



15th Filipino National Conference
19-21 October 2018
Perth, Western Australia

***“Strengthening Filipino Communities
through Unity and Service”***

CONFERENCE GUIDE

About FILCCA

Website: www.filcca.org.au

The Filipino Communities Council of Australia (FILCCA) is the national umbrella body of Filipino community organisations in Australia and a catalyst for better Filipino-Australian relations both in the government and the private sector. Its constituent members are the recognised peak councils in all states and territories, namely:

- Philippine Community Council of NSW Inc (PCC NSW)
- Filipino Community Council of Victoria (FCCV)
- Filipino Community Council of Queensland Inc (FCCQ)
- Filipino Settlement Coordinating Council of South Australia (FSCCSA)
- Filipino Community Council of Western Australia (FCCWA)
- Filipino Community Council of the ACT Inc (FCCACT)
- Filipino Communities Council of Tasmania Inc (FCCTAS)
- Filipino Australian Association of the Northern Territory Inc (FAANT)

FILCCA hosts the Filipino National Conference every two years to provide an opportunity to gather all Filipino-Australian leaders and members of the community across the country to discuss and address concerns and issues affecting the Filipino-Australian Community as a whole; and to develop and implement strategies when dealing with issues at the local, national and international level.

About the Conference

The 15th Filipino National Conference aims to provide a forum that will enable the community to share, learn and contribute with one another, building on diverse experiences and expertise towards the development of future strategies. The conference is a collaborative community event, made possible with valuable support by Tourism Western Australia and the Perth Convention Bureau.

The 2018 conference theme of ***“Strengthening Communities Through Unity and Service”*** calls for all Filipino-Australian leaders and communities to regroup, rethink and redeploy inherent capabilities for the greater good of Filipinos in Australia.

We live in a complex world affecting our lives in Australia. Migration and citizenship issues have become constricted and taken a beating from Government policies and directions. The Anti-Discrimination Act that has served Australian harmony well has been under constant attack.

As a national body, we need to discuss how best to represent the interests of our community with a strong advocacy and lobbying work with policy makers from all sides of politics. Our effectiveness as community leaders and as a national body should be measured by the strength of our engagement with government policy makers. We need to make a mark!

Our ageing population, the aspirations of our youth, raising the status of women and the continuing demand for Filipino labour must be at the forefront of our engagement. We need to look at the impact of the Aged Care Reforms. A new engagement will be on housing cooperatives.

A range of expert speakers from business, government, non-governmental organisations (NGOS) and other resource persons from across Australia will stimulate our passions and develop new strategies in strengthening our communities. Unity shall define our leadership capabilities. Service will define the various advocacies in the next two years.

A separate National Youth Forum will be conducted simultaneously with joint plenary sessions.

Conference Topics

- Aged Care Reforms
- Housing Cooperatives
- Empowering Women
- Best Practice in Advocacy and Lobbying
- Challenges faced by Skilled Workers
- Migration and Citizenship

Gala Dinner and Awards Night

State presentations and awarding of the Filipino-Australian of the Year, Filipino-Australian Achiever, Leadership, Youth Achiever and Community Association will be held in the evening of Saturday 20 October.

About FCCWA – the State Host

The Filipino Community Council of Western Australia (FCCWA) was established and incorporated in 2011. The primary aim of FCCWA is to bring Filipino-Australian organisations together, living by its ethos, *'Together we move forward building communities'*. Currently, FCCWA has 21 affiliated organisations/groups in its fold.

FCCWA hosted the 2012 FILCC National Conference through the leadership of Mario Salinas. The state leadership went to Nestor Jongko in 2014 then to the current President, Dante Maribbay who was awarded the Filipino-Australian Achiever Award at the 2012 FILCCA National Conference. Mr Maribbay is currently the FILCCA President for 2016-2018.

FCCWA hosted the first FILCCA National Youth Summit in 2015 which gathered youth leaders from various states. It hosted the Gawad Kalinga (GK) Youth Ambassador 2015 and the Miss Philippines-Australia FCCWA 2016. The youth visited the GK projects especially the 300 homes for the homeless in the Philippines, headed by Cecilia Concepcion. There was also representation and participation by the youth at the 14th National Conference held in Toowoomba, Queensland in October 2016.

FCCWA sent delegates and represented FILCCA at the 3rd Global Summit of Balik-Bayani hosted by the Commission on Overseas Filipinos at the Manila Hotel in 2014. Dante Maribbay was also a delegate at the World Alliance for Peace Conference in South Korea.

About the Conference Venue:

Novotel Perth Langley Hotel

221 Adelaide Terrace Perth WA 6000 | www.novotel.com/Perth-Langley

This is a modern 4-star rating hotel, a short walk from the city centre. With airy rooms in light wood tones and muted colours, it is a haven for work or pleasure at Novotel. Perth's popular attractions and landmarks are within close proximity. It is a 10-minute walk from St Mary's Cathedral, while City Beach and Cottesloe Beach are only a short distance away. Crown Casino and Subiaco Oval are nearby as well as Perth Zoo. Kings Park and Lake Monger are well worth exploring, and the wine region of Swan Valley is just over half an hour away.

About Perth



Perth is a modern and vibrant capital city, boasting a desirable lifestyle, great geographic location and attractive investment opportunities. Perth's city centre is located around 20 minutes from the coast. Its superb location on the banks of the Swan River and nearby locations of natural bushland in Kings Park, make it a city centred on the great outdoors. A Guide to Perth is available at Tourism Australia website at www.australia.com.

As the capital city of one of the world's most significant mining regions, Perth is rapidly growing in both population and economic prosperity. The strength of the city's economy, especially its capabilities in the resource sector, ensures that both the city and the state are competitively placed for future investment and growth. Perth's close proximity to Asia opens great potential for investors in energy, minerals, tourism and hospitality, education and agriculture and food.

The large-scale capital works projects throughout the city and surrounding areas means Perth will change dramatically over the next 10 years. These developments provide great opportunities for investors and will drive further economic growth, creating more jobs and stimulating commerce in all industries.

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