B’NAI B’RITH AUSTRALIA

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2025 TRIENNIAL CONVENTION PROGRAM



B’NAI B’RITH INTO THE FUTURE

‘New Strategies for New Times’

ACT Jewish Community Centre, 29 August – 1 September

DAY & TIME	EVENT/TOPIC	SPEAKER
FRIDAY 29 AUGUST **Pre-Convention Activities**		
2:00 PM	**Tour of Australian War Memorial (Cost $35) -** Book via Jack Aghion and pay into the BBANZ Convention bank account by 18/8/25. As an alternative members may choose to visit the **National Art Gallery** to see the Cezanne to Giacometti Exhibition. Please make your own arrangements.	
6:00 PM	**Shabbat Evening Service.**	
7:00 PM	**Shabbat Dinner (Additional Cost $37) -** Book via Jack Aghion and pay into the BBANZ Convention bank account by 18/8/25. Canberra Jewish Community to book via ACT JCC.	
SATURDAY 30 AUGUST		
9:30 AM	**Shabbat Morning Service and Kiddush** Canberra Jewish Community to book via ACT JCC.	Rabbi Gary Robuck
7:30 PM	**Dessert Buffet** **Official Welcome** **Registration Papers** **Book of Reports**	His Excellency The Ambassador of Israel & Dr Benny Monheit

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST		
8.30 AM (1 hour)	**Official Opening of Convention and BBANZ AGM** – previous minutes, book of reports, election of office bearers of new District Committee	**Chair:** Dr Benny Monheit
9:30 AM (1½ hours)	**Focus 1: Renewal**	**Moderator**: Janine Zimbler Speakers: TBC
11.00 AM (20 minutes)	**MORNING TEA**	
11.20 AM (30 minutes)	**Focus 2: Growth & Succession** **Special Presentation by BBYO Canberra**	BBYO Teens
11:50 AM (55 minutes)	**Keynote address by Mark Leach** – founder of 'Never Again is Now'	Mark Leach
12.45 PM (45 minutes)	**LUNCH**	Lunch with special guests: BBYO Canberra and parents, BBYO National Director
1:30 PM (1 hour)	**Focus 3 a: B'nai B'rith's role in combatting current antisemitism – external perspectives.**	**Moderator:** Peter Schattner Speakers: Mike Kelly (in person), Emeritus Professor Paul Spoonley (on video), Tahli Blicblau (in person), BBUK (on video).

2:30 PM (20 minutes)	**AFTERNOON TEA**	
2.50 PM (1 hour and 10 minutes)	**Focus 3 b: B'nai B'rith's Role in combatting antisemitism.** **Audience workshop** on the role that B'nai B'rith can play in combatting antisemitism. **Facilitators**: Mike Kelly, Mark Leach, Jim Salinger, Tahli Blicblau, one or two others from the Convention Committee or selected on the day.	**Moderator:** Peter Schattner and roving facilitators
4.00 PM	**CLOSE**	
7:00 PM	**GALA DINNER** **Installation of new BBANZ President & District Committee**	**MC James Altman**
MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER		
9:30 AM (1½ hours)	**Focus 4: B'nai B'rith's Role in supporting Israel - post October 7**	**Moderator:** Dr Benny Monheit BB Israel on video; Danielle Shilling
11:00 AM	**MORNING TEA**	
11:30 AM	**Session 6: Convention Wrap up**	
12:30 – 2.00 PM	**Working Lunch district committee**	