

2024 NQLA CONFERENCE

The Ville Resort-Casino, Townsville
Friday 24 May to Saturday 25 May 2024



PRACTICAL LEGAL ETHICS
PROFESSIONAL SKILLS
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND
BUSINESS SKILLS

**10 CPD
POINTS**



ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY
PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND
BUSINESS SKILLS
SUBSTANTIVE LAW, PRACTICE AND
PROCEDURE, AND EVIDENCE
BARRISTERS' SKILLS



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Thursday 23 May 2024

5:30PM **Delegate Registration**

5:30PM – **Welcome Drinks** | Quarterdeck – The Ville Resort-Casino
7:30PM

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Followed by an evening at leisure. Delegates are encouraged to meet colleagues at Welcome Drinks and catch up for dinner at any of the restaurants / bars at The Ville Resort-Casino or Ardo, next door. Bookings are essential for dining.



Friday 24 May 2024

7:30AM – **Delegate Registration, Conference Registration** | The Pavilions – The Ville Resort-Casino
8:15AM

8:15AM – **Conference Opening and Welcome to Country**

9:00AM
Presenters: **Lorelei Billing** President, North Queensland Law Association
Rebecca Fogerty President, Queensland Law Society
Michael Brennan Director, SV Partners – Townsville
Chief Justice Helen Bowskill Supreme Court of Queensland
Wulgurukaba Walkabouts Traditional Owners - Gurumbilbarra and Yunbenun

9:00AM – **COMPULSORY CPD | Legal Ethics | BARRISTER STREAM and SOLICITOR STREAM**

10:00AM
Presenters: **Judge Joshua Treviño KC** District Court of Queensland
Cate Heyworth-Smith KC Barrister-at-Law, Level 33 Chambers
Rebecca Fogerty President, Queensland Law Society
Chair: **Judge Dean Morzone KC** District Court of Queensland

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10:00AM – **PLENARY SESSION 1 | Diversity & Inclusion**

11:00AM
Presenters: **Tilè and Olly** Tilè and Olly Meets Podcast
Chair: **Ann-Maree David** Executive Director, College of Law

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Tilè and Olly are two Queensland Lawyers, who host the podcast "Tilè and Olly Meets" and have had the chance to interview some extremely influential legal minds, in only their first season. Season 1 explored and showcased diversity in the legal profession, and in this plenary, Tilè and Olly will discuss their findings.

11:00AM – **Morning Tea**
11:30AM

COMMERCIAL STREAM

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Welcome from **First Title**

Presenter: **Gary Lee**

FAMILY STREAM

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Welcome from **Macpherson Kelley**

Presenter: **Mark Metzeling**

LITIGATION & ADVOCACY STREAM

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Welcome from **31 Sturt Chambers**

Presenter: **Justin Gregory KC**

11:30AM –
11:45AM

11:45AM – **Indefeasibility and other Property Law Super Powers**

Presenter: **Will Evans**
Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers
Chair: **Jo-Anne Fitchett**
Consultant, Connolly Suthers Lawyers

Complex Property Settlement Matters

Presenters: **Philip Looney KC**
Barrister-at-Law, 19 Inns Chambers
Deanna Musumeci
Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers
Chair: **Jessica Shuttleworth**
Associate, Wilson/Ryan/Grose Lawyers

Assessing Quantum in Personal Injury Matters

Presenter: **Justice James Henry**
Supreme Court of Queensland
Chair: **Justice David North**
Supreme Court of Queensland

