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THE SPORTS LAW ASSOCIATION

34th ANNUAL ANZSLA CONFERENCE
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Brisbane, Australia



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It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 ANZSLA Conference being held in the vibrant city of Brisbane.

This year's conference brings together leading academics, sports lawyers, practitioners, and industry professionals to explore the dynamic and evolving intersection of sport and the law. As the sporting landscape continues to change - from governance and integrity to commercialisation and athlete welfare - there has never been a more critical time to come together, share insights, and shape the future of sports law.

We are honoured to welcome Professor Dr Ulrich Haas from Zurich University as our international keynote speaker who will deliver the Hayden Opie Oration. With a distinguished career and deep expertise in both law and sport, Dr Haas brings invaluable perspective and insight to our discussions.

Across the two days, you will hear from an outstanding line-up of speakers, engage in thought-provoking sessions, and have many opportunities to connect with colleagues from across Australia and beyond at the sensational social and networking functions. Whether you are a returning delegate or joining us for the first time, we're delighted to have you with us.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, thank you for being part of this important event on the sports law calendar. We look forward to a stimulating, collaborative, and inspiring conference experience - and to welcoming you to beautiful Brisbane and all that it has to offer.

Juanita Maiden

Chair of the Conference Organising Committee

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KENDALL GILDING

Kendall Gilding is an accomplished Journalist, Television Presenter, Ambassador and Board Director. A trusted voice in Australian media, her career has spanned more than 15 years, with coveted roles for 7NEWS and Channel 9's Today Show.

Kendall is also a podcaster, columnist, speaker and MC. She's hosted some of Queensland's largest events with clients including UN Women, Brisbane Lions, Sony Foundation and Redkite. She is also an Ambassador for Newstead Mazda, Endometriosis Australia and Foodbank.

Kendall does a lot of work in the sport space - serving on the Board of Hockey Queensland and with a keen interest in the Brisbane Olympics.

Away from work she is the proud wife of Timothy and happy mum to Olive, 5, and Moses, 2.

8.30am	Registration open
9.00am	Welcome to Country
9.15am	Conference Opening
9.30am+	<p>Navigating the Digital Playbook from AI, to big data and digitalisation of sport</p> <p>This session will cover the transformative impact of digital broadcast media, the complexities of athlete data management, and the evolving landscape of name, image, and likeness (NIL) rights in the dynamic landscape of digitalisation of sport.</p> <p><i>Chair: Professor Sarah Kelly (Chair, Australian Sports Foundation and Deputy Chair of Brisbane Lions)</i> <i>Rich Hawkins (Partner, Bird & Bird), Roisin Featherstone (Principal, Featherstone & Associates), Nicole Choolun (Senior Legal Counsel, SBS)</i></p>
10.15am+	<p>Sports Law Case Update</p> <p><i>Jack Anderson (Professor of Law, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne)</i></p>
11.00am	Morning Tea
11.30am*	<p>The Hayden Opie Oration International Keynote Address</p> <p><i>Professor Dr Ulrich G Haas (University of Zurich)</i></p>
12.30pm+	<p>Anti-Doping: the 2027 WADA Code and the Athlete Experience</p> <p>A follow up to last year's theme of whether the anti-doping system is fit for purpose, featuring a summary of the proposed changes to the WADA Code and an athlete centred discussion of the anti-doping system</p> <p><i>Professor Dr Ulrich G Haas (University of Zurich), Shayna Jack OAM (Olympian)</i></p>
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm+	<p>Game On: The Legal Blueprint for Brisbane 2032</p> <p>Exploring the challenges and highlights to date and the work to be done on the road to Brisbane 2032, with insights from the In-House Legal Team for Brisbane 2032.</p> <p><i>Paula Robinson (Chief Corporate Services Officer (General Counsel and Company Secretary) of Brisbane 2032)</i></p>
3.00pm+	<p>Panel - Beyond the Brief: Game Changers in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement</p> <p>A panel session with leaders and game changers influencing the Brisbane 2032 games and beyond across legal, governance, athlete issues and policy.</p> <p><i>Eugenie Buckley (Deputy Director General – Olympics & Paralympics Office, Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games),</i> <i>Ana Croger (Executive Manager, Australian Olympic Committee)</i></p>
3.45pm	Afternoon Tea
4.15pm+	<p>In-House Counsel Panel</p> <p>Our annual delve into themes and issues coming across the desks of In-House Counsel over the past year.</p> <p><i>Chair: Hannah McLean (General Manager – Legal & Integrity, Sports Advisory Partners)</i> <i>Farah Mohamed (Head of Legal & Compliance, Oceania Football Confederation), Cat Ure (Rugby World Cup Local Organising Committee), Daniel Stuk (Tennis Australia)</i></p>
5.00pm	ANZSLA AGM

You may be able to claim CPD/CLE points for attending the 2025 ANZSLA Conference. Please check with your relevant professional body. Programme is current as at 25 June 2025 and is subject to change.

