



# Conference of the National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies



Day 1 Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37 Reservoir St, Surry Hills, NSW

9:30 am	Registration	Arrival tea and coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Opening & Welcome	<p>The Hon Jonathan O’Dea MP, Member for Davidson, representing the Premier of NSW The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, AJS-NSW Patron, and The Hon. Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism</p> <p>Patrons of National Federation of Australia-Japan Societies: H.E. Mr. Sumio Kusaka, Japanese Ambassador to Australia Message from Hon. Richard Court AC, Australian Ambassador to Japan</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote	<p>The Australia - Japan relationship and the Future View Mr. Murray McLean AO, Chair, Australia-Japan Foundation &amp; former Australian Ambassador to Japan</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Morning tea	
11:15 – 12:00	Business	<p>The Australia - Japan business landscape Japanese investment in Australia: Sekisui Mr. Toru Abe, CEO &amp; Managing Director, Sekisui House Australia</p> <p>Australian company success: Entering Japan in the field of Regenerative Medicine Mr. Duncan Thomson, VP Licensing and Alliances, Regeneus Ltd</p>
12:00 – 12:45	Panel	<p>Panel discussion with above speakers, led by AJS-NSW President Philip Mitchell, including Mr. Gordon Davies, Vice-President Asia-Pacific, LANSAPty Ltd Ms. Wendy Holdenson, Director and Chief Operating Officer, Mitsui &amp; Co. (Australia) Ltd</p>



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12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	Catered lunch and networking
13:45 – 14:45	Innovation	Partnerships on the bleeding edge. What Innovation is happening between Japan and Australia? Includes case studies Mr. Jason Hayes, Partner, PwC Ms. Kaoru Nishinakagawa, Innovation Dojo Mr. Joshua Flannery, Innovation Dojo and Director, Sydney Startup Hub Australia-Japan startups: V-Kaiwa, others
14:45 – 15:00	Afternoon tea	Demonstrations and exhibitions
15:00 – 15:30	Sport	The Rugby World Cup 2019, Tokyo Olympics 2020 and their legacy Mr. Matt Carroll, CEO, Australian Olympic Committee
15:30 – 16:15	Tourism	Two-way Australia-Japan tourism – present and future Ms. Kana Wakabayashi, Director, Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) Ms. Sandra Chipchase, CEO, Destination NSW
16:15 – 16:45	Food	The Washoku Boom: Educating the Australian palate in Japanese food Mr. Mitsuhiro Yashio and Mr. Sebastian Kadas of Yachiyo Japanese Bistro Interviewed by Diane Vukelic
16:45	Wrap-up Close	Reception and Cocktail party

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