12:45PM –
1:30PM

Lunch

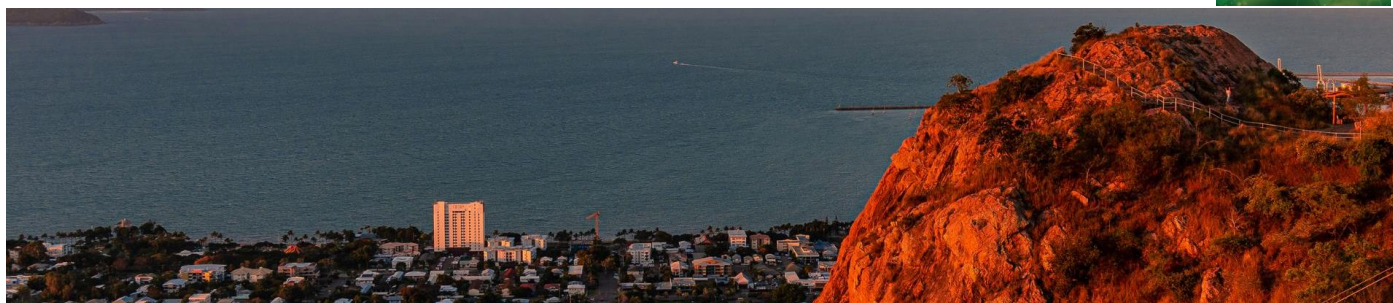


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	COMMERCIAL STREAM Sponsored by First Title	FAMILY STREAM Sponsored by Macpherson Kelley	LITIGATION & ADVOCACY STREAM Sponsored by 31 Sturt Chambers
1:30PM – 2:30PM	Liquidation, Administration & Restructuring Presenter: Michael Brennan Director, SV Partners – Townsville Chair: Matthew Keating Senior Associate, Keir Steele Waldon Lawyers	Litigating Family Law Matters: A view from the Bench (Part 1) Presenters: Justice Richard Schonell Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Judge Terry Betts Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Judge Patricia Cope Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Snr Judicial Registrar Corey Jenkins Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Panel Facilitator: Michael Fellows Barrister-at-Law, Sir George Kneipp Chambers	Expert Evidence Presenter: Anna Morgan Director, Expert Witness Coach Chair: Sarah Singh Practice Leader North Queensland, Splatt Lawyers
2:30PM – 3:30PM	How to effectively implement Artificial Intelligence into your (and your client's) business Presenter: Mark Metzeling Principal, Macpherson Kelley Chair: Anthony Collins Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Litigating Family Law Matters: A view from the Bench (Part 2) Presenters: Justice Richard Schonell Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Judge Terry Betts Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Judge Patricia Cope Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Snr Judicial Registrar Corey Jenkins Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Panel Facilitator: Michael Fellows Barrister-at-Law, Sir George Kneipp Chambers	The Mental Health Review Tribunal Presenters: Matt Heelan Full-Time Member, Mental Health Review Tribunal Chair: Michael Murray Supervising Solicitor, Townsville Community Law
3:30PM – 4:00PM	Afternoon Tea		
4:00PM – 5:00PM	COMPULSORY CPD Practice Management Skills / Professional Skills		
	SOLICITORS IN MANAGEMENT Sponsored by First Title Identifying recent legislative changes affecting the LGBTQIA+ community in Queensland Presenter: Duncan MacDougall President, Pride in Law Chair: Kate Bone Legal Counsel-Coordinator, Mackay Regional Council	SOLICITORS IN PRACTICE Sponsored by Macpherson Kelley 50 Shades of Grey: Fear and failure in the practice of law Presenter: Merissa Martinez Barrister-at-Law, Paloma Chambers Chair: Jessica Keir Senior Associate, Keir Steele Waldon Lawyers	BARRISTERS Sponsored by 31 Sturt Chambers Conducting Jury Trials Presenter: Jeffrey Hunter KC Barrister-at-Law, Lucas Chambers Chair: Justin Gregory KC Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers
5:00PM – 6:00PM			
6:00PM – 9:00PM	Friday Knock Offs Panorama Lawns, Castle Hill <i>With picturesque views, live music courtesy of Sarah Little and catering and drinks by Michel's Events, join your fellow delegates for a sunset to remember at the top of Castle Hill for an alfresco cocktail party. Shuttle buses will get you to and from the event, from The Ville. Tickets included with your Conference Registration (additional available for purchase).</i> Attire: Smart Casual		