+ = 0.75 CPD Substantive Law * = 1 CPD Substantive Law # = 1 Ethics CPD point

8.30am	Registration open
9.00am+	International Keynote Address <i>Maureen Weston (Professor of Law, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law and Director of the Entertainment, Media & Sports Dispute Resolution Project, USA)</i>
9.45am+	Preventing Corruption & Collusion Behind Putting on Major Sporting Events A panel session with key agencies involved in the prevention of corruption, providing guidance to assist sporting bodies, governments, athletes and individuals to avoid being involved in corrupt or collusional conduct when preparing for, building facilities for or convening a major sporting event. <i>Dan Wilcock (Head of Sustainability Governance, UN Global Compact Network Australia)</i> <i>Craig Capper (Corruption SEO, Crime and Corruption Commission Queensland)</i> <i>Marie Monforte (Competition Enforcement and Cartels Branch, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission)</i> <i>Chair: Simon Grant (Barrister 19 Inns Chambers, Brisbane)</i>
10.30am	Paul Trisley Award Winner
10.45am	Morning Tea
11.15am	Keynote Address
12.00pm+	Legal representation before National Sports Tribunals: To have or not to have? Should an athlete come up against the CEO? Should an Integrity Manager be opposed to senior counsel? A discussion from all perspectives about the role and utility of lawyers before the Australian and New Zealand national sporting tribunals. <i>Chair: Maria Clarke (Maria Clarke Lawyers)</i> <i>John Macdonald (New Zealand Sports Tribunal)</i> <i>Bronwen Knox OLY (National Integrity Manager / Deputy Chef de Mission Paris 2024)</i> <i>Alex Carew (National Sports Tribunal)</i> <i>Chris Johnstone KC (Barrister and National Sports Tribunal Member)</i> <i>Jacinta Beecher (Gadens)</i>
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm+	The Impact of Wagering on Sports – Do the Benefits Outweigh the Social and Integrity Risks? <i>A panel session led by Jason Scott (CEO, Racing Queensland)</i>
2.30pm+	From Olympic Podium to Proceedings: A Gold Medallist's Adverse Action Claim and its Lessons for Sporting Organisations <i>Scott MacNeil (Partner, Gibson MacNeil)</i>
3.15pm	Afternoon Tea
3.45pm #	Ethics Debate - "There is no place in sport for performance enhancing drugs- the house agrees that the Enhanced Games undermines fair play in sport". The much anticipated and entertaining ethics debate – continue the conversation at the conference dinner with colleagues!
4.45pm	Closing Remarks
5.00pm	Close of Conference

PRE CONFERENCE DRINKS



For anyone that is arriving on Tuesday and looking to catch up with other conference attendees, you are warmly invited to attend the pre-conference drinks.

Date	Tuesday 21 October
Time	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Venue	The Wet Bar – The W Hotel
Dress	Casual
Inclusions	Drinks
Cost	One ticket is included with full registrations

Join us for casual drinks before the conference starts.

Note: there is a limited bar tab (food will be available to purchase).



PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Join us at the stunning Six Antlers Rooftopbar for an evening of networking in a spectacular setting for the President's Reception.

Date	Wednesday 22 October
Time	6.00pm – 9.00pm
Venue	Sixteen Antlers Rooftop Bar – Pullman Hotel
Dress	Smart casual*
Inclusions	Beverages and canapés
Cost	One ticket is included with full registrations. Additional tickets can be purchased for AUD\$90.00 at the time of registration.



CONFERENCE DINNER

A spectacular finale to this year's ANZSLA Conference - the conference dinner at The Rivershed!

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we wrap up the conference in style with our Formal Dinner at the stunning Rivershed, set within Brisbane's iconic Howard Smith Wharves.

Just a short walk from the CBD, this breathtaking riverside venue—nestled beneath the Story Bridge—offers unbeatable views of the Brisbane River and skyline, creating the perfect setting to relax, reflect, and connect.

