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The Systems Leadership Association - Operating Committee Planning for 2026

The Operating Committee met face to face in Brisbane on Thursday 15 January to plan association activities for this year.

Attendees: Phillip Bartlett, Clive Dixon, Noel Rawlins, Richard Huelin, Emma Trumper, Andrew Moore, Katie O’Keeffe, Mark Potter

As you are aware our main focus will be the annual conference coming up on 21-23 May in Brisbane. The Conference Planning team has booked the Stamford Plaza and is in the process of finalising the program. More information and registration details are included in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Our Learning and Development team is organising an interactive online session for early in the year. There was much discussion about both the topics that may interest members and the most appropriate format. If you have any ideas or can assist in presenting learning and development activities please contact a Learning and Development team member.

The Community Engagement team shared a proposal for events to be held across the east coast cities in the final quarter of the year. We discussed whether this might be an informal get together or a dinner for people to network or engage in a workshop on a particular topic. This will be discussed further at conference, to canvas suggestions for topics of interest and people who may like to organise events.

The Library update focussed on the need to refresh the SLA website and encourage people to contribute articles or papers. Linked in could be used to circulate articles from the website, once a month. We also discussed the idea of developing an SLA Circle channel for discussions on topics which currently interest members. A moderator would need to be available so a critical issue is: how often would it need to be monitored and how do we organise a response?

All of these initiatives rely on us, as members, to contribute to the activities of the association. Any feedback on the work planned for this year or if you are able to help with any activities, please contact a member of the Operating Committee.



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Conference 2026 Registration

Venue: Stamford Plaza Brisbane, Brisbane Australia

Date: 21st - 23rd May

Theme: Measuring Our Success

Cost: \$545 per person* (This includes your attendance on all 3 days, your SLA membership fee for one year, networking event on Thursday evening and dinner on the Saturday).

**Special note: we are offering an Earlybird price of \$495 per person if you register and pay by the 31st March.*

Attendance at conference is limited to 60 people. In addition to presentations and workshops the program includes a cocktail party on Thursday evening, a conference dinner on Saturday night and a presentation to nominees for Life Membership of our association.

We are now calling for registrations please email our secreteriat Emma on enquiries@slassociation.org to secure your space.

Conferences Presentations and Workshops – Expression of Interest

Our conference will include a variety of presentations, workshops and interactive sessions. We are open to ideas you may have for different approaches to engaging members at conference.

The Conference Planning Team invites expressions of interest:

- Present how you use Systems Leadership in your organisation.
- Share a strategy or idea you find useful in your work.
- Issue a challenge/conundrum for others to contribute their thinking.
- Engage other members in a case study based on your work.
- Lead a workshop on an aspect of Systems Leadership modelling.

Ideally your expression of interest will include a topic and brief summary of what and how you intend to present. A member of the Conference Planning team will then get in touch with you to assist you to develop your presentation.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to Clive Dixon at dixonfreelance@icloud.com

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SLA polo shirts

SLA polo shirts are available to order to be collected at the conference. The shirts are 95% cotton, colour black with the SLA branding on the left pocket. Members of the Operating Committee wore these at the Melbourne conference and we are now making them available to all members to purchase.

These shirts are available in men's and women's sizes:
Men's size: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, Extra Large.
Women's size: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24.

Please contact our secreteriat Emma via enquiries@slassociation.org to place your order and organise payment and your polo shirt will be available to collect at conference. A polo shirt costs \$50.

Conference accommodation bookings

The hotel has provided us with a conference rate of 15% off retail rate for accomodation bookings. You will need to contact the Stamford Plaza Brisbane direct to book, or book via their website:

[Brisbane CBD Hotel Accommodation | Stamford Plaza Brisbane Hotel](#)

[The promo code for booking is SLA2026](#)

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New contact details for the SLA

Please note that the SLA now has a new email address - enquiries@slassociation.org, this is to reflect our updated name Systems Leadership Association. Please can we ask you to update your records and save our new address so that you continue to receive our communications.

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