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Saturday 25 May 2024

8:00AM –
8:30AM

Conference Arrival and Delegate Registration | The Pavilions – The Ville Resort-Casino

	COMMERCIAL STREAM Sponsored by First Title	FAMILY STREAM Sponsored by Macpherson Kelley	LITIGATION & ADVOCACY STREAM Sponsored by 31 Sturt Chambers
8:30AM – 9:30AM	Assessing capacity for Estate matters Presenter: Bianca Stafford Associate, Maurice Blackburn Chair: Beth Rolton Partner, Travis Schultz & Partners	Assessing & Addressing Unacceptable Risk Presenter: Justice Peter Tree Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Coercive Control Presenter: Justice Jacoba Brasch Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) Chair: Deanna Musumeci Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Criminal Law Panel Presenters: Judge Gregory Lynham District Court of Queensland Andrew Walklate Principal Crown Prosecutor, QDPP Claire Grant Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers Chair: Judge John Coker District Court of Queensland
9:30AM – 10:30AM	Legal Representation and Costs in QCAT Proceedings Presenter: Ann Fitzpatrick Senior Member, QCAT Chair: Ashleigh Harrison Senior Solicitor, FNQ Legal	De Facto Relationship Debate Presenters: Alex Raeburn Barrister-at-Law, Cullinane Chambers Renae Stocks Barrister-at-Law, Sir George Kneipp Chambers Chair: Rowan Pack Barrister-at-Law, Sir George Kneipp Chambers	The National Sports Tribunal and Advocating for Athletes Presenter: Rebecca Ogge Principal, Ogge Family Law and Sports Law Chair: Mark Fenlon Senior Prosecutor, Queensland Police Service & Tribunal Chair, Townsville Hockey
10:30AM – 11:00AM	Morning Tea		
	COMMERCIAL STREAM Sponsored by First Title	FAMILY STREAM Sponsored by Macpherson Kelley	LITIGATION & ADVOCACY STREAM Sponsored by 31 Sturt Chambers
11:00am – 12:00pm	Unfair Contracts Presenter: Douglas Campbell KC Barrister-at-Law, 18 Inns of Court Chair: Jerry Tucker Special Counsel, Bottoms English Lawyers	Complex Parenting Matters Presenter: Kathryn McMillan KC Barrister-at-Law, Quay 11 Chambers Surrogacy Presenter: Stephen Page Director, Page Provan Lawyers Chair: Kellie Mythen Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Representing Clients in the Coronial Jurisdiction Presenters: Magistrate Stephanie Williams Northern Coroner Michael Murray Supervising Solicitor, Townsville Community Law Chair: Jessica Shuttleworth Associate, Wilson/Ryan/Grose Lawyers
12:00PM – 1:00PM	Private Moments: things we can no longer discuss Presenter: Paul Telford Barrister-at-Law, 18 Inns of Court Chair: Jerry Tucker Special Counsel, Bottoms English Lawyers	The Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Law Presenter: Stephen Foley Founder, Legal Ready Dealing with Disclosure Presenter: Snr Judicial Registrar Kerrie Stuart Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) Chair: Rebecca Casanovas Associate, Family Lawyers Mackay	Guardianship and Administration Act – Applying for Guardianship Presenters: Joanne Brown Senior Member, QCAT Chair: Dannielle Woodward Associate, Wallace & Wallace Lawyers
1:00PM – 1:30PM	Light Lunch		
1:30PM – 2:30PM	PROFESSIONAL SKILLS BARRISTER STREAM and SOLICITOR STREAM The Art and Science of Persuasion Presenters: Saul Holt KC Matt Jackson Chair: Michael Murray		
		Barrister-at-Law, 8 Petrie Terrace Chambers Barrister-at-Law, 8 Petrie Terrace Chambers Supervising Solicitor, Townsville Community Law	

