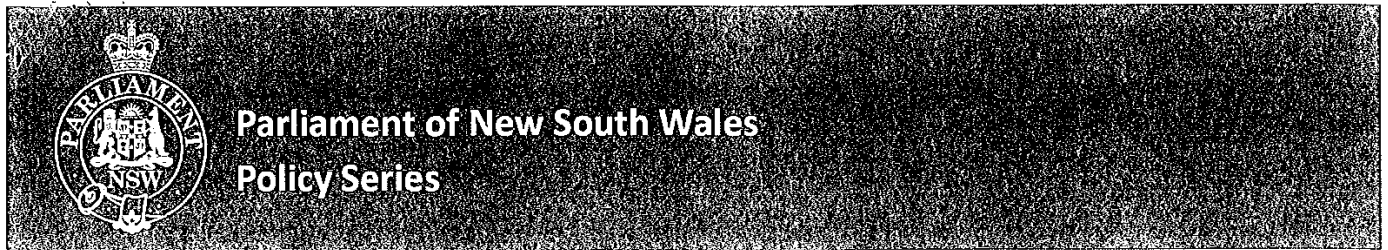
Policy Summary	
Status	This policy is current as at April 2015.
Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework and guidelines for the approval of Parliamentary Friendship Groups by the Presiding Officers.
Scope	This policy is applicable to all Members of Parliament.
Availability	This policy is available on the Parliament's intranet.
Policy Owner	Serjeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly Usher of the Black Rod, Legislative Council
Related Policies	Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination of 11 June 2014.
Review Process	This policy is to be reviewed each parliament.
Approval	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  The Hon Don Harwin MLC President </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  The Hon Shelley Hancock MP Speaker </div> </div>
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Parliamentary Friendship Groups Policy

1. Objects of policy

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- (a) to provide a framework and guidelines for the approval of Parliamentary Friendship Groups by the Presiding Officers in accordance with paragraph 1.1.12 of the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual report and determination of 11 June 2014, and
- (b) to protect the reputation of the Parliament by establishing membership, record keeping and reporting requirements to enhance the accountability of approved Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

2. Definitions

2.1 A Parliamentary Friendship Group is:

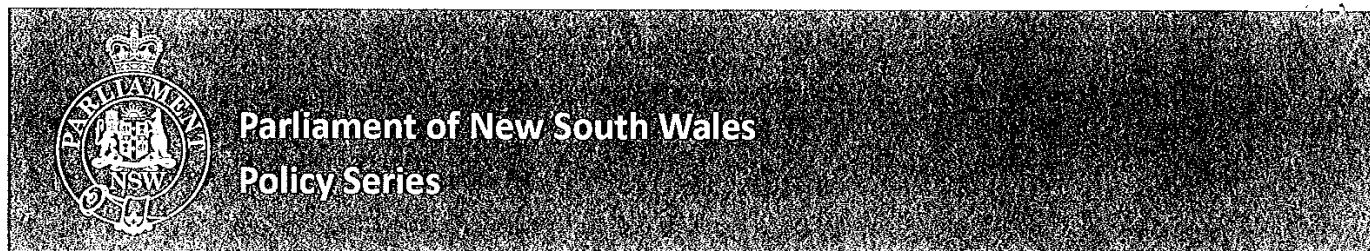
- (a) an all-party group which has been approved by the Presiding Officers to be recognised as a Parliamentary Friendship Group under this policy, or
- (b) other parliamentary groups which have been deemed Parliamentary Friendship Groups, for not more than one parliamentary term, by the Presiding Officers under this policy.

2.2 For the purposes of this policy "Presiding Officer" includes a Deputy President or Deputy Speaker delegated to exercise the authority and responsibilities under this policy for any period or purpose.

2.3 For the purposes of this policy "Member" is a Member of the NSW Parliament and "member" is a member of a Parliamentary Friendship Group.

3. Approval process

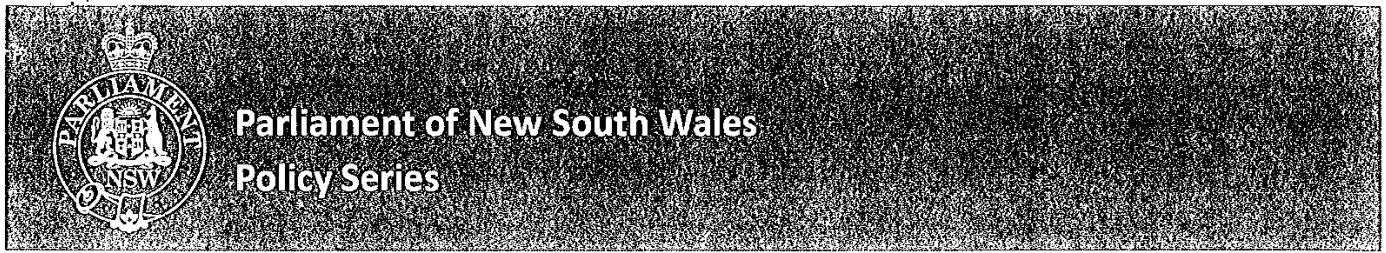
3.1 A group may apply to the Presiding Officers for recognition as a Parliamentary Friendship Group.



- 3.2 Prior to seeking approval for the establishment of a new Parliamentary Friendship Group, a 'notice of intention' meeting must be held to which all Members are invited with 7 days' notice. The meeting should discuss the purpose and activities of the proposed group, whether associate membership will be allowed and identify potential office bearers. This meeting must be held in Parliament House on a sitting day.
- 3.3 Applications are to be submitted to both Presiding Officers on the form attached as Schedule 1. When preparing an application, guidance may be sought from the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms regarding the requirements of the policy.
- 3.4 The application must include a list of at least 5 Members who support the application.
- 3.5 Where it appears that the purpose or proposed activities of a new group might overlap with an existing Parliamentary Friendship Group, the views of that Parliamentary Friendship Group may be sought by the Presiding Officers before approval is given for the new group to be formed.
- 3.6 Approvals are for the term of the Parliament and will lapse 90 days after the first meeting of the new Parliament following an election.
- 3.7 A Parliamentary Friendship Group recognised in the preceding Parliament may apply to continue in the new Parliament. If an application to continue is received and approved within 90 days of the commencement of the new Parliament, the Parliamentary Friendship Group will continue and will not be required to hold a 'notice of intention' meeting.

4. Criteria for approval

- 4.1 To receive approval from the Presiding Officers the Parliamentary Friendship Group must satisfy all of the following criteria:
 - (a) membership is open to all Assembly and Council Members;
 - (b) the Parliamentary Friendship Group must be parliamentary in character (including groups with an interest in the study of Parliament);
 - (c) the Parliamentary Friendship Group membership must consist of at least 5 current Members of Parliament;



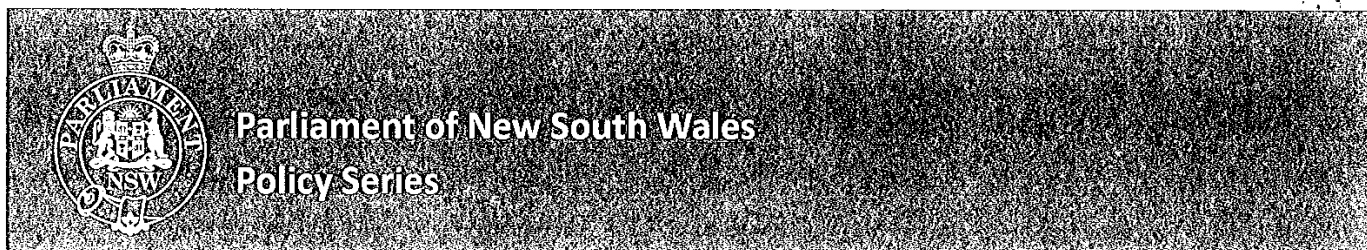
- (d) the aims and activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Group must be non-party political, and its membership must consist of representatives of at least 2 political parties;
- (e) the aims and activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Group must be clearly defined;
- (f) the Parliamentary Friendship Group must not undertake activities of a commercial nature (other than obtaining sponsorship for charitable donations).

