

A Vision for Australia 2016

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Global Access Partners 7th Annual Economic Summit

Spaces of Australian Innovation

Legislative Assembly Chamber
 NSW Parliament House, Sydney
 15th – 16th September 2016



“There are no dreams too large, no innovation unimaginable and no frontiers beyond our reach.” - John Herrington, the first Native American to walk in space
“Make an empty space in any corner of your mind, and creativity will instantly fill it.” - Dee Hock, founding CEO of Visa International

Hosted by public policy and implementation institute Global Access Partners, the annual *Vision for Australia* Summit leads the national debate on productivity, infrastructure, innovation, employment, education and growth. It is held every September in the NSW Legislative Assembly Chamber for a select audience of 110 senior executives from government, business and academia. Delegates examine key issues which are then developed by multidisciplinary taskforces to produce pilots, projects and business ventures.

The 2016 Summit will showcase ‘**Spaces of Australian Innovation**’ and promote the design, creation and use of physical, virtual and metaphorical spaces to explore and empower our nation’s future. It will consider the conditions required for the Australian innovation ecosystem to thrive and the barriers that business and government should remove to unlock Australia’s potential.

Aiming for practical outcomes, the Summit will address the *What, Why, How and Who* of innovation and include perspectives on:

- ▶ **Space to Collaborate** in smarter cities as centres of entrepreneurship and creative culture
- ▶ **Space to Learn** and nurture Australian talent, embed design thinking, and foster personal and economic growth
- ▶ **Research Space** to encourage academia and industry to collaborate to commercialise research
- ▶ **‘Head Space’** – anything is possible, give it a go!
- ▶ **Outer Space** and the exciting potential of the emerging commercial space industry

The Summit will build on the contributions of GAP’s taskforces and consultative committees towards *A Vision for Australia*, an ongoing project to mobilise civil society, enrich debate, inspire action and achieve results. The parliamentary format of the Summit encourages open and constructive dialogue and offers unique networking opportunities for its speakers, delegates and international guests.

2016 SUMMIT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 15 September 2016
Strangers Function Room
NSW Parliament House

- 6:00pm Registration & Space to Play
- 7:00pm **Opening Dinner**
- 9:30pm Close

Friday, 16 September 2016
Legislative Assembly Chamber
NSW Parliament House

- 8:15am Registration
- 9:00am Session One
‘Head Space’, Outer Space, Virtual and Beyond... Creating spaces for Australian innovation
- 11:30am Session Two
How can Australia win the ‘space race’ to become a global innovation hub?
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:20pm Summary of Outcomes
- 2:30pm Close

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