

# ADVOc Asia 2016 AGM

## Brisbane, Australia

19 - 23 October 2016



Information brochure



## INVITATION FROM CHRIS WARD



It is my pleasure to be hosting the ADVOC Asia 2016 AGM in Brisbane, Australia.

With many opportunities and challenges currently emerging across the Asia Pacific region, the AGM promises to be a terrific opportunity to exchange ideas and further strengthen our network.

As relative newcomers to ADVOC Asia, the team at Cooper Grace Ward is delighted to have the opportunity to facilitate the 2016 Asia AGM and reciprocate the wonderful hospitality we have already experienced at many ADVOC events.

We have prepared an exciting social program for you and your companions to participate in during your time in Brisbane. Known as one of Australia's most liveable cities, Brisbane is a dynamic metropolis city that has something for everyone. During your stay, we will showcase the very best that Brisbane has to offer – from our lively restaurants right through to river walks and our vibrant parklands.

Just a short drive north of the city lies the stunning Noosa region on the Sunshine Coast, home to beautiful beaches, pristine national parks and unforgettable dining and leisure experiences. We are pleased to offer delegates a day trip to this world renowned destination as part of our program.

I invite you to read on for more details about the events, activities and accommodation we have planned for our ADVOC guests. Please don't hesitate to approach me or contact our conference organisers if you have any queries about the program.

I look forward to personally welcoming you in October 2016 for what promises to be an informative and engaging AGM.

Chris Ward, Managing Partner  
Cooper Grace Ward

## ABOUT COOPER GRACE WARD

Cooper Grace Ward was established in 1980 and has quickly become one of the largest independent Brisbane based law firms, with a team of more than 200.

We offer a full range of commercial legal services to our clients focusing particularly in the areas of corporate and commercial, property, litigation, insurance and family law. Our key practice areas are among the largest Brisbane-based teams in their respective areas.

We have highly specialised people who strive for excellence in everything they do. We work across many different industries for an array of clients, including listed companies, private companies and individuals, local and foreign governments and quasi-government regulators.

We invest heavily in technology, allowing us to provide better service to our clients.

Cooper Grace Ward is known for its outstanding client service and internal culture. We see that both of those things are interrelated. We understand that practising law is not just about knowing the law; it is also about having people who are able to work with others to achieve the best outcomes for clients. This sets us apart from other law firms.



## ABOUT BRISBANE

Brisbane balances its natural beauty, enviable climate and relaxed lifestyle with a thriving \$135 billion economy. Brisbane is an ideal meeting location, with genuine and welcoming people, robust industry, state-of-the-art facilities and must-see attractions.

Our unique city is defined by its subtropical climate and diverse natural environment. The curving Brisbane River, waterways that criss-cross inner city suburbs, beautiful bushland and rolling hills make it one of the most biodiverse capital cities in Australia.

Sunshine filled days and clear blue skies set the scene for year-round alfresco activities.

The Brisbane region stretches from Caboolture in the north to Logan in the south, and Ipswich in the west to Moreton Island and North Stradbroke Island in the east.

The city includes cultural precincts made up of theatres, museums and international cuisine. Its sporting venues, conference facilities, cruise ship terminal, parklands, cafés, laneways and extensive river walks make Brisbane a vibrant metropolis city.

It is the third largest city in Australia and is home to nearly two million culturally diverse people.

The Brisbane region is home to national parks, coastal villages and has a countryside of historic towns, fertile farmland and rolling cattle plains at its doorstep.

## CONFERENCE ORGANISERS



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## ADVOC ASIA 2016 AGM

The ADVOC Asia AGM 2016 will be held at the newly opened NEXT Hotel Brisbane, conveniently located on Queen Street Mall in the heart of Brisbane's CBD.

The property features:

- 304 guest rooms
- Complimentary wi-fi connection
- 24 hour room service
- 20 metre swimming pool
- 24 hour gymnasium
- Lennon's Pool Terrace and Bar
- Club Lounge
- Direct access to Queen Street Mall



## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will have access to special daily room rates at NEXT Hotel Brisbane. For your convenience, the hotel is within walking distance from some of Brisbane's popular attractions like Roma Street Parkland, City Botanic Gardens and The Treasury Casino providing visitors with the opportunity to get out, explore and discover what Brisbane has to offer.