After two days of thought-provoking sessions and dynamic discussions, this is your chance to continue the conversation, share insights, and forge valuable connections with colleagues and peers in the sports law community. More than just a dinner, this is a celebration of the ideas, energy, and expertise that have shaped the conference—set against one of Brisbane's most vibrant and picturesque backdrops. Don't miss this highlight of the conference program!

Date	Thursday 23 October
Time	7.00pm – midnight
Venue	The Rivershed, Howard Street Wharves
Dress	Cocktail*
Inclusions	Pre-dinner drinks, three-course dinner and beverages.
Cost	One ticket is included with full registrations. Additional tickets can be purchased for AUD\$185.00 at the time of registration.



Post Conference Tour River Cruise

Discover Brisbane from a New Perspective. Experience the unique charm of Brisbane's River scene with our year-round cruises, perfect for both locals and visitors. Make sure you don't leave town without enjoying at least one of our tours. River City Cruises is the original and premier sightseeing cruise on the Brisbane River.

Date	Friday 24 October
Time	12.30pm (90 min cruise)
Cost	\$46 pp
Included Amenities	Complimentary coffee, tea, mini muffins, and Biscoff biscuits
Departs from	Coffee shop & refreshments
Highlights	Cultural Centre Public Pontoon, South Bank
	During the 1 1/2 hour guided tour, you'll enjoy informative commentary and fantastic photo opportunities as we cruise past Brisbane's most iconic sights, including: Kangaroo Point Cliffs, City Centre, Story Bridge, New Farm Park, Powerhouse, Brisbane riverside homes.

Don't miss this opportunity to see why Brisbane is called the River City!



Story bridge climb (private group climb)

The Story Bridge Adventure Day Climb caters to all adventurers, regardless of fitness level or climbing experience. Hearts pounding and adrenaline pumping, climbers start their ascent. Each step unveils stunning panoramic views stretching into infinity. The Glass House Mountains, Moreton Bay, and the Scenic Rim unfold before their eyes, each vista more breathtaking than the last.

Date	Friday 24 October
Time	9.30am (90 min climb)
Cost	\$120pp
Guided Climb:	Bridge facts and Brisbane history commentary by an expert climb leader.



Pickle Ball

Come try your hand at the latest craze, Pickle Ball! The Queensland Tennis Centre is one of the Olympic venues that has been announced and approved funding for expansion and to be able to deliver not only the 2032 games, but also each Brisbane International in the lead up to the 2032 games plus so much more.

Date	Friday 24 October
Time	TBC
Cost	\$50 per person
Includes	Coffee on arrival, organized Pickle Ball with a coach, and a light breakfast.

AWARDS

PAUL TRISLEY AWARD

Paul Trisley was a highly regarded sports lawyer and one of ANZSLA's most dedicated members for many years. Paul died in 2001 and this award acknowledges his tremendous contribution to ANZSLA and the area of sports law generally.

At its annual conference each year, ANZSLA presents this award to a person who has never presented at an ANZSLA event or been previously published in the ANZSLA Journal, and who, in the judges' opinion, submits the best paper in accordance with the award guidelines. The judging takes into account the paper's accuracy, originality, practical value to sports administrators and lawyers, and its academic quality.

The winner will receive from ANZSLA:

- The Paul Trisley Award presented at the 2025 Conference dinner on Thursday, 23 October
- Full registration at the 2025 ANZSLA Conference in Brisbane, Australia
- Return air travel to and from the 2025 ANZSLA Conference (Australasia only)
- Two nights' accommodation during the 2025 ANZSLA Conference
- One year's ANZSLA membership

The winning paper may be published in the peer reviewed Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Journal. Entrants must email their paper in MS Word format to ANZSLA's Executive Manager (anzsla@anzsla.com) by Friday, 1 August 2025. Full terms and eligibility conditions for entry can be found at <http://anzsla.com/paul-trisley-award-sports-law-writing-competition>.

DENIS CALLINAN AWARD

This award is in memory of Denis Callinan who was a well-respected lawyer and ANZSLA member. The award is kindly sponsored by the Gold Coast Traffic Offenders Program, of which Denis was a founder.

The Denis Callinan Award recognises members who render commendable community service in the field of sports law. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves or fellow members. The recipient of the Award will be presented with a trophy in recognition of their outstanding community service, and the right to nominate an appropriate recipient of a grant of AU\$2,000 or NZ\$2,000 (dependent on the country of the recipient and subject to the approval of the ANZSLA Board).