5. Inaugural meeting

- 5.1 Following approval from the Presiding Officers to form a new Parliamentary Friendship Group, an inaugural meeting must be held in Parliament House on a sitting day to which all Members are invited with 7 days' notice. The inaugural meeting is to be chaired by the President, Speaker, Deputy President or Deputy Speaker.
- 5.2 At its inaugural meeting the Parliamentary Friendship Group must elect a Chair, and one or more Deputy Chairs at least one of which must be a Member from a Government party and one from an Opposition party, and if the Parliamentary Friendship Group holds a bank account a Treasurer. Each Parliamentary Friendship Group can decide whether other positions are to be elected.
- 5.3 Each Parliamentary Friendship Group must decide whether the office holders hold their position for the life of the Parliament or are to be elected annually at an Annual General Meeting of which all members are notified.
- 5.4 Following the inaugural meeting, the Presiding Officers must be advised in writing of the election of the position holders.

6. Membership of a Parliamentary Friendship Group

- 6.2 A subscription for membership may be charged, although is not required. If a subscription is charged the Parliamentary Friendship Group may decide that voting rights be restricted to financial members.



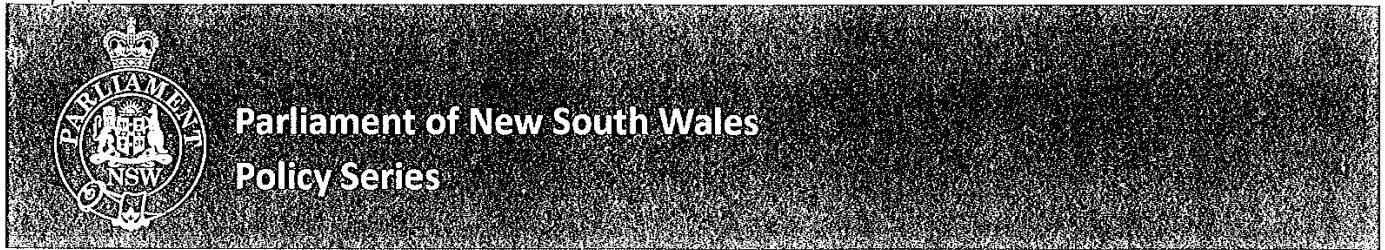
- 6.3 A Parliamentary Friendship Group may offer Associate Membership to Former Members, Members' staff and current Parliamentary Staff. Associate Membership may be offered to former Parliamentary staff with the approval of the Presiding Officers. Associate members may not hold the office of Chair, Deputy Chair or Treasurer.

7. Conduct of Parliamentary Friendship Groups

- 7.1 A Parliamentary Friendship Group must use 'NSW Parliament', 'NSW Parliamentary' or similar in its title.
- 7.2 A Parliamentary Friendship Group may use the official crest of the Parliament of New South Wales on official documentation.
- 7.3 A Parliamentary Friendship Group may apply for a parliamentary email address with the name of the Parliamentary Friendship Group used in the email address.
- 7.4 The activities of a Parliamentary Friendship Group must not confer or be seen to be conferring a material benefit to a commercial endeavour.
- 7.5 The Presiding Officers must be notified in writing of any overseas travel to be undertaken under the auspices of a Parliamentary Friendship Group at least 21 days prior to departure. The Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms will notify DFAT of the travel arrangements.

8 Reporting requirements

- 8.1 By 31 March of each year following approval, the Chair must submit a report to the Presiding Officers covering the calendar year ending 31 December, detailing:
- (a) activities undertaken, including a record of the dates of meetings held,
 - (b) details of any bank accounts held and the office holders who are signatories to those accounts,
 - (c) a statement of income received (if any) from subscriptions, sponsorship, donations or other sources; and of expenditure (a bank statement/s covering the period would be sufficient),



- (d) the current Members of Parliament that are members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group at the end of the financial year,
- (e) details of any 'in kind' services or gifts received, including hospitality.

8.2 The Presiding Officers must be advised in writing of changes in office holders.

8.3 It is desirable that minutes are taken of all formal meetings held.

8.4 The Presiding Officers will publish on the Parliament's intranet and website under the 'Members' section a list of all approved Parliamentary Friendship Groups and a contact person for each Parliamentary Friendship Group .

8.5 On request, the Usher of the Black Rod and the Serjeant-at-Arms are to allow Members access to the annual reports of Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

9. Independence of Parliamentary Friendship Groups

9.1 The office holders of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups are responsible for all decisions made and all commitments entered into by the Parliamentary Friendship Groups. The Parliament accepts no responsibility for any liability incurred by activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

9.2 Parliamentary Friendship Groups may not draw upon the resources of any of the three Departments, other than the usual support provided under the Rooms Bookings Policy for any Member booking a room. No financial resources of any Department are to be used to contribute to any Parliamentary Friendship Group. However, once the Parliamentary Friendship Group is approved, a Member's staff may provide administrative assistance to the activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Group.

9.3 Membership of a Parliamentary Friendship Group by a person who is not a current Member of either House does not entitle that person to any rights not held by any other member of the public (for instance they do not have car parking rights, nor are they able to use the parliamentary crest on business cards).



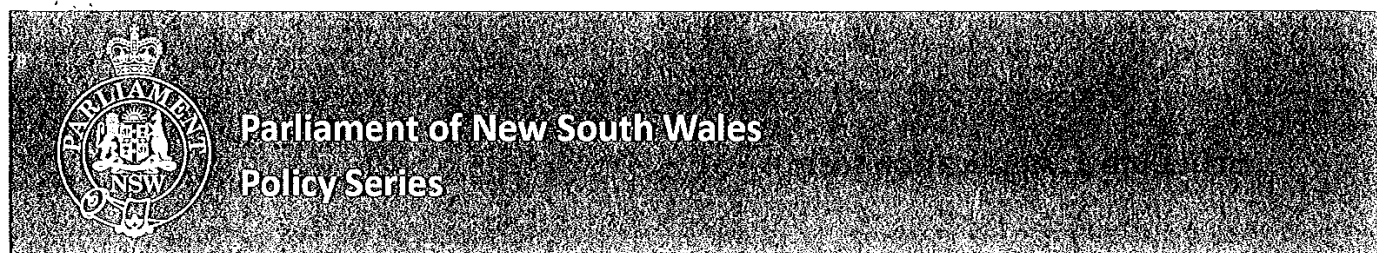
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10. Use of entitlements and benefits

- 10.1 The Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual report and determination of 11 June 2014, permits additional entitlements, excluding Electoral Allowance, to be used “for the purpose of facilitating the efficient performance of the Parliamentary duties of Members”. The guidelines for use of such entitlements includes participation in a Parliamentary Group such as the Asia Pacific Friendship Group; provided that, such group is approved in writing by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- 10.2 A condition of ongoing approval of a Parliamentary Friendship Group is that Members not use additional entitlements to attend sporting events or cultural performances, or to bestow hospitality at such an event.
- 10.3 When undertaking activities under the auspices of a Parliamentary Friendship Group, Members must be mindful of the Code of Conduct for Members and the Members’ Handbook.
- 10.4 Members are responsible for declaring any benefit they receive as a result of Parliamentary Friendship Group membership where applicable under the scheme for disclosure of pecuniary interests.

11. Revocation of approval

- 11.1 The Presiding Officers reserve the right to jointly revoke approval to any Parliamentary Friendship Group so long as the Parliamentary Friendship Group is provided the reasons for the proposed revocation in writing and with 21 days’ notice.
- 11.2 When issuing a notice of revocation, the Presiding Officers must notify all members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group. The revocation of approval may be cancelled where a Parliamentary Friendship Group is able to appropriately mitigate the concerns of the Presiding Officers.
- 11.3 Failure to comply with the requirements in 7.5 in relation to undertaking overseas travel may result in immediate revocation of approval status.



