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Thursday 29 October 2026

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration and arrival tea / coffee	Z Block Foyer
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	SOUL group networking (members only) Networking Bingo facilitated by Georgia Bailey , Chair, LOC.	Z411
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Morning tea	Z Block Foyer
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	OFFICIAL OPENING AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chair and official opening: Anna Feros , Director of Legal Services (Research), QUT and SOUL President Welcome to Country: Christopher McGregor , Mununjalli/Yuggera Keynote address: Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM	Z411
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch	Z Block Foyer
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 1 <i>Further Over the Horizon - Governance, Reform and the Road Ahead</i> Chair: Dennis Schubauer , Senior Legal Counsel (Research), Queensland University of Technology Presenters: Harriet Eager (moderator), Tom Fletcher , Kylie Diwell & Michael Wells , Minter Ellison CPD Category: Substantive Law* <i>Presented by our Platinum Sponsor</i> MinterEllison.	Z411
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Afternoon tea	Z Block Foyer

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSION ONE	<p><i>The new normal: Strategies to respond to AI powered claims</i></p> <p>Chair: Erin Gilmore, Senior Legal Counsel, Queensland University of Technology</p> <p>Presenters: Bridget Shelton & Will Spargo, Lander & Rogers</p> <p>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</p> <p>LANDER & ROGERS</p>	<p><i>"Can We Sign By Friday?" Research Funding with Strings Attached</i></p> <p>Chair: Benita McLennan, Special Counsel, Griffith University</p> <p>Presenters: Amelia Abbott & Alysha De Lazzari, Aspen Legal</p> <p>CPD Category: Professional Skills</p> <p> Aspen Legal SECONDMENTS LAW FIRM</p>
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4:00 PM - 5:00 PM CONCURRENT SESSION TWO	<p><i>Responding to Allegations of Staff and Student Sexual Harm: Practical Legal Strategies for Universities</i></p> <p>Chair: Sabine Sand, Manager, Research Legal, University of the Sunshine Coast</p> <p>Presenters: Lachlan Carr, Justita</p> <p>CPD Category: Substantive Law (0.5) + Practical Skills (0.5)</p> <p>JUSTITIĀ</p>	<p><i>Negotiating Key Licensing Issues: An Interactive Roleplay</i></p> <p>Chair: Alexandra Plasier, Senior Legal Counsel, Griffith University</p> <p>Presenters: Scott Bouvier & Karen Litherland, Mallesons, Chris Yapanis, Monash University & Sarah Ward, Adelaide University</p> <p>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</p> <p>MALLESONS</p>
	End of Day 1	
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM	<p>Conference Dinner at QAGOMA</p> <p>Begin the evening with drinks & canapes at the 'Make, Believe, Magic: The Worlds of The Jim Henson Company' exhibition at GOMA. Followed by dinner & entertainment by Mitch Dormer, The Piano Man at QAG.</p> <p><i>With thanks to our Platinum Sponsor</i> MinterEllison.</p>	

Friday 30 October 2026

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Arrival tea and coffee Z Block Foyer	
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	PLENARY SESSION 2 Z411 <i>When the Algorithm Hits the Fan: AI, Culture Wars, and Institutional Meltdown at an Australian University</i> Chair: Erin Gilmore , Senior Legal Counsel, Queensland University of Technology Presenters: Jennifer Wyborn, Shannon Chapman, Margaret Gigliotti & Kelly Coulston , Lander & Rogers <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</i> LANDER & ROGERS	
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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CONCURRENT SESSION THREE <i>University Workplace Law: What we're seeing and what's ahead</i> Chair: Steve Spinks , Senior Lawyer, Southern Cross University Presenters: Harriet Eager & Kate Pennicott , MinterEllison <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</i> MinterEllison.	<i>The Privacy Challenge: What Universities Need to Know Now</i> Chair: Benita McLennan , Special Counsel, Griffith University Presenters: Christy Miller & Eleanor Dickens , Clayton Utz <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</i> CLAYTON UTZ
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Morning tea Z Block Foyer	
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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	CONCURRENT SESSION FOUR <i>Navigating Freedom of Speech and Workplace Laws on Campus</i> Chair: Georgia Bailey , Legal Counsel, University of Queensland Moderator: John Naughton , Senior Legal Counsel, University of Queensland Presenters: Mark Flaherty & Grace Brunton-Makeham , Makeham Flaherty <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law</i> MAKEHAM FLAHERTY	<i>Head in the Cloud – Anatomy of a large-scale University system procurement</i> Chair: Donna Do , Legal Counsel, Queensland University of Technology Presenters: Simon Lewis, Hamish Fraser & Chantal Tipene , Sparke Helmore & Kieran Ryan, Australian Catholic University <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</i> Sparke • Helmore
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch Z Block Foyer	
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	PLENARY SESSION 3 Z411 <i>General Counsel Panel Discussion</i> Chair and Moderator: Di Barker , General Counsel, Secretary, Chief Legal, Assurance & Governance Directorate, Australian Catholic University Panellists: Jane Beaumont , University of Tasmania, Lisa Filippin , Victoria University, Beth Cubitt , Curtin University <i>CPD Category: Professional Skills</i>	

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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM CONCURRENT SESSION FIVE	<i>Student Conduct in a Changing Environment</i> Chair: Anne Prentice , University of the Sunshine Coast Presenters: Bronwyn Furse, Elissa Speight, Hayden Delaney, Jacquie Seemann & Robert Andersen , Thomsons <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law*</i> 	<i>Contract Termination in Higher Education: From First Principles to Complex Projects</i> Chair: Jessica Boyd , Senior Legal Counsel, University of Western Australia Presenter: Georgia Hunt , Maddocks <i>CPD Category: Substantive Law</i>  Maddocks
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Afternoon tea Z Block Foyer	
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	PLENARY SESSION 4 Z411 <i>Vicarious Trauma in Law</i> Chair: Steven Spinks , Senior Lawyer, Southern Cross University Presenter: Professor David Heilpern , Dean of Law & Chair of Discipline, Southern Cross University <i>CPD Category: Professional Skills (Career Development)</i>	
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Closing Session Anna Feros , Director of Legal Services (Research), QUT and SOUL President	
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	SOUL 2026 Cocktail Reception Owen J Wilson Room, S Block <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <i>With thanks to our Gold Sponsor</i>  </div>	

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