### Special daily room rates:

Standard room \$279 (including breakfast for one)

Standard room \$309 (including breakfast for two)

Deluxe room \$309 (including breakfast for one)

Deluxe room \$339 (including breakfast for two)

Rooms include complimentary wi-fi, 4 complimentary minibar items daily, complimentary movies and entry into the club lounge.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm

Check-out time is 11:00 am

If delegates choose to make additional purchases during their stay, the cost will be added to the final bill and it will be the responsibility of the delegate to settle the bill upon checkout.



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## Delegate program

Wednesday 19 October

### Pre-event Dinner

*Optional activity*

Time: 7.00 pm

Dress: Casual – light jacket or wrap is recommended for the evenings can still be cool.

Price: Included in registration

Chris Ward invites you to join him and his wife Shelley for a traditional Australian barbeque dinner at their residence in Auchenflower, only 10 minutes from the city centre. The evening promises to deliver a warm and welcoming dining experience where guests will be able to wind down and enjoy a laidback leisurely evening with fellow delegates and their companions.

Thursday 20 October

### Explore Brisbane by foot

*Optional activity*

Time: 7.00 am

Dress: Active wear



Join one of our partners for a morning run through the streets of Brisbane and Southbank, which will take you past some of Brisbane's most famous tourist attractions, for example the Nepalese Pagoda, the Streets Beach and The Arbour, which is a bougainvillea clad steel awning that spans 1 km.

## AGM Business Session

Time: 11.00 am to 3.30 pm

Dress: Smart casual

Price: Included in registration

The AGM Business Session will be held at NEXT Hotel Brisbane. There will be a presentation by two senior corporate leaders from Queensland followed by a panel session focusing particularly on management trends and experiences.



## Welcome Dinner at Cooper Grace Ward

Time: 6.00 pm

Dress: Smart casual with jacket

Price: Included in registration

You and your companion are invited to join senior members of the Cooper Grace Ward team in their office for a tour, followed by a private dinner. You will have the opportunity to meet and reunite with new and existing ADVOC members, along with time to network with our senior team members.

## Friday 21 October

### Explore Brisbane by foot

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### ADVOC Asia AGM

Time: 9.15 am to 3.00 pm

Dress: Smart casual

Price: Included in registration

The ADVOC Asia AGM will be held at NEXT Hotel Brisbane.

## Tour of Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law and the Banco Court

Time: 4.00 pm

Dress: Smart casual with jacket

Price: Included in registration

You are invited to join us for a private guided tour of the Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law and the Banco Court.

The Banco Court is mainly for Supreme Court ceremonial occasions, including marking the start of court activities for the new year and celebrating the admission of solicitors and barristers. It contains portraits of former judges, and commemorative plaques and statues. Outside the court stands the rare books room, exhibitions of court robes from years gone by and photographs of each of the judges who have sat on the Supreme Court.



## Dinner at Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA)

Time: 7.00 pm

Dress: Smart casual with jacket

Price: Included in registration

Chris Ward and the partners of Cooper Grace Ward invite you and your companion to a private dinner on the Roof Terrace at the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA). This unique open-aired venue boasts panoramic views of the city skyline, Brisbane River and Kurilpa Bridge. QAGOMA is located across two adjacent riverside buildings in the cultural precinct at Brisbane's South Bank.

The gallery holds a collection of over 16,000 works of historical, modern and contemporary art and stages a dynamic program of Australian and international exhibitions.





Saturday 22 October

# Experience Noosa



Time: 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

Dress: Casual

Price: Included in registration

Delegates will meet in the NEXT Hotel lobby at 8.00 am for a departure by bus at 8:30 am sharp. Upon arrival, you will be treated to morning tea at the Noosa Surf Life Saving Club. You'll then be invited to partake in one of the following experiences:

- Aussie surf culture beach tour – get involved in our iconic Aussie surf lifesaving culture as we take you behind the scenes at the Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving Club. Learn about the history of surf lifesaving and discover the skills and dedication required by our volunteer lifesavers in keeping our communities safe at the beach.
- Noosa National Park coastal bush walk experience – join our local and very passionate environmental scientist on an informative walk through Noosa National Park. Walk along our coastal foreshore and learn about the unique species and vegetation critical to a healthy ocean environment.
- Explore & shop Hastings Street – a visit to Noosa wouldn't be complete without a stroll along the bustling Hastings Street strip, the hub of the town and a popular meeting place for all visitors. Hastings Street shopping is an exciting experience, with the latest fashion items and one-off pieces by local and national designers. You'll also have the opportunity to purchase some Australian souvenirs.

Afterwards, you'll be treated to the very best in modern Australian cuisine at Sails restaurant, overlooking Laguna Bay, Noosa Beach. Both the food and venue are complimented by an award winning wine list.