12. Further information

12.1 Further information can be obtained from the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms.

**The Hon. Don Harwin MLC
President**

**The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker**

Schedule 1: Application form



PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL

Please refer to the Parliamentary Friendship Groups Policy when completing this form. There are certain approval criteria set out in section 4 of the policy that must be addressed.

Should you have any queries about how to complete this form, please contact the **Usher of the Black Rod (9230 2976)** or the **Serjeant-at-Arms (9230 2224)**.

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Application for a new Parliamentary Friendship Group

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Application to continue a Parliamentary Friendship Group from the previous Parliament

If you are continuing a Parliamentary Friendship Group from the previous Parliament refer to section 3.7 in the policy and only complete:

- Part 1: Contact information
- Part 6: Compliance with the Parliamentary Friendship Group Policy
- Part 7: Signature of Chair

PART 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Parliamentary Friendship Group

Postal address

Contact person

Contact person

Contact number

Email address

PART 2: AIMS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Purpose of the Parliamentary Friendship Group

Activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Group: for example, hosting visiting delegations, fundraising for charitable activities, liaising with consulates

PART 3: OFFICE HOLDERS

Chair

Deputy Chair

Treasurer

Office holders are elected

Life of the Parliament

Annually

PART 4: CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Please list all the current Members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group (consisting of at least 5 Members, and this should include the office holders listed in Part 3)

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PART 5: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Does the Parliamentary Friendship Group have a bank account?

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Yes

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No

Signatories to the account:

Is there are subscription fee charged?

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Yes

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No

PART 6: COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP POLICY☐

I have read the Parliamentary Friendship Group Policy.

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The activities and membership of the Parliamentary Friendship Group comply with the Parliamentary Friendship Group Policy.

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I understand the annual reporting requirements in section 8 of the Parliamentary Friendship Group Policy.

PART 7: SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

Signature of Chair

Date

Please send the application to:

C/- Usher of the Black Rod
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

OR

C/- Serjeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

PRESIDING OFFICERS APPROVAL

.....
Hon Don Harwin MLC
President of the Legislative Council

Date:

.....
Hon Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Date:



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- Part 7: Signature of Chair

PART 1: CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Parliamentary Friendship Group

N.S.W. PARLIAMENT
ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Postal address

PARLIAMENT HOUSE
MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY

Contact person

DARYL MAGUIRE MP

Contact person

PATRICIA BRODERICK 0408112265
PBRODERICK@BIGPOND.COM

Contact number

AS ABOVE

Email address

AS ABOVE

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Purpose of the Parliamentary Friendship Group

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Chair

DARYL MAGUIRE MP

Deputy Chair

SONIA HORNER MP

Treasurer

JONATHAN O'DEA MP

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PART 5: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Does the Parliamentary Friendship Group have a bank account?

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Yes

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No

Signatories to the account:

Is there are subscription fee charged?

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Yes

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No

PART 6: COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP POLICY☒

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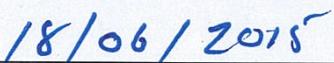
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PART 7: SIGNATURE OF CHAIR

Signature of Chair



Date



Please send the application to:

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Legislative Council
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

blackrodsoffice@parliament.nsw.gov.au

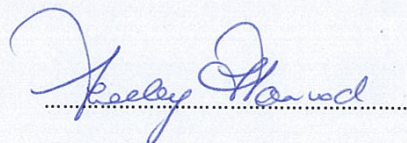
OR

C/- Serjeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Hon Don Harwin MLC
President of the Legislative Council

Date: 24.6.15



Hon Shelley Hancock MP
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Date: 24.6.15



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Related Policies	Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination of 20 May 2016.
Review Process	This policy is to be reviewed each parliament.
Approval	The Hon John Ajaka MLC, President The Hon Shelley Hancock MP, Speaker
Date	August 2017



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- Reporting form (separately on the intranet)



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- 5.2 At its inaugural meeting the Parliamentary Friendship Group must elect a Chair, and one or more Deputy Chairs at least one of which must be a Member from a Government party and one from an Opposition party, and if the Parliamentary Friendship Group holds a bank account, a Treasurer. Each Parliamentary Friendship Group can decide whether other positions are to be elected.
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- 5.4 Following the inaugural meeting the Chair must complete and submit to the Presiding Officers the Inaugural Meeting form, providing details of the members present at the meeting, office holders elected, financial arrangements, and to confirm compliance with this policy. When preparing the Inaugural Meeting form, guidance may be sought from the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms regarding the requirements of the policy.

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- 6.3 The Presiding Officers may attend any meeting of a Parliamentary Friendship Group.



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7. Conduct of Parliamentary Friendship Groups

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- 7.5 The Presiding Officers must be notified in writing of any overseas travel to be undertaken under the auspices of a Parliamentary Friendship Group at least 21 days prior to departure. The Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms will notify DFAT of the travel arrangements.

8 Reporting requirements

- 8.1 By 31 March of each year following approval, the Chair must submit a report to the Presiding Officers covering the calendar year ending 31 December, detailing:
 - (a) activities undertaken, including a record of the dates of meetings held,
 - (b) details of any bank accounts held and the office holders who are signatories to those accounts,
 - (c) a statement of income received (if any) from subscriptions, sponsorship, donations or other sources; and of expenditure (a bank statement/s covering the period would be sufficient),
 - (d) the current Members of Parliament that are members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group at the end of the financial year,
 - (e) details of any 'in kind' services or gifts received, including hospitality.



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- 8.2 The Presiding Officers must be advised in writing of changes in office holders.
- 8.3 It is desirable that minutes are taken of all formal meetings held.
- 8.4 The Presiding Officers will publish on the Parliament's intranet and website under the 'Members' section a list of all approved Parliamentary Friendship Groups and a contact person for each Parliamentary Friendship Group .
- 8.5 On request, the Usher of the Black Rod and the Serjeant-at-Arms are to allow Members access to the annual reports of Parliamentary Friendship Groups.

9. Independence of Parliamentary Friendship Groups

- 9.1 The office holders of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups are responsible for all decisions made and all commitments entered into by the Parliamentary Friendship Groups. The Parliament accepts no responsibility for any liability incurred by activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups.
- 9.2 Parliamentary Friendship Groups may not draw upon the resources of any of the three Departments, other than the usual support provided under the Rooms Bookings Policy for any Member booking a room. No financial resources of any Department are to be used to contribute to any Parliamentary Friendship Group. However, once the Parliamentary Friendship Group is approved, a Member's staff may provide administrative assistance to the activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Group.
- 9.3 Membership of a Parliamentary Friendship Group by a person who is not a current Member of either House does not entitle that person to any rights not held by any other member of the public (for instance they do not have car parking rights, nor are they able to use the parliamentary crest on business cards).

10. Use of entitlements and benefits

- 10.1 The Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal Annual Report and Determination of 20 May 2016, permits additional entitlements, excluding Electoral Allowance, to be used "for the purpose of facilitating the efficient performance of the Parliamentary duties of Members". The guidelines for use of such entitlements includes participation in a Parliamentary Friendship Group provided that, such group is approved in writing by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.



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- 10.2 A condition of ongoing approval of a Parliamentary Friendship Group is that Members not use additional entitlements to attend sporting events or cultural performances, or to bestow hospitality at such an event.
- 10.3 When undertaking activities under the auspices of a Parliamentary Friendship Group, Members must be mindful of the Code of Conduct for Members and the Members' Handbook.
- 10.4 Members are responsible for declaring any benefit they receive as a result of Parliamentary Friendship Group membership where applicable under the scheme for disclosure of pecuniary interests.

11. Revocation of approval

- 11.1 The Presiding Officers reserve the right to jointly revoke approval to any Parliamentary Friendship Group so long as the Parliamentary Friendship Group is provided the reasons for the proposed revocation in writing and with 21 days' notice.
- 11.2 When issuing a notice of revocation, the Presiding Officers must notify all members of the Parliamentary Friendship Group. The revocation of approval may be cancelled where a Parliamentary Friendship Group is able to appropriately mitigate the concerns of the Presiding Officers.
- 11.3 Failure to comply with the requirements in 7.5 in relation to undertaking overseas travel may result in immediate revocation of approval status.