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North Queensland Law Association

2:30PM –
3:45PM

PLENARY SESSION 2 | Working with Interpreters

Presenters:

Chief Justice Helen Bowskill
Judge Alexander Horneman-Wren SC
Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett
Magistrate Dzenita Balic
Chair:
Judge Tracy Fantin

Supreme Court of Queensland
District Court of Queensland
Magistrates Court of Queensland
Magistrates Court of Queensland
District Court of Queensland

The NQLA are extremely grateful for the availability of such an esteemed panel for the second plenary session of the Conference. In our multicultural society, the need for an interpreter when working with a client is increasing and, in this session, we hear how this growth in the need and use of interpreters is viewed from the Bench.

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3:45PM –
4:00PM

CLOSING REMARKS

Presenter:

Lorelei Billing

President, North Queensland Law Association

4:00PM –
4:15PM

NORTH QUEENSLAND LAW ASSOCIATION 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

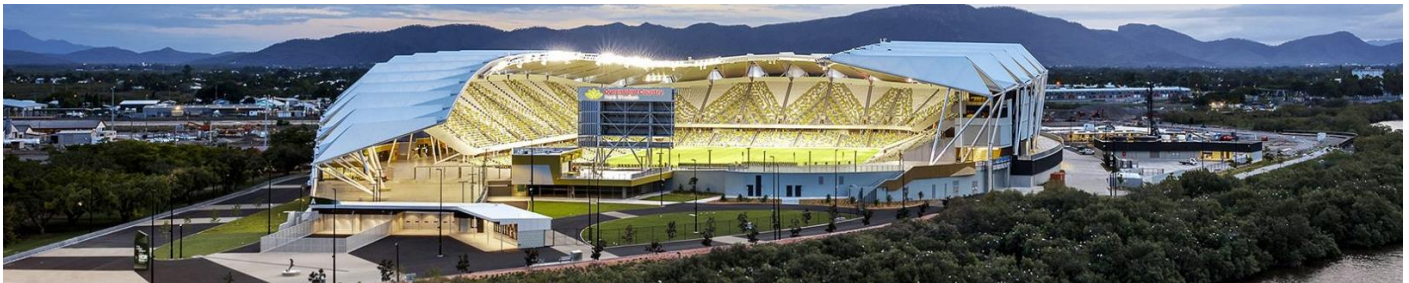
4:15PM –
6:00PM

6:00PM –
LATE

NQLA PROGRESSIVE DINNER | Queensland Country Bank Stadium

Join the NQLA for a formal night with a difference! Hosted at the Queensland Country Bank Stadium, we've got a few surprises up our sleeves for you to make this a night to remember. Catch a shuttle bus from the front of The Ville to the Stadium and enjoy the wonderful food, fantastic views, beverage package and live entertainment. Buses depart The Ville from 5:45pm. Tickets are to be purchased in addition to your Conference Registration.