Noosa Main Beach has been listed as the 6th best beach in Australia in the 'Tripadvisor 2015 Travellers Choice Awards'.



## Gala Dinner at Brisbane City Hall

Time: 7.00 pm

Dress: Lounge suit with tie

Price: Included in registration



The Asia AGM Gala Dinner will be held at the heritage-listed Brisbane City Hall. The dinner is the last official function of the ADVOC Asia 2016 AGM in Brisbane. It is the perfect opportunity for guests to

enjoy a final night with fellow ADVOC members and their companions. Guests will be treated to a three course meal prepared with seasonal, fresh and sustainable food using the best local produce available.

Built in the 1920s, Brisbane City Hall is one of Queensland's most significant heritage and cultural icons. The building has played an important role in the lives of our community in times of war, peace, celebration and refuge and has rightly earned the title of the 'People's Place'.

Sunday 23 October

## Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

*Optional activity*

Time: 9.30 am - 2.00 pm

Dress: Casual

Price: \$86 (Including GST)



**Lone Pine**  
**Koala Sanctuary**

Board the Mirimar II in Brisbane's Southbank for the world famous Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. The cruise will take you 19 kilometres upstream along the Brisbane River through some of the city's most attractive suburbs and interesting wildlife habitats. You'll learn about Brisbane's past – some of it amusing and some of it horrifying – as the captain recalls the city's history, before arriving at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary.

Located just 12 kilometres from Brisbane City and rated one of the 'Top 10 Zoos in the World', by Trip Advisor, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary is the world's first and largest koala sanctuary, with over 130 koalas and over 100 other species of Australian native wildlife. You will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the koalas, dingoes, birds of prey, and snakes.

You'll also have the opportunity to have your photo taken cuddling a koala or, if you're feeling a little more adventurous, how about a python wrapped around your neck?

Bus transport will then take you back to NEXT Hotel.

# Companion program

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## Pre-event Dinner

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## Tour of Queen Street Mall

Time: 11.00 am

Price: Included in registration

Dress: Casual

Take the opportunity to stroll through some of Brisbane's most colourful and fascinating precincts on a private tour, led by a Brisbane Greeter. Brisbane Greeters are locals who love living here so much that they are enthusiastic about introducing you to their city and sharing their intimate knowledge.

The tour will take you on a journey through a range of sites and events that have shaped Brisbane's history.



## Kookaburra Queen river cruise - Lunch

Time: 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm

Dress: Casual

Price: Included in registration

Be welcomed by the captain as you board Brisbane's iconic Kookaburra Queen paddle wheeler boat. Take in the views as we leisurely cruise the waterways of the city while enjoying a three course a la carte menu served to your table.



## Brisbane City Hall's heritage tour

*Optional activity*

Time: 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Dress: Casual

Price: Included in registration

Be guided through the heritage-listed Brisbane City Hall on private tour. Accompanied by a professional guide, the tour will grant you access to parts of the building that are not accessible to the general public.



Friday 21 October

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Dress: Active wear

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## Visit Mount Coot-tha

Time: 12.30 pm

Dress: Casual

Price: Included in registration

Guests will be treated to a three course lunch at the Summit Restaurant and Bar, which is located at the top of Mount Coot-tha. Sit back, relax and take in the panoramic views of Brisbane City out to Moreton Bay.



# Registration details

## HOW TO REGISTER

Cooper Grace Ward has enlisted the services of Iceberg Events to manage the registrations and hotel reservations for the AGM.

Registrations and payment of registration fees must be finalised by 30 September 2016. It is the responsibility of delegates to arrange their own travel insurance and visa for travel to and from Australia.

All registrations are to be made online via the conference website - [www.event.icebergevents.com.au/advocbris2016](http://www.event.icebergevents.com.au/advocbris2016).

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### Delegate and Junior ADVOC registration

Attendance to all AGM sessions, the Pre-event Dinner (Wednesday 19 October), Welcome Dinner (Thursday 20 October), tour of Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law and Banco Court (Friday 21 October), QAGOMA Dinner (Friday 21 October), Noosa Experience (Saturday 22 October) and the Gala Dinner (Saturday 22 October).

### Companion registration

The Pre-event Dinner (Wednesday 19 October), tour of Queen Street Mall (Thursday 20 October), lunch on the Kookaburra Queen River Cruise (Thursday 20 October), Welcome Dinner (Thursday 20 October), lunch at the Summit Restaurant and Bar, Mount Coot-tha (Friday 21 October), QAGOMA Dinner (Friday 21 October), Noosa Experience and the Gala Dinner (Saturday 22 October).