12. Further information

Further information can be obtained from the Usher of the Black Rod or the Serjeant-at-Arms. The related forms, as listed below, are available separately on the intranet.

- Parliamentary Friendship Group – Application Form
- Parliamentary Friendship Group – Inaugural Meeting Form
- Parliamentary Friendship Group – Reporting Form

APFG Information for Premier

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Dear Denise

Attached is information regarding the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group as you requested for the Premier.

If you need any further advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for all your assistance.

Kind regards

Patricia Broderick
Special Projects Officer
NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group is a Group of Members of Parliament with a common interest in the areas surrounding Australia. The Group was founded in December 1999.

CHAIRS:

Mr Jeff Hunter MP. December 1999 – March 2009 (Founding Chair)

Ms Virginia Judge MP, March 2009 – December 2009

Ms Sonia Hornery MP, December 2009 – 2011

Mr Daryl Maguire MP - 2011 -

OFFICE BEARERS

Chair Daryl Maguire MP

Secretary Mark Coure MP

Treasurer Jonathan O'Dea MP

Vice President Hon Shaoquett Moselmane MLC
Hon Helen Sham-Ho

Special Projects

Officer Patricia Broderick (since 2008. Honorary Member)

Countries represented include:

Bangladesh, China, Cook Islands, Egypt, Fiji Islands, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vanuatu, Vietnam

The Group has as its focus an opportunity for interaction of Members of Parliament and the Consular Corps, and a high interest in the nations surrounding Australia, with a particular interest in assistance to underprivileged areas.

In 2010 the NSW Parliament APFG widened its interest to assist the smaller nations surrounding Australia with the introduction of Business, Trade and Networking Forums at Parliament House, Sydney. The introductory Forum was opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor

Marie Bashir AC CVO. Guest Speakers were Professor Ian Goulter, Vice-Chancellor and President – Charles Sturt University. Mr Les Worland, International Marketing, Casella Wines.

The Second Forum was held in 2010 and was promoted by the Consulate for the Solomon Islands.

Then in 2013 the third Trade Seminar showcased Papua New Guinea, via the PNG Consulate.

Through these Forums it is the aim of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group to strengthen the ties and friendships constructively built up through the Group and to pursue opportunities for trade and commitment throughout the Asia Pacific Region, through the networking of business, trade and tourism connections, and particularly to nurture and encourage the smaller countries and to focus on opportunities.

EAST TIMOR

A special interest project of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group is the Marist Teacher Training College in Baucau, East Timor. The aim of the college is to teach East Timorese teachers to go out and teach other East Timorese.

East Timor has a high rate of illiteracy and to successfully govern, this new Nation needs to be literate. Mr Jeff Hunter MP and the Hon Paul Lynch MP visited the College in Baucau.

In 2006 the first fifty East Timorese graduated as teachers – and this high rate has continued each year since then. Some of these graduates are now completing their Masters Degree at the College.

We have held Cocktail functions to aid the College in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010. Guest of honour at our last fundraiser was in 2012 was the Hon Tim Fischer.

A number of fundraising ventures have been carried out, including fundraising for victims of the Boxing Day Tsunami.

September 2007 - Following an earthquake in Togyakarta, Indonesia the Skyjuice Foundation, in conjunction with the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group and others, installed a SkyHydrant Water Filtration Unit for the Wonosari Village and assisted to provide asccess to safe water for the community of Kramatjati.

Relief for the cyclone victims in Samoa - fundraiser.

Support for the Bali Hati school in Ubud Bali February 2008

PAMA Childrens Home, Khitchakhut, Thailand, June 2009

Support for housing in the Philippines

Support for the Solomon Islands

Support for Papua New Guinea

The APFG are co-sponsors to the Eyes on China Medical Mission. Group of Australian doctors and nurses travel once a year to different provinces in China and do free cataract operations on poor people and they raise money from the Chinese community here in Sydney which goes towards the cost of equipment and lenses. Members of Parliament have travelled with the doctors.

HOC MAI VIETNAM

Under the auspices of the Hoc Mai Foundation of the University of Sydney and the Asia Pacific Friendship Group, a delegation travelled to Vietnam to witness the significant opening of a newly refurbished building in the grounds of a major surgical hospital in Hanoi.

Traditionally, several times a year the APFG hosts round-the-table gatherings of Consuls and MPs of the Group. This in itself provides a Forum for strengthening the ties and understanding in our Region.

The NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group continues to stretch out a hand to help - particularly to the small nations in need, who are our neighbours. We do not see ourselves as a mechanism for raising money; we cannot do that, but what we can do is to provide a basis where people who are in the position to offer assistance may do so, if they wish.

Patricia Broderick

Special Projects Officer

NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group



Mark Coure MP

Member for Oatley



15th January 2014

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Ms Rhonda Miller
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
NSW Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Clerk,

Report of the Asia Pacific Friendship Group for 2012.

• Office Holders

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Treasurer: Jonathan O'Dea MP
Secretary: Mark Coure MP

• Activities undertaken in the year ended 31 December 2012

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Throughout 2012, the Asia-Pacific Friendship Group ran a number of events to raise the profile of the group. In general terms these included:

- Holding a cocktail party on 28th March in support of the Teacher Training College in East Timor in the Jubilee Room of NSW Parliament House. The guest speaker was the Hon Tim Fischer – former Prime Minister of Australia and Former Ambassador to the Holy See.
- In April the executive meet with the Principal of the Teacher Training College during their visit to Sydney to discuss updates concerning the college.
- Maintaining a committee member on the PAMA Orphanage in Chantaburi in Thailand. This includes providing patronage support and administrative support for a potential new venture.

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- Examining efforts working towards transparent accountability in the organisation's finances in order to invest in future beneficial projects.
- Participation in a large number of consular functions;
- Members participating in meetings and briefings for visiting Parliamentary delegations;
- On 21st November 2012 Christmas Drinks were held in the Government Party Room from 5-7pm for members of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group and Consuls.
- Attached is a report from the group's project office, Patricia Broderick.

Moreover, the group itself has generated interest from a number of Parliamentarians, both current and former. This interest highlights the important relationship NSW has with the Asia-Pacific region and is something acknowledged by all members.

The Friendship Group is building towards more deeper and enduring relationships with various nations in the Asia-Pacific region.

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Mr Daryl Maguire MP and Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP

• **Current members of parliament who are members of the group at 31 December 2012**

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6. Secretary's report:

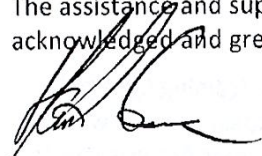
45 members belong to the APFG, with 6 new members joining during 2012.

The executive held 2 meetings during the year on:

- Thursday, 31st May 2012 – Waratah Room
- Thursday, 16th August 2012 – Room 1254

7. General Business:

The assistance and support provided on a voluntary basis by Patricia Broderick is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.



MARK COURE MP
Member for Oatley
Secretary | Asia Pacific Friendship Group

NSW PARLIAMENT ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT FOR 2012

For the benefit of our new Members - I would like to briefly cover our involvement with some of our projects. Because of a subsequent political announcement, it was disappointing that many of our Members were unable to attend our cocktail party in March in support of education in East Timor. Because of that I am providing some background.

Also for the benefit of new Members I would like to mention that we have previously often lent our support whenever and wherever we could to countries in times of crisis. Eg. The tsunami.

We also began trade seminars - the inaugural seminar was attended by the Governor HE Prof Marie Bashier, and the subsequent trade seminar was promoted by The Solomon Islands.

Teacher Training College, Baucau, East Timor.

When East Timor gained its Independence in 1999, it was left with no educational facilities and an illiteracy rate of around 70%. To be able to successfully self govern it needed to be literate.