Attire: Black Tie



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SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Judiciary	Chief Justice Helen Bowskill Supreme Court of Queensland	Justice Peter Tree Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1)	Justice Richard Schonell Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1)
	Justice Jacoba Brasch Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 1)	Justice James Henry Supreme Court of Queensland	Judge Terry Betts Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 2)
	Judge Patricia Cope Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 2)	Judge Alexander Horneman-Wren SC District Court of Queensland	Judge Gregory Lynham District Court of Queensland
	Judge Joshua Treviño KC District Court of Queensland	Deputy Chief Magistrate Anthony Gett Magistrates Court of Queensland	Magistrate Dzenita Balic Magistrates Court of Queensland
	Magistrate Stephanie Williams Northern Coroner	Snr Judicial Registrar Corey Jenkins Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia	Snr Judicial Registrar Kerrie Stuart Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Div 2)
Barristers	Ann Fitzpatrick Senior Member, QCAT	Joanne Brown Senior Member, QCAT	Matt Heelan Full-Time Member, Mental Health Review Tribunal
	Douglas Campbell KC Barrister-at-Law, 18 Inns of Court	Kathryn McMillan KC Barrister-at-Law, Quay 11 Chambers	Jeffrey Hunter KC Barrister-at-Law, Lucas Chambers
	Philip Looney KC Barrister-at-Law, 19 Inns Chambers	Saul Holt KC Barrister-at-Law, 8 Petrie Terrace Chambers	Cate Heyworth-Smith KC Barrister-at-Law, Level 33 Chambers
	Paul Telford Barrister-at-Law, 18 Inns of Court	Claire Grant Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Merissa Martinez Barrister-at-Law, Paloma Chambers
	Alex Raeburn Barrister-at-Law, Cullinane Chambers	Matt Jackson Barrister-at-Law, 8 Petrie Terrace Chambers	Renaë Stocks Barrister-at-Law, Sir George Kneipp Chambers
Solicitors	Deanna Musumeci Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Will Evans Barrister-at-Law, 31 Sturt Chambers	Andrew Walklate Principal Crown Prosecutor, QDPP
	Stephen Page Director, Page Provan Lawyers	Michael Brennan Director, SV Partners – Townsville	Anna Morgan Director, Expert Witness Coach
	Mark Metzeling Principal, Macpherson Kelley	Rebecca Ogge Principal, Ogge Family Law and Sports Law	Bianca Stafford Associate, Maurice Blackburn
	Lorelei Billing President, North Queensland Law Association		
Key Note Speakers	Rebecca Fogerty President, Queensland Law Society	Duncan MacDougall President, Pride in Law	Stephen Foley Founder, Legal Ready
	Tilè and Olly <i>Tilè and Olly Meets Podcast</i>		

REGISTRATION FEES

	Incl. GST
Member early bird on or before 21 April 2024	\$880.00
Member standard after 22 April 2024	\$990.00
<i>Registration includes NQLA membership, entry to "Welcome Drinks" and "Friday Knock Offs"</i>	
Corporate Package Three (3) transferable delegate tickets <i>Registration can be transferred after each session</i> <i>Registration includes 3 x entry to "Welcome Drinks" and "Friday Knock Offs"</i>	\$2,640.00
One Day Registration One day registration standard <i>Registration includes one day at the NQLA Conference as selected by the delegate and entry to the Friday Night Event</i>	\$550.00
Junior Practitioner Registration	
Junior Practitioner early bird on or before 21 April 2024	\$550.00
Junior Practitioner standard after 22 April 2024	\$770.00
<i>Available to practitioners who have three years or less PAE.</i> <i>Registration includes NQLA membership, entry to "Welcome Drinks" and "Friday Knock Offs"</i>	
Friday Night Event – "Friday Knock Offs" additional tickets (each)	\$85.00
Saturday Night Event – "NQLA Progressive Dinner" tickets (each) must be purchased separately	\$170.00

ACCOMMODATION



The Ville Resort-Casino has provided a discount code for Delegates accommodation, for those wishing to stay at the venue. When booking, please insert the Code "**NQLA2024**" and the discount of 15% will be automatically applied to your booking. Room availability is limited so we strongly recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.



Townsville's newest and only 5 Star Resort has opened next door to The Ville. **Ardo** is simply, stunning - the epitome of North Queensland luxury. From the rooftop infinity pool, three (3) dining options (*Marmor, Terasu* and *Rooftop*), there is surely something for everyone. Only a 2-minute walk from The Ville Resort-Casino, Ardo is also open for bookings. Book now to avoid disappointment.

DISCLAIMER: Whilst all care is taken to ensure the correctness of this Program, the NQLA reserve the right to vary, amend or change the Program without notice. This is to largely accommodate speakers and other volunteers.

