

CSSA 2026 Parliamentary Advocacy Summit Program

Current at 17/07/2026

CSSA 2026 Parliamentary Advocacy Summit and 70 th Anniversary Gala Dinner Program		
Day One- Wednesday 12 August 2026		
Event 1: Catholic Social Services Australia: Mission Formation, Governance and Celebration <i>Member only event</i>		
9:00am-3:00pm	CSSA Members Mission Formation and Governance Day (Facilitated by Martin Teulan and Kathleen Donnellan) Member Presentation: CatholicCare Sydney	Haydon Hall St Christopher's Pastoral Centre 55 Franklin St Forrest ACT
4:30pm-4:50pm	Arrival at Parliament House and security screening	Australian Parliament House
Event 2: Pre-Dinner Reception in Speaker's Courtyard		
5:00pm-6:00pm	Pre-Dinner Reception with the Hon Milton Dick MP , Speaker of the House of representatives Presentation of the ACBC Social Justice Statement: <i>'Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division'</i>	Speaker's Courtyard, Australian Parliament House
Event 3: CSSA 70 th Anniversary Gala Dinner and McCosker Oration		
6:00pm-6:30pm	Pre- Dinner Canapes, Music and Networking	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
6:30pm	Opening of Gala Dinner	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House

7:00pm – 7:10pm	Introductory Address by The Hon Ged Kearney MP , Assistant Minister for Social Services Assistant Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
8:00pm	McCosker Orator: The Hon Malcolm Turnbull AC Australia's 29th Prime Minister	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
8:40pm	Presentation of CSSA's Lifetime Contribution Award	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
9:00pm-10:00pm	Post-Dinner Networking	Mural Hall, Australian Parliament House
Day Two- Thursday 13 August 2026 <i>Catholic Social Services Australia: Building for The Common Good</i> <i>Member only event</i>		
7:15am	Arrival at Parliament House and security screening	Australian Parliament House
Event 4: CSSA Parliamentary Advocacy Summit Breakfast		
7:30am	Breakfast Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
7.50am	Guest Speaker address Speaker tbc	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
8:50am	Group photo in Atrium	APH Atrium
Event 5: Official Summit Opening and Parliamentary Sessions		
9:30am	Official Summit Opening with Acknowledgement of Country and an Opening Prayer	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House

9:40am- 9.55am	Release of preliminary findings of CSSA State of the Sector Survey	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
9:55am	Advocacy Summit MP Sessions	
9:55am-10.30am	Theme: Social Cohesion <i>Where are we and where are headed?</i>	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
10.30am-10.50am	Morning Tea Break (20 mins)	Barker Room, Australian Parliament House
10.50am-11.55am	Theme: Social Cohesion <i>Anti-Racism and Equality</i>	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
11.55am-12:40pm	Theme: Delivering Social Services in a Cost-of-Living Crisis	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
12.40pm-1:10pm	Lunch (30 mins)	Barker Room, Australian Parliament House
Event 6: Faith in the Public Square Panel Session		
1:15pm–1:50pm	Theme: Faith in the Public Square: <i>Guiding Principles for Collective Action</i> MP panel discussion	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
1:55pm-2.20pm	Theme: Social Cohesion in Practice: Member Presentation – House of Welcome (St Francis Social Services)	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
2.20pm-3:00pm	Theme: Social Cohesion – ‘ <i>Mapping Social Cohesion 2025 Report</i> ’ Scanlon Foundation Research Institute	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
3:00pm-3:25pm	Theme: Social Cohesion <i>Closing the Gap in Disadvantaged Communities</i>	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House

3:25pm-4:00pm	Closing Remarks, Thanks & Networking	Tangney Alcove, Australian Parliament House
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