The Teacher Training College is the only fully accredited teacher training college in East Timor and the goal is to train East Timorese to become teachers who will then go out to teach their fellow East Timorese. The College has long been an interest of the NSW Parliament APFG. This year another 47 students will graduate with their Bachelor of Teaching.

On March 28 we held a Cocktail Party in support of the Teacher Training College in Baucau, East Timor in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House. Guest Speaker was Hon Tim Fischer AC, Former Deputy Prime Minister. & Former Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.

Tim has a particular interest in East Timor having led the delegation to observe the referendum in East Timor in 1999. A College representative gave an update on progress at the College. There was a very good attendance and it was a happy and successful evening.

Although we in the Parliament cannot adequately fundraise - what we can hope to do is to run a successful and informative function such to attract and interest people who are in a position to give financial and structural assistance - and I believe we have been successful in that direction.

In April the Executive of the NSW Parliament APFG met with the Principal of the Teacher Training College, during a visit to Sydney - when the Executive had the opportunity to be brought up to date first hand re students and education, and discuss the teaching and developments at the College, and progress in the construction of new teaching rooms,

Another 47 students have graduated this year with their Bachelor of Teaching.

I have received a briefing on the college dated 4 November, which I would like to circulate to you, for your information.

PAMA Orphanage - Thailand.

At the request of the APFG executive, I have remained on the Committee for the PAMA Orphanage in Chantaburi, Thailand which was under our patronage and I had concerns in it's administration - of a new venture.

Though the Orphanage building was near to completion, my concern Was in the difficulties being encountered in the proper selection process of live in staff. Also I was concerned that financial accountability was adequate. It is one of the difficulties in helping overseas facilities but without the ability to carry out proper oversight.

After much negotiation, the property has now been transferred to Hands Across the Water Thailand Foundation, Chairman, Peter Baines. Peter was with the Forensic Dept of the NSW Police for 20 years and led the Forensics team to Thailand in 2005 during the tsunami - working in and around Phuket identifying victims and returning them to their families. At that time he became connected to orphans from the tsunami - resulting in the formation of orphanages and Hands Across the Water.

PAMA will now operate through Hands Across The Water. In conjunction with COSA. --

COSA stands for - The Children's Organisation of Southeast Asia - an international organization which works towards the prevention of Child Trafficking and sexual exploitation within the Northern regions of Thailand. The centre will be jointly funded by Hands/PAMA and COSA.

The children will be under the legal guardianship of COSA.

In recent weeks Peter Baines. And Dr Abbey (founder of PAMA) have visited the Hill Tribes Communities north of Chiang Mai, working to provide a safe haven for vulnerable children. - PAMA House in Chantaburi will become a home for girls whose current existence is one that can't be tolerated or ignored

It has been a continued and tireless effort to reach this Present situation and I am really happy to report this result.

BALI HATI school. Bali

The Bali Hati school has been taken over by another group in Bali. Our associate in Sydney no longer has the direct contact - and shared the concerns that financial accountability should be Transparent

Our efforts have been working towards transparent accountability on the use of APFG funds.

The APFG has been examining processes to ensure that monies raised are being spent for maximum benefit for the "clients"; evaluating the results of the current projects to better inform and develop future fundraising projects/goals for the NSW Parliament APFG.

Over these past few years - a lot of the projects we have undertaken have yielded great results -

And that leads me to thank each one of you for your support - I know that there are times when commitments are tight - but you still come and give us your support.

For my part I have always believed that it is Australia who should be supporting the small nations around us, and not leave it to other interests. That remains my focus.

- the APFG still has things to do and is committed to developing new projects and fundraising that will really assist the people
- where we would hope that our efforts might assist substantially.

Patricia Broderick
Special Projects Officer

TITLE	FIRSTNAME	LASTNAME	POSITION	ORGANISATION	ADDRESS1	ADDRESS2	SUBURB	RECEIPT
Mr	Brian	Doyle MP		Member for Campbelltown			CAMPBELLTOWN NSW 2560	201101001
Mrs	Leslie	Williams MP		Member for Port Macquarie			LAKE CATHIE NSW 2445	201101002
Ms	Melanie	Gibbons MP		Member for Menai			HAMMONDVILLE NSW 2170	201101003
Hon	Amanda	Fazio MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101004
Hon	Helen	Westwood MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101005
Hon	Lynda	Voltz MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101006
Hon	Shaoquette	Moselmane MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101007
Hon	Luke	Foley MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101008
Ms	Sonia	Hornery MP		Member for Wallsend	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101009
Hon	Peter	Primrose MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101010
Mr	David	Elliott MP		Member for Baulkham Hills	Suite 1, 25-33 Old Northern Rd		BAULKHAM HILLS NSW 2153	201101011
Hon	Gladys	Berejiklian MP		Member for Willoughby	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101012
Ms	Linda	Burney MP		Member for Canterbury	Lvl 2, 308-312 Beamish St		CAMPSIE NSW 2194	201101013
Hon	Mick	Veitch MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101014
Mr	Stephen	Bromhead MP		Member for Myall Lakes			FORSTER NSW 2428	201101015
Mr	Bruce	Notley-Smith MP		Member for Coogee			KENSINGTON NSW 2033	201101016
Mr	Jonathon	O'Dea	Treasurer	Member for Davidson	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101017
Mr	Daryl	Maguire MP	Chair	Member for Wagga Wagga	76 Morgan St		WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650	201101019
Hon	Don	Harwin MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101020
Mr	Lee	Evans MP		Member for Heathcote	Shop 1-2, 17-23 Station St		ENGADINE NSW	201101022
Mrs	Barbara	Perry MP		Member for Auburn	54 Amy Street		REGENTS PARK	201101023
Mr	Paul	Lynch MP		Member for Liverpool	100 Moore Street		LIVERPOOL NSW 2170	201101024
Mr	Gareth	Ward MP		Member for Kiama	125 Terrabong St		KIAMA NSW 2533	201101025
Mr	Mark	Coure MP	Secretary	Member for Oatley	8 Ormande Pde		HURSTVILLE NSW 2220	201101026
Mr	Matt	Kean MP		Member for Hornsby	Suite 5, The Madison	25-29 Hunter St	HORNSBY NSW 2077	201101027
Mr	Stuart	Ayres MP		Member for Penrith	PO Box 4006	Penrith Plaza	PENRITH NSW 2751	201101028
Mr	Jai	Rowell MP		Member for Wollondilly	PO Box 1005		TAHMOOR NSW 2573	201101029
Mr	Gary	Edwards MP		Member for Swansea	PO Box 36		SWANSEA NSW 2231	201101030
Hon	Marie	Ficarra MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101031
Mr	Tim	Owen MP		Member for Newcastle	414 Hunter St		NEWCASTLE	201101032
Mr	Andrew	Cornwell MP		Member for Charlestown	PO Box 135		CHARLESTOWN NSW 2290	201101033
Mr	Chris	Spence MP		Member for The Entrance	PO Box 401		THE ENTRANCE NSW 2261	201101034
Ms	Carmel	Tebbutt MP		Member for Marrickville	PO Box 170		MARRICKVILLE NSW 1475	201101035
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Hon	Robyn	Parker MP		Member for Maitland	PO Box 920		MAITLAND NSW 2300	201101037
Mr	Charles	Casuscelli MP		Member for Strathfield			RUSSELL LEA NSW 2046	201101039
Mr	Paul	Toole MP		Member for Bathurst	PO Box 962		BATHURST NSW 2795	201101040
Mr	Dominic	Perrottet MP		Member for Castle Hill			WEST PENNANT HILLS	201101041

Mr	Andrew	Rohan MP		Member for Smithfield			BOSLEY PARK NSW 2176	201101042
Hon	John	Ajaka MLC		Member of the Legislative Co	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101043
Mr	Kevin	Conolly MP		Member for Riverstone	PO Box 65		STANHOPE GARDENS NSW 27	201101045
Mr	John	Sidoti MP		Member for Drummoyne	Parliament House	Macquarie Street	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101046
Mr	Chris	Patterson MP		Member for Camden	66 John St		CAMDEN NSW 2570	201101047
Mr	Tony	Stewart			PO Box 1188		BANKSTOWN NSW 1885	201101021
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Hon	John	Aquilina			PO Box 155		BLACKTOWN NSW 2148	201101038
Mr	John M	Mitchell		Hon Consul of Samoa	Level 57, MLC Centre	19-29 Martin Pl	SYDNEY NSW 2000	201101044
Mr	Mai Phuoc	Dung		Consul General Vietnam	Suite 205, Level 2 Edge	203-233 New St	EDGECLIFF NSW 2027	201101047



Mark Coure MP

Member for Oatley



28th February 2014

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Ms Rhonda Miller
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SYDNEY NSW 2000



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Patricia Broderick, Special Projects Officer to the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group has produced a report that details the group's activities for the calendar year.