DINING OPTIONS

Staying at The Ville or Ardo? We've got you covered for your dining options

Located at The Ville Resort-Casino



Quarterdeck – All Good Vibes

Alfresco, casual dining by day. Playground by night. Welcome to **Quarterdeck**: Serving cocktails + dreams + good times with some of the best views of Magnetic Island Townsville has to offer.
No bookings required. Walk in only.



The Palm House – World of Surprises

Experience the unexpected delights of a buffet revival, showcasing an eclectic selection of worldwide cuisine at **The Palm House** for Breakfast and Dinner.
Bookings essential.



Miss Songs – Funky Fresh Fusion

Surrender your senses to Asian fine dining at **Miss Songs** with a modern, tropical Queensland twist. Start with traditional Chinese cuisine and add in inspiration from all over Asia and combine it with the finest fresh produce North Queensland has to offer.
Bookings essential.



Spin Café – Soul Food

Retreat to the comforting classics at **Spin Café**: the perfect place to unwind and catch up for a chit chat over some coffee and cake, a light meal, or a full-on feed.
No bookings required.

Located at Ardo



Marmor – A union of land and sea, where ocean meets pasture in elevated Australian dining

Marmor is a celebration of the country's finest produce: prime cuts of beef from Australia's most renowned cattle producers; abundant treasures fresh from the warm waters off the rugged coastline; and the best seasonal ingredients our region has to offer.
Bookings essential.



Terasu – Illuminated Japanese cuisine. Get lost in flavour at Terasu

With the bright lights of Tokyo as a muse, Ardo have created a lively take on casual Japanese dining that packs a punch.
Bookings essential.



Rooftop - The spirit of Ardo lives where the sky is close enough to touch

A place where the rhythm of the sun rules, and the rules don't matter. Refreshments on repeat with views to the horizon that just won't end.
Bookings essential.

SIGNATURE SOCIAL EVENTS

WELCOME DRINKS | Thursday 23 May 2024 | 5:30PM – 7:30PM | Quarterdeck, The Ville Resort-Casino

Included in Conference registration

A traditional start to the SV Partners 2024 NQLA Conference, welcome drinks are held at Quarterdeck. Drinks and canapes provided (and it's all included in your delegate registration!). Come down, say hello, and have a well-deserved cold one! Dinner options are abundant, so make sure you book early to secure a table!

Dress: Smart Casual

FRIDAY KNOCK OFFS | Friday 24 May 2024 | 6:00PM – 9:00PM | Panorama Lawns, Castle Hill

Included in Conference registration (additional tickets \$85.00 each)

The absolute best venue for a Friday afternoon drink to see out the work week. Superb views. Delectable Canapes. Ice Cold drinks. Entertainment and good vibes? Check! What more could you want? Oh, a shuttle bus to and from the venue? Done!

Thanks to our friends at **XRX Business Centre**, the NQLA have you covered to see out the working week and day 1 of the SV Partners 2024 NQLA Conference. Buses will depart The Ville at 5:30PM and 6:00PM, returning from the venue at 9:00PM and 9:30PM, stopping at various locations back to The Ville.

Dress: Smart Casual

NQLA PROGRESSIVE DINNER | Saturday 25 May 2024 | 6:00PM – LATE | Queensland Country Bank Stadium

Tickets must be purchased separately for \$170.00 each

You asked for it, so we delivered! A sit-down dinner... with a twist! With thanks to our friends at **Lexus of Townsville**, get ready for some surprises for a night not to be forgotten. See the QCB Stadium from another view, with a three-course dinner and drinks package. Tickets are limited and not included in your registration, so make sure you book to secure your spot!

Shuttle buses will depart The Ville to get you to the event, so get frocked up and ready for something special!

Dress: Black Tie

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6.00PM - LATE
4 HOUR DRINKS PACKAGE
3 COURSE DINNER
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