

## Registration

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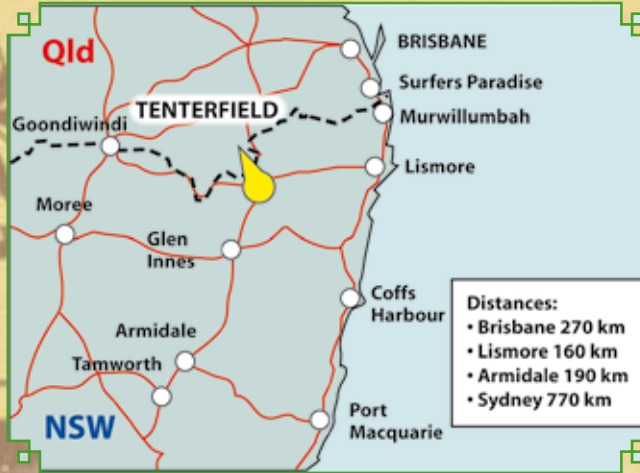
### I will attend (please tick):

|   | Waged/corporate      | Unwaged              |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Reception Thursday 23rd    | Free                 | Free                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Friday 24th             | \$150                | \$50                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference dinner Friday 24th      | \$ 80                | \$80                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roundtable Saturday 25th           | \$100                | \$30                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parkes Oration Anniversary Banquet | \$ 60                | \$60                 |
| ☞ TOTAL   | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Please send me information about travel and accommodation


Please enclose a cheque payable to 'Tenterfield Shire Council' or complete credit card details below:

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 Name on card   
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Tenterfield is situated in the Northern Tablelands of New South Wales, approximately 18 kilometres South of the Queensland border. Go to: <http://maps.google.com.au/> and enter 'Tenterfield NSW' in the 'search' field.

### Registration Required – places limited

 The Federalism Project:  
[www.griffith.edu.au/federalism](http://www.griffith.edu.au/federalism)

Institute of Public Administration Australia: [www.ipaa.org.au](http://www.ipaa.org.au)

Tenterfield Visitors Centre: [www.tenterfield.com](http://www.tenterfield.com)

Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum:  
[www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/properties/sbp/default.asp](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/properties/sbp/default.asp)

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# Australian Federalism rescue and reform

Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum  
 Tenterfield NSW  
 23-26 October 2008





## Australian Federalism: Rescue and Reform Tenterfield NSW 23 – 25 October 2008

Australia's federal system of government is entering a historic phase of development. A new commitment to federal-state cooperation is unfolding. But what is needed to ensure that reforms are durable, and do not lapse back to the 'blame game' in a few years' time?

Will Canberra have to get tough – again – before progress is made on national priorities? Or can machinery be developed to lock in cooperation as a long-term approach? What role should local and regional institutions have in a streamlined federal framework? Alongside clarified responsibilities for the Commonwealth and the States, what can be achieved through federal constitutional recognition of local government?

*Australian Federalism: Rescue and Reform* will help answer these questions by bringing together a range of experts, researchers, public officials and interested citizens to:

- examine the practical implications of restructuring in public health, education, water and local government;
- evaluate the progress of current reforms; and
- identify the institutional changes needed to ensure our federal system works better, not just next year but many years down the track.

## Program

### Thursday 23 October (5 pm)

Welcome reception – Historic Wallangarra Railway Station (Queensland-NSW border).

### Friday 24 October

Day 1 – Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum:

- The value of federalism
- Pressures for reform of Australian federalism

#### *Morning tea*

Policy challenges for federalism (*parallel sessions*)

↻ Health      ↻ Water

#### *Lunch*

↻ Education      ↻ Local government

#### *Afternoon tea*

- Common themes and possible options
- Conclusions: the challenge of reform

#### *Drinks & Conference Dinner*

### Saturday 25 October

Day 2 – A Roundtable on Federal Reform:

- Financial reform, collaboration and accountability

#### *Morning tea*

- Redistribution of powers and medium-term strategy

#### *Lunch*

- Long-term shifts: federalism, globalisation and devolution

#### *Afternoon tea*

- Practical ways forward

#### *Closing address*

**Parkes Oration Anniversary Dinner, including re-enactment of Parkes' 1889 Oration** (hosted by the Friends of the School of Arts)

### Sunday 26 October

- Granite Belt excursions – wineries, national parks, bushranging historic sites, Peter Allen memorabilia.

#### *Farewells and departure*

#### **The Historic Venue**

The conference and roundtable will be held in the Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum, Tenterfield NSW. Built in the 1870s, this is the very building in which, on 24 October 1889, Parkes made the speech launching his successful campaign to bring together Australia's colonial leaders to forge a national federation. While historians differ on the significance of Parkes' role in federation overall, his 1889 Tenterfield Oration stands as a seminal moment in the long process of Australian nation building. The conference includes sessions and celebrations in the restored banquet room in which Parkes first spoke of the 'great commonwealth' to come.



Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum, Tenterfield (photo by ICP Craftpress)