Ms Broderick's report has been attached and in itself is a summary of the group's activities.

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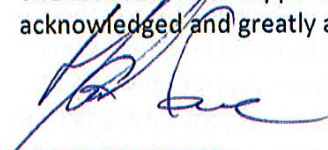
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MARK COURE MP

Member for Oatley

Secretary | Asia Pacific Friendship Group

NSW PARLIAMENT ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP ANNUAL REPORT, 2013

2013 was another successful year for the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group.

TRADE SEMINAR - PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On Wednesday, 22 May, 2013, the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group organised a Trade Seminar at the New South Wales Parliament to promote Papua New Guinea, in conjunction with the Papua New Guinea Consulate.

The Trade Seminar, which was highly successful, included presentations by the Consul General for Papua New Guinea, PNG Tourism, The Kokoda Track Foundation, and Oilsearch. The Seminar concluded with a traditional performance by dancers from Papua New Guinea.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL DAY

On Wednesday, 11 September, 2013, the APFG facilitated official National Day Celebrations in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House with the Consulate, to mark the Papua New Guinea National Day.

APFG MEETING

On Wednesday, 18 September, 2013, there was a Round the Table Meeting for discussions and fellowship with Consuls and Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group.

NAVAL RECEPTION

Members on the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended a Cocktail Reception at Parliament House on Wednesday, 2 October, 2013, for the Papua New Guinea Consulate and Papua New Guinea Naval Officers visiting Sydney for the Naval Centenary.

APFG CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Christmas Celebrations were held in the Speaker's Garden on Tuesday, 19 November, 2013.

Consuls and Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group met to celebrate Christmas and the opportunity to thank and acknowledge the support of Consuls.

Throughout the year, I, and Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group, have individually attended Consular National Days, and many other meetings and functions in support of, and assisted the Nations in the Asia Pacific Region.

Patricia Broderick
Special Projects Officer
NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group

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Mr	Andrew	Gee MP	Member for Orange
Mr	Glenn	Brookes MP	Member for East Hills
The Hon.	Jennifer	Gardiner MLC	Parliament House
Mr	Tony	Stewart	
Mrs	Losana	Ravoso	Consul-General of Fiji
Hon	John	Aquilina	
Mr	John M	Mitchell	Hon Consul of Samoa
Mr	Mai Phuoc	Dung	Consul-General of Vietnam
Dr	Masahiro	Kohara	Consul-General of Japan
Mr	William	Chiu	Chairman of ACPPRC
The Hon.	Thomas	George MP	Member for Lismore, Deputy Speaker
The Hon.	Natasha	Maclaren-Jones MLC	Member of the Legislative Council

Chris Pettett

From: Jonathan O'Dea
Sent: Thursday, 6 February 2014 2:11 PM
To: Chris Pettett
Cc: Daryl Maguire
Subject: RE: APFG bank balance as at 31 December 2013

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Jonathan

Jonathan O'Dea
Treasurer, APFG

From: Chris Pettett
Sent: Wednesday, 5 February 2014 2:06 PM
To: Jonathan O'Dea
Subject: RE: APFG bank balance as at 31 December 2012 was \$2,836.83

Hi Jonathan,

Happy new year to you.

I was hoping you might providing me with the bank balance as at 31 December 2013 for the Asia Pacific Friendship Group (APFG).

Thanks for getting 2012's to me so quickly. The Parliament will be placing a formal request to Mark for the groups' report over the next week and I'd much rather be prepared.

Thanks for your help.

Regards,

Chris

Chris Pettett
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7 May 2015

Mr Leslie Gonye
Serjeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Gonye,

REPORT OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP FOR 2014

Office Holders

Chair: Daryl Maguire MP
Treasurer: Jonathan O'Dea MP
Secretary: Mark Coure MP

Activities under taken in the year ended 31 December 2014

Our trade and cultural relationship with Asia and the Pacific continues to increase in importance. In the past year, the signing of multiple free trade agreements with our Asian neighbours underlined the importance of strong relationships within Asia and the Pacific.

The Asia Pacific Friendship Group (APFG) has continued to work to develop relationships between representatives of NSW and representatives from other nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region, with a move to develop deeper links with our close neighbours for the benefit of NSW.

Patricia Broderick, Special Projects Officer to the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group, has produced a report detailing the group's activities and events throughout 2014. This can be found at **Appendix A**.

A report from Brother Fons Van Rooij of the Teachers College, Baucau, East Timor is enclosed at **Appendix B**, detailing the progress of a project actively supported by the APFG.

The APFG will continue to be active in the 56th Parliament and continue to build deeper and enduring relationships with the Asia-Pacific region and their leaders in Australia.

Details of bank accounts and the signatories of those accounts

Signatories: Mr Daryl Maguire MP and Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP

List of current Members of Parliament who were members of the Friendship Group at 31 December 2014

Mrs	Leslie	Williams MP
Ms	Melanie	Gibbons MP
Hon	Lynda	Voltz MLC
Hon	Shaoquette	Moselmane MLC
Mr	Luke	Foley MP
Ms	Sonia	Hornery MP
Hon	Peter	Primrose MLC
The Hon	David	Elliott MP
Hon	Gladys	Berejiklian MP
Ms	Linda	Burney MP
Hon	Mick	Veitch MLC
Mr	Stephen	Bromhead MP
Mr	Bruce	Notley-Smith MP
Mr	Jonathon	O'Dea

Mr	Daryl	Maguire MP
Hon	Don	Harwin MLC
Mr	Lee	Evans MP
Mr	Paul	Lynch MP
Mr	Gareth	Ward MP
Mr	Mark	Coure MP
Mr	Matt	Kean MP
Mr	Stuart	Ayres MP
Mr	Jai	Rowell MP
Dr	Geoff	Lee MP
The Hon	Paul	Toole MP
The Hon	Dominic	Perrottet MP
Hon	John	Ajaka MLC
Mr	Kevin	Conolly MP
Mr	John	Sidoti MP
Mr	Chris	Patterson MP

Yours sincerely,

Mark Coure MP
Member for Oatley
Secretary, Asia Pacific Friendship Group

APPENDIX A: NSW PARLIAMENT ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT FOR 2014

10 February 2014 - Chinese New Year Reception promoted by the Hong Kong Business Centre at the Four Seasons Hotel, in Sydney.

Monday 10 March - Reception Banquet, held at the Chinese Consulate, Camperdown, Sydney.

Tuesday 1 July - Farewell reception for Mr Steve Barclay at Hong Kong House, in Sydney.

Thursday 28 August – Reception with Consul General of China (also with Minister for Transport)

Monday 8 September - Reception at Hong Kong House to meet Mr Arthur Au, replacement for Mr Steve Barclay.

Monday 17 September - National Day for Papua New Guinea at Parliament House.

Monday 17 September - Farewell Function in honour of Dame Marie Bashir at the Royal Automobile Club.

Tuesday 30 September - the APFG held a Meeting with the Department of Foreign Affairs at Parliament House Sydney.

Friday 3 October - the APFG met with a Chinese delegation at Parliament House, Sydney.