## REGISTRATION COSTS

	Delegate	Junior ADVOC
Full registration	\$2117.50	\$2117.50
Companion registration	\$1859.00	

Please note:

- All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and include 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- If you are paying by credit card, your statement will display as a transaction with Iceberg Events.
- A 2% surcharge applies to credit card transactions

## TERMS & CONDITIONS, CANCELLATIONS & REFUND

### Registration

Non-payment does not constitute a cancellation. All cancellations must be made in writing to Iceberg Events (admin@icebergevents.com.au). A refund of conference registration fees will be made on all cancellations received before 19 September, 2016, minus a \$55 administration fee. There will be no refunds on or after 19 September, 2016 although substitute delegates are welcome.

### Accommodation

Hotels may incur fees for accommodation cancellations dependent on individual policies and time of cancellation. There will be no refunds on or after 19 September, 2016, although substitute delegates are welcome.

Hotels impose strict release dates of 30 days prior to arrival on group block bookings held for conferences and therefore any bookings made after 19 September, 2016 (30 days prior to the event) will be subject to availability. Iceberg Events and the conference cannot be held responsible if all rooms at special rates are unavailable. As there is limited space available at each hotel, it is important that you book early.

Accommodation will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of registration and payment. Hotels will also be enforcing strict cancellations policies for any rooms booked over the period for this event.

Iceberg Events and the conference take no responsibility for cancellation fees incurred. Please note cancelled bookings or failure to arrive at the hotel on the designated date of arrival (no-show) will incur penalties. See details above before making your selection.

Full payment for your entire stay must be received before accommodation will be confirmed. If payment for hotel bookings has not been received 30 days out from the event, your accommodation booking will be released. Any changes to your booking must be made via email to Iceberg Events (admin@icebergevents.com.au), not direct with the hotel.

## VISA, CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION

It is recommended that all delegates and companions speak to their travel consultant regarding visa application before travelling to Australia.

The conference will not be responsible for delegates or companions who have been denied a visa to Australia. Please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au) for more information.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that at the time of registration and booking your travel, you take out a travel insurance policy of your choice, as the registration fees do not include insurance of any kind.

For more information, please speak to your travel consultant.

## BRISBANE AIRPORT AND TRANSFER

Brisbane's domestic and international airport terminals are roughly 12km from Brisbane's CBD and there are many different ways to get around. Listed below are a range of transport options that Brisbane airport offers to transport you to/from Brisbane CBD.

- Airtrain - Airtrain offers convenient services between the airport, Brisbane City and the Gold Coast, as well as transfers between the domestic and international terminals. Airtrain operates every day between 5.45 am and 10.00 pm, departing every 15 minutes during peak hours. For more information or to purchase your ticket, please visit <https://www.airtrain.com.au>
- Bus tickets - Con-x-ion airport transfer meet every flight arriving into Brisbane airport seven days a week, offering one way or return 'door-to-door' coach services to/from Brisbane city and CBD. For more information, please visit <https://www.con-x-ion.com>
- Taxi ranks - Taxi ranks are conveniently located at both the domestic and international terminals. At the domestic terminal, the taxi rank is located centrally in front of the terminal. At the international terminal, the taxi rank is located at the northern end of arrivals on level 2. For more information please contact Black & White Cabs on +61 133 222 or visit [www.blackandwhitecabs.com.au](http://www.blackandwhitecabs.com.au) or Yellow Cabs on +61 131 924 or visit [www.yellowcab.com.au](http://www.yellowcab.com.au).
- Private airport transfers - Limoso limousine services provide transfers to or from Brisbane airport and drop-offs and pickups to all Brisbane area hotels. To request a quote for a Brisbane Airport Transfer, simply visit <http://www.limoso.com.au/airport-transfer> and fill out the query form by clicking the Quote button at the top of the page.

## BRISBANE'S CLIMATE

Sunshine filled days and clear blue skies and with an average temperature of 27 degrees Celsius (80.6 Fahrenheit) and a minimum low of 16 degrees Celsius (60.8 Fahrenheit) sets the scene for year-round alfresco activities. October can be hot and humid with the occasional thunderstorm and/or torrential rain. While out sight-seeing, it's always a good idea to be sun safe by wearing a long-sleeve shirt, hat, sunglasses and apply good sunscreen, even on cloudy days.