

REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration \$20 including a light vegetarian lunch (\$10 for children under 12)

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Sydney Pre-Parliament Event

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Parliament of the World's Religions

Sydney Pre-Parliament Event

Lachlan's Garden Marquee

Old Government House

Parramatta Park

Cnr Macquarie & Pitt Street, Parramatta

Sunday 2 August 2009

10.00 am - 4.00 pm



THE PARLIAMENT

The world's biggest inter-faith event, the Parliament of the World's Religions, is coming to Melbourne in December 2009.

In the lead-up to the Parliament, a pre-Parliamentary event for Sydney is being held on Sunday 2 August at Old Government House, Australia's oldest public building, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. It will address the seven key topics of this year's Parliament:

Healing the Earth with Care and Concern
Reconciling with the Indigenous Peoples
Overcoming Poverty in a Patriarchal World
Creating Social Cohesion in Village and City
Sharing Wisdom in Search for Inner Peace
Securing Food and Water for All People
Building Peace in Pursuit of Justice

This event will offer a taste of the Parliament experience in a festive atmosphere. It is open to all. Book early as limited places are available.

ORGANISERS

The Sydney Pre-Parliament event is organized by a Steering Committee made up of members from the following groups:

Affinity Intercultural Foundation
Baha'i Council for NSW & ACT
Brahma Kumaris
Buddhist Council of NSW
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Catholic Diocese of Parramatta
Columban Mission Institute
NSW Ecumenical Council
NSW Jewish Board of Deputies
Ramakrishna Sarada Vedanta Society
Sri Guru Singh Sabha – Sikh Association of Sydney
Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT
Women's Interfaith Network
World Conference of Religions for Peace
Zoroastrian community

PROGRAM

10.00am	Welcome to Country
	Fasting and Feasting: Food, Faith and the Environment
	An interactive forum drawing on various faith traditions, hosted by the Faith Ecology Network
	Keynote speaker: The global food situation: impact on the environment and the ways forward
12.00 noon	Musical showcase featuring outstanding performers from Sydney's diverse faiths and traditions
1.15 pm	Vegetarian Lunch
2.00 pm	Introduction to the Parliament of the World's Religions - the Revd Dirk Ficca, Executive Director, Parliament of the World's Religions
	Making a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth - Keynote address by Professor Larissa Behrendt, Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, UTS Sydney
	Young people's inter-faith panel, chaired by Dr Rachael Kohn (<i>The Spirit of Things</i> , ABC Radio National) to discuss key topics of the Parliament of the World's Religions.
4.00 pm	Close

NOTE

This is an official Pre-Parliament Event of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Participants must adhere to the principles of the Parliament which include respectful dialogue, non-proselytising, a willingness to engage in interreligious dialogue, and a commitment to explore topics, including those which may be potentially divisive, from a variety of viewpoints.