ANN: Going Platinum: Australian Responses to the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952-2022

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Going Platinum: Australian Responses to the Reign of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952-2022
Convened by Dr. Cindy McCreery/Modern Monarchy in Global Perspective Research Hub, The University of Sydney
Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 June 2022

Gadigal land/The University of Sydney, Australia (via ZOOM) - Times below are AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

N.B. The week before the conference, a computer file of Trevor Graham’s film ‘A Royal Romance’ (2010, 55 minutes) will be sent to all registered conference participants in preparation for the discussion with Trevor Graham on Monday 20 June 9.30 a.m.

Monday 20 June

9 a.m. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome and Introduction - Dr. Cindy McCreery, The University of Sydney

9.30 a.m. Discussion with Trevor Graham of film ‘A Royal Romance’ [subject to confirmation of Trevor’s location/time zone!]

10.30 a.m. Morning Tea Break

11 a.m. Panel 1 The Monarchy and Australia’s Changing Civic Order

Queen Elizabeth II and the Official Honours System
Dr. Karen Fox, The Australian National University

Royal Visits of the Hawke Era
Prof. Frank Bongiorno, The Australian National University

‘The unpleasant errand’: Paul Keating and the Queen at Balmoral, 1993
Prof. James Curran, The University of Sydney

12.30 Lunch Break

1 p.m. Panel 2 The Queen and Country: Indigenous and rural Australians meet the British monarch

A uniquely intimate connection? the Queen and Central Australia
Megg Kelham, Professional historian, Alice Springs
Remembering Assimilation: Queen Elizabeth II’s 1954 visit to Shepparton, Victoria
Dr. Samuel Furphy, The Australian National University

2 p.m. Afternoon Tea

2.30 p.m. Panel 3  TBC

4 p.m. Homes Away from Home: the Houses of Windsor
Professor Stuart Ward, University of Copenhagen

5 p.m. Close of Day 1

Tuesday 21 June

9.30 a.m. Keynote Address 1

Professor Jenny Hocking, Monash University and University of Western Sydney
Royal secrets, the dismissal, and historical fