

# Australian Humanist Convention 2016



## secularism and human rights in the 21st century

The Humanist Society of Queensland is proud to host the Australian Humanist Convention 2016 at Rydges South Bank on behalf of the Council of Australian Humanist Societies.

Across Saturday 28th May – Sunday 29th May, HSQ and CAHS have assembled an impressive speaker lineup, presenting on a broad range of vital and timely subjects related to secularism and human rights, including:

**Humanism** **Separation of church and state** **Freedom from religion** **Anti-discrimination rights for the non-religious** **Safe Schools Coalition** **Religious instruction and federally funded chaplaincy in public schools** **Refugee rights and government policy** **Political lobbying and community activism** **Reproductive rights and law reform** **Removal of ‘advancing religion’ from the Commonwealth Charities Act 2013** **Marriage equality**



We are pleased to announce the convention keynote speaker is Julian Burnside AO QC, Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate, and author. The awarding by 2009 AHOY recipient Julian Burnside AO QC of Australian Humanist of the Year and the inaugural Young Australian Humanist of the Year will take place at our gala dinner at Rydges South Bank on Saturday evening May 28. At the gala dinner, our guests will be able to socialise with convention speakers and fellow free thinkers while enjoying a sumptuous three course meal, drinks and entertainment.

Other convention speakers include **Fiona Patten MLC** Australian Sex Party, **Dr Max Wallace** author, **Australian Humanist of the Year** TBA, **Matilda Alexander** Senior Conciliator, Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland, **Michael Cope** Queensland Council for Civil Liberties president, **Young Australian Humanist of the Year** TBA, **Ron Williams** Williams v. Commonwealth I & II, **Dr Meg Wallace** author, **Bonney Corbin** Safe Schools Coalition, **Amanda Bradley** Children by Choice, **Maria Delaney** Social Change Agency, **Alison Courtice** Qld Parents for Secular State Schools, **Dave Copeman** Qld Community Alliance, **Huifen** Humanist Society Singapore.

Convention guests can take advantage of a Rydges Queen Room at the discounted convention rate of \$199 (room only). Rates are applicable for up to two adults unless otherwise specified; extra adults charged at \$60 per night. Rate includes complimentary Wi-Fi for all group guests staying in house. When booking by phone, please name the convention to receive the \$199 rate. Alternatively, use the discount link at the AHC website.



**Saturday 28th May - Sunday 29th May**

**information and tickets available at: [convention.hsq.org.au](http://convention.hsq.org.au)**