Wednesday 8 October - Reception for the Taiwan National Day at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Tuesday 4 November - Reception in the Speakers Suite for the Papua New Guinea YWAM Medical Ships - MV "Ammari".

Tuesday 2 December – Reception with Consul General of Japan celebrating 81st birthday of the Emperor of Japan

The PAMA Orphanage in Thailand was successfully transferred to Hands Across the Water. The Official Opening will be in March 2015 when children will begin living in PAMA home under the protection of Hands Across the Water. This is a good result of our efforts.

Attached is a current Report recently received from the Teachers College in Baucau, East Timor. This is a project the NSW Parliament APFG actively supports. and Members attended a Meeting on 18 November to report on latest developments in East Timor.

Throughout the year, I, and Members of the New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group, have individually attended Consular National Days and Functions, and

many other Meetings and functions contributed individually in support of the Nations in the Australia Pacific Region.

APPENDIX B: REPORT FROM BROTHER FONS VAN ROOIJ, TEACHERS COLLEGE, BAUCAU, EAST TIMOR

Here at the Institute we have been busy as well.

As you know our focus is on educational capacity building for the nation of Timor Leste with special emphasis on teacher training. Without fully qualified teachers the quality of education within the country will not move forward.

This year we have 55 students in year 1, 57 students in year 2 and at the conclusion of this year 52 student will have successfully completed their Bachelor in Education. Our retention rate over the years had averaged out at about 96%. We have a teaching staff of 14 of whom six have already completed their M. Ed via distance education through Australian Catholic University. These six members of staff are the lecturers in the Institute. The other eight members of staff are tutors. Four of these tutors will complete their M. Ed in July 2015 and the others in July 2016.

It may be interesting to note that the Ministry of Higher Education (The National Agency for Academic Assessment and Accreditation) has stated that we are the only effective teacher training institution in Timor Leste. It is a great reflection on the quality of the East Timorese teaching staff, even though they are still on a steep learning curve. All of our graduates are able to find employment in teaching after they conclude their Bachelor of Teaching studies. In fact they are sought after even before they complete their Bachelor of Teaching, but we have been ensuring that they finish their formal studies before accepting any position of employment.

This year we have completed the construction of a new three/four storey building that has enabled us to come together on the one site as it were. We have been renting various premises and are now in a position where we do no longer rent any premises. The rental costs have been very high and so now we have been able to reduce these recurrent costs and reallocate these monies towards other areas of need within the Teaching College. It all enhances the long term viability of the College.

I will be concluding my appointment to the Teacher Training College at the end of this year. I have the director of the teacher training college in Baucau, Timor Leste, for nine years now and will therefore be assisting in educational capacity building in other areas of the pacific. The new director of the Teacher Training College will be Br Peter Corr. In 2013 he concluded his appointment as principal of Marist Brothers College, North Shore, and has spent this year (2014) learning Portuguese in Brazil and Portugal, and he is presently learning Tetun in Dili for the next two months. He will be a great asset to the College in its next stage of development.

The work of educational capacity building is quite challenging yet at the same time very rewarding. We are now at the stage where all of the teaching staff are qualified Timorese and the deputy director is also Timorese. The overall East Timorisation of the College is a very high priority for us because it is important that the East Timorese will be fully qualified to run and manage their own teacher training college.

As I reflect over my years in Timor Leste I am delighted to have been part of this particular educational capacity building journey. Whilst we have the necessary skills for such educational capacity building it has only been possible with the aid of donors who have supported us over the years. These donors have been real generators of hope for the people of Timor Leste.

Please pass on my best wishes to the Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group.

NSW PARLIAMENT ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP REPORT FOR 2015

On 5 March Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended a Reception promoted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office at the Grand Ballroom of the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney.

On 21 May 2015 Members of the NSW Parliament APFG met with a Delegation of Malaysian Young Political Leaders at Parliament House.

On 16 July 2015 Members of the NSW Parliament APFG met with a Delegation from Kunming Municipal People's Congress at Parliament House.

An invitation was received from the Fijian Consulate to attend a Trade and Investment Seminar in Fiji which coincided with Sittings of the House.

In August 2015 Members of the NSW Parliament APFG met with a Delegation of young leaders from the Republic of Korea, organised by the Australian Political Exchange Council, at Parliament House.

On Tuesday, 15 September Members of the NSW Parliament APFG attended the National Day for Papua New Guinea at Parliament House, at the invitation of the Consulate of Papua New Guinea.

On 16 September Members of the NSW Parliament APFG met with a Delegation from the Computer and Information Technology Office Of Guizhou Province of the People's Republic of China.

On Thursday, 17 September an Invitation was received from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office to attend the Australian Premiere of Hong Kong Dance Company's "The Legend of Mulan".

On Wednesday 7 October Members attended a Reception for the Taiwan National Day at the Four Seasons Hotel.

On Tuesday, 13 October The New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group hosted a luncheon in the Speakers Dining Room, which was attended by the Executive of the New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group and Consuls from within the Region. The purpose of the Meeting was to receive Reports for each country in the New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group Region on current events, economically, security, politically, matters of particular interest to Consuls, and for friendly discussions. All Consuls in the New South Wales Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group Region were invited

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Patricia Broderick
Special Projects Officer
NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group

APFG (Asia Pacific friendship group) NSW Parliament

Treasurers Report by Anna Watson MP

1.9.15-30.11.15

Balance as at 30.11.15 was \$55550.46

During this period the total debits were \$4444.40, with total credits being \$4600.00

During this period the member for Davidson was the treasurer.

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A cheque was presented for \$174.50 to the NSW Parliament which was for a roundtable lunch held in the Speakers dining room. Reference 214201.

Present on the day were Consul Generals and members of the APFG

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Debits – Nil

Credits \$1025.00

This bulk deposit was for the attendance to the fundraiser for the Fiji Cyclones

Anna Watson

ASIA PACIFIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP MEMBERSHIP LIST AS AT 9 JUNE 2016

2013-2014 - RENEWED

The Hon.	Marie	Ficarra MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Jonathan	O'Dea	Treasurer	Member for Davidson
The Hon.	Don	Harwin MLC		President of the Legislative Council
Mr	Kevin	Conolly MP		Member for Riverstone
Mr	Bryan	Doyle MP		Member for Campbelltown
The Hon.	Robyn	Parker MP		Member for Maitland
The Hon.	Gladys	Berejiklian MP		Member for Willoughby
Mr	Daryl	Maguire MP		Member for Wagga Wagga
Mr	Paul	Toole MP		Member for Bathurst
The Hon.	Shaoquette	Moselmane MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
The Hon.	John	Ajaka MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Ms	Carmel	Tebbutt MP		Member for Marrickville
The Hon.	Mick	Veitch MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Gareth	Ward MP		Member for Kiama
The Hon.	Stuart	Ayres MP		Member for Penrith
Mr	Tony	Stewart		
Ms	Sonia	Hornery MP		Member for Wallsend
Mr	Mark	Coure MP		Member for Oatley
				Member for Lismore, Deputy Speaker
The Hon.	Thomas	George MP		
Mr	Andrew	Rohan MP		Member for Smithfield
Mrs	Leslie	Williams MP		Member for Port Macquarie
The Hon.	Amanda	Fazio MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Charles	Casuscelli MP		Member for Strathfield
Mr	Jai	Rowell MP		Member for Wollondilly
Mr	Glenn	Brookes MP		Member for East Hills
Mr	Stephen	Bromhead MP		Member for Myall Lakes
The Hon.	Jennifer	Gardiner MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
The Hon.	Natasha	Maclaren-Jones MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Ms	Melanie	Gibbons MP		Member for Menai