Further information about the award can be found at www.anzsla.com. All nominations are to be submitted by email to ANZSLA's executive manager (anzsla@anzsla.com) by Friday, 5 September 2025.



REGISTRATION

	ANZSLA Member	Non-Member	ANZSLA Corporate Member FlexiPass*	NFP/Academic Member	NFP/Academic Non-Member	Student Member (Fulltime)*	Student Non-Member (Fulltime)**	Day Registration
Early Bird (to 31 Aug)	\$1,395	\$1,800	\$1,585	\$1,245	\$1,535	\$660	\$800	\$935
Standard (from 1 Sept)	\$1,750	\$2,120	\$1,885	\$1,535	\$1,835			\$1,145
	Full Registration		Corporate Member FlexiPass *	Student Registration*		Day Registration		
Attendance at all conference business sessions	✓		✓	✓		Selected Day		
Daily Catering	✓		✓	✓		Selected Day		
Pre-Conference Drinks	x 1		x2	x 1				
President's Reception Ticket	x 1		x2	x 1				
Conference Dinner Ticket (x1)	✓							

* ANZSLA Corporate Member FlexiPass: A flexible, shareable ticket for two staff members (only one person may attend any given session at a time).

** Students must be full time students and must send proof of student status to brooke@conference.nz.

All fees are quoted and payable in Australian dollars and include Australian GST (10%).

Terms and conditions

(1) If you are unable to attend the conference, you may reassign your registration to another person, following approval from ANZSLA. Please email: brooke@conference.nz. If you are unable to arrange a replacement attendee, a full refund less an administration fee of AUD\$200 will be made providing notification is received by 8 September 2025. After this date refunds will be at the sole discretion of ANZSLA and processed after the conference. (2) Accommodation fees will be at the discretion of the individual property. (3) If, for reasons beyond the control of ANZSLA or for reasons of delegate health and safety, the conference is cancelled, the registration fee will be refunded after deduction of expenses already incurred. (4) All details are correct at the time of publication. The Organising Committee reserves the right to change the programme and social functions at any time without notice. (5) Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. Participants are advised to take out personal insurance, including cover for travel, accommodation and personal possessions. Neither ANZSLA nor Conference Innovators cover individuals against the cancellations of bookings for any reason including cancellation or postponement of the conference or for theft or damage to belongings. (6) Any damage or loss caused by any act, omission, or neglect on your part while a delegate at the ANZSLA Conference at W Hotel, Brisbane, will be your responsibility. You further agree that as a delegate at the ANZSLA Conference you will reimburse ANZSLA for any damage or loss (including legal costs and expenses) that may be caused by any act, omission, or neglect on your part at W Hotel that results in costs to ANZSLA.

ACCOMMODATION

The W Hotel, Brisbane

Discover the epitome of cosmopolitan sophistication and dynamic energy at W Brisbane, our 5-star luxury hotel located in the vibrant heart of Queensland's capital city, overlooking the iconic Brisbane River.

Wonderful

\$395 per night incl b/fast for one
\$430 per night including b/fast for two



Spectacular

\$435 per night incl b/fast for one
\$470 per night incl b/fast for two



Cancellation policy

Cancellations and amendments made within 30 days of the intended arrival date will incur full charges of all the nights reserved

The Adina apartments

Located at 171 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4000, the Adina is in close walking distance to the W Hotel. Immerse yourself in the combination of new and old at the Adina Apartment Hotel Brisbane, a heritage-listed property centrally located on George Street, fully restored with a classic yet contemporary design.

Studio

\$270 per night, room only



One Bedroom

\$320 per night, room only





W Hotel Brisbane CBD

Discover the epitome of cosmopolitan sophistication and dynamic energy at W Brisbane, our 5-star luxury hotel located in the vibrant heart of Queensland's capital city, overlooking the iconic Brisbane River. Unwind in one of our 312 stylish rooms, including 32 expansive suites offering panoramic views from South Bank to Mt. Coot-Tha and beyond. Delight in an immersive dining experience at our signature restaurant, The Lex, or enjoy expertly crafted cocktails at Living Room Bar. Pamper yourself at AWAY Spa or soak up the Sunshine-State sun at WET Deck, our rooftop oasis featuring a 24/7 pool and cocktail bar with stunning views. With over 1,100 square meters of contemporary event spaces equipped with world-class AV facilities, W Brisbane sets the perfect stage for events of all sizes.