2015-2016 RENEWED

Ms	Anna	Watson MP	Treasurer	Member for Shellharbour
Mr	Daryl	Maguire MP		Member for Wagga Wagga
The Hon	Gladys	Berejiklian MP		Member for Willoughby
Mr	Kevin	Conolly MP		Member for Riverstone
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Mr	Jonathon	O'Dea MP		Member for Davidson
Mr	Glenn	Brookes		Member for East Lakes
Mr	Alister	Henskens MP		Member for Ku-ring-gai
The Hon	Trevor	Khan		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Shaoquett	Moselmane MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Mick	Veitch MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
Mr	Ernest	Wong MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
The Hon	Bonnie	Taylor MLC		Member of the Legislative Council
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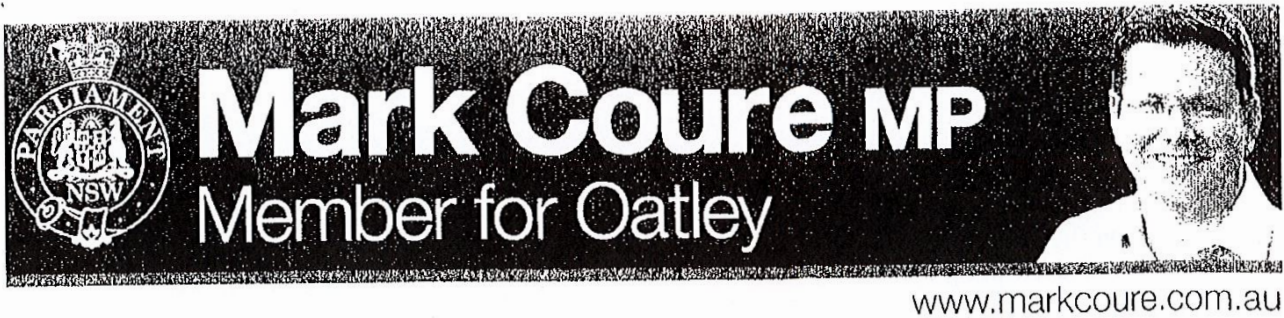
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4 April 2017

Ms Cheryl Samuels
Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House, Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Samuels,

I write to you detailing my report as Chair of the NSW Asia-Pacific Friendship Group.

Activities undertaken in the year ending 31 December 2016

2016 was another successful year for the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group.:

HONG KONG

On Tuesday 16 February, 2016 Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended a Reception for the Hong Kong Chinese New Year promoted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office at the Grand Ballroom of the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney.

MEETING

A Meeting of Consuls was held on Thursday 21 April 2016.

REPUBLIC OF FIJI

On Wednesday 11 May 2016 the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group hosted a Cocktail Party, attended by Ambassador Punja at Parliament House to support The Republic of Fiji in its rebuilding and to contribute to its humanitarian assistance after its recent cyclone.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL DAY

On Wednesday, 14 September, 2016, the APFG facilitated official National Day Celebrations in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House with the Consulate, to mark the Papua New Guinea National Day.

DELEGATIONS were received from countries including

China
Sri Lanka
Korea

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TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

On Thursday, 6 October 2016 Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended a Reception at the 4 Seasons Hotel to celebrate the National Day of Taiwan.

CHINESE DELEGATION

On Monday, 14 November 2016, Daryl Maguire MP and Patricia Broderick received a Delegation from the Beijing Municipal People's Congress at Parliament House.

HONG KONG

On Thursday, 1 December 2016, Patricia Broderick of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended Christmas Celebrations at the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office in Sydney.

LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE were sent to :

19 July 2016 to the Consul General of France, Mr Nicholas Crozier extending condolences of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group in the terrorist events in France.

17 October 2016 to the Consul-General of Thailand, Mr Nathapol Khantahiran conveying condolences of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group on the death of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

In October 2016 Ms Lynda Voltz MLC and Mr Daryl Maguire MP visited The Solomon Islands. Subsequent to visits to Hospitals medical equipment was donated by the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group to both the National Referral Hospital and The Good Samaritan Hospital.

Daryl Maguire travelled to Solomon Islands with President Don Harwin re Twinning program.

*Visited Hospital No 9 Main and Good Samaritan Hospital. Purchased \$300 of hand tools for Prosthetic Ward to manufacture limbs.

*Committed to purchase Electric Tools and send to No 9. This has occurred.

*Purchased medical equipment for Good Samaritan Hospital donated by Dr Ayman Shenouda and his wife Dr Samiha Azab.

*All equipment will be flown to Solomon Islands free of charge by Solomon Air. Captain Guy Kendall is an old Wagga Wagga resident.

*APFG costs for tools and freight to Solomon Air base should amount to about \$900 which we have sufficient funds for.

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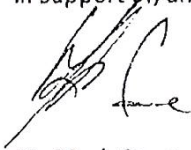
POLISH CONSULATE

On 22 November, 2016, at the Invitation of the Consul General of Poland, Patricia Broderick visited the Polish Consulate.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Mark Coure coordinated the lighting of the Opera House for Lunar New Year and attended many Chinese events including CanRevive and events with the Consul General.

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Mr Mark Coure
Secretary
NSW Parliament Asia-Pacific Friendship Group



**PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP
REPORTING AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Part 1: Contact information and details of the office holders

Name of the Friendship Group:	Asia Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group
Chair:	Mr Daryl Maguire MP
Deputy Chair:	Ms Sonia Hornery MP
Treasurer:	Anna Watson MP
Contact person:	Mark Coure MP

Part 2: Activities undertaken in the year ending 31 December 2017

(Please provide dates of formal meetings and brief details of other activities such as hosting visiting delegations, fundraising for charitable activities, liaising with consulates, etc).

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MYANMAR

On Tuesday 14 February Members of the NSW Parliament met with Mr Zung Hlei Thang of the Myanmar Parliament.

HONG KONG

An Invitation was received from the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office for Autumn Cocktails in the Chinese Garden of Friendship on March 3, 2017.

ORDER OF ST LAZARUS

On Thursday 18 May 2017 Patricia Broderick represented Daryl Maguire MP as Host at a Cocktail Party in the Jubilee Room for the Order of St Lazarus as part of its 2017 National Chapter Meeting .

MEETING

A luncheon Meeting of Consuls and Members of the Executive of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group was held on Wednesday 2 August 2017

CHINESE CONSULATE

On Monday 7 August 2017 Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group

attended a banquet dinner at the Chinese Consulate at the invitation of the Consul General.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

On Thursday 5 October, 2017 Members of the NSW Parliament Asia Pacific Friendship Group attended celebrations for the National Day for Taiwan at the Invitation of the Director General, at the Four Seasons Hotel.

DELEGATIONS were received from countries including China, Indonesia and Korea

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**Part 3: List of current Members of Parliament who were members of the Friendship Group
at 31 December 2017**

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Mrs Leslie Williams MP

Ms Melanie Gibbons MP

Hon Lynda Voltz MLC

Hon Shaoquette Moselmane MLC

Mr Luke Foley MP

Ms Sonia Hornery MP

Hon Peter Primrose MLC

The Hon David Elliott MP

Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP

Hon Mick Veitch MLC

Mr Stephen Bromhead MP

Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP

Mr Jonathon O'Dea

Mr Daryl Maguire MP

Hon Don Harwin MLC

Mr Lee Evans MP

Mr Paul Lynch MP

Mr Gareth Ward MP

Mr Mark Coure MP

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Mr Stuart Ayres MP

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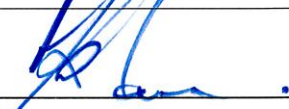
Mr Kevin Conolly MP

Mr John Sidoti MP

Mr Chris Patterson MP

Part 4: Financial accountability

Does the Group have a bank account?
<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
(Please provide name of the bank, the account name and number and signatories to the account)
Signatories: Mr Daryl Maguire MP and Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP
Please provide a statement of income received (if any) from subscriptions, sponsorship, donations or other sources; and of expenditure. A bank statement(s) covering the period would be sufficient.

Signature of Chair: 
Date: _12/02/2018_

Please send the completed report to:

C/- Mr Leslie Gonye
Deputy Clerk and Serjeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House, Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Email: leslie.gonye@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Should you have any queries, please contact the Deputy Clerk on (02) 9230 2224.