[Google Maps](#)

The conference will be held in the Great Room. A great space to come together and share valuable insights and knowledge.

Brisbane

Welcome to Brisbane, where big-city energy meets subtropical green. Whatever your speed, you can go play outside amid waterfront dining, rooftop bars or easy-to-get-to island escapes. This riverside stunner is a hub of arts, culture, and dining outdoors. Get active, get amongst it or just get horizontal by a hotel pool; you're spoilt for choice in this charismatic capital city.

Travel

Brisbane airport is located just over 20 min car ride from The W Hotel, Brisbane, with connecting flights from all states of Australia and New Zealand.

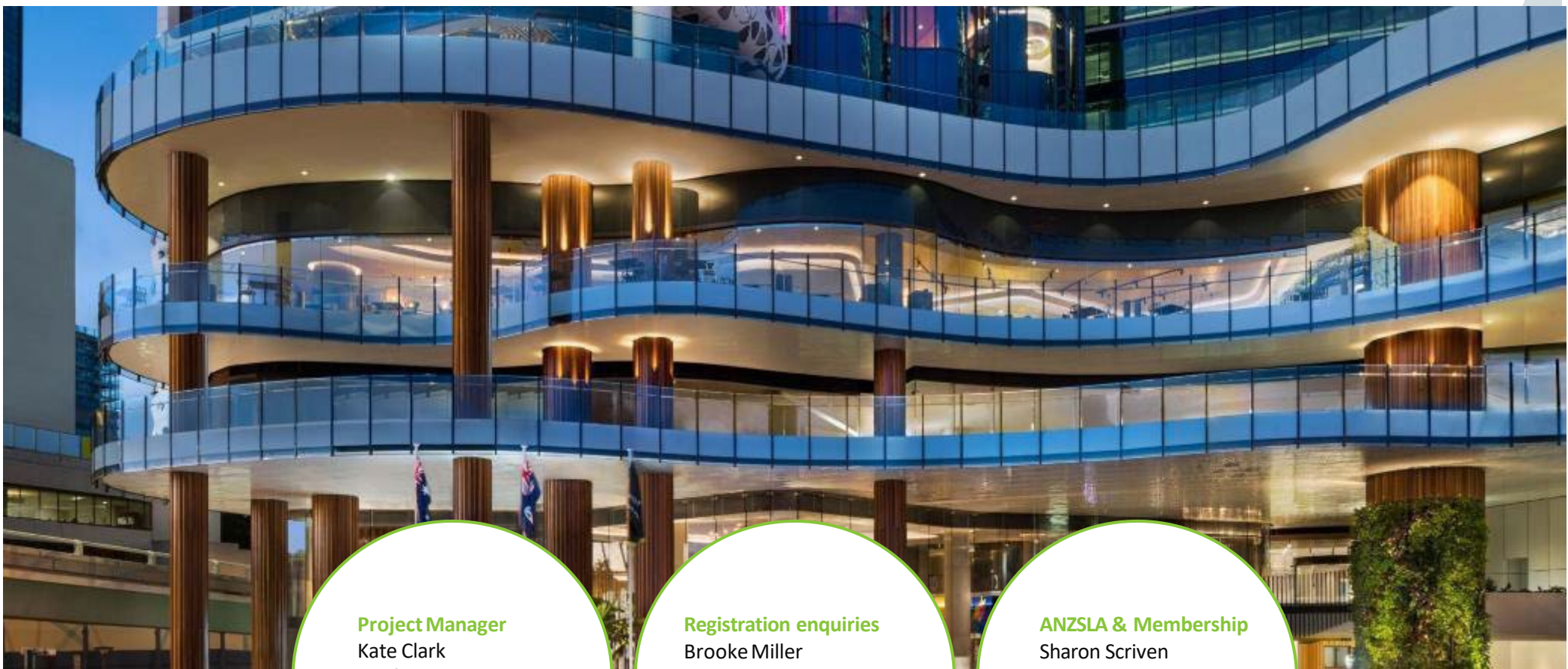
Getting to [The W hotel](#), Brisbane: [Google Maps](#).

Weather

You can expect average daily temperatures of between 18-25 degrees Celsius.

What's on! <https://visit.brisbane.qld.au/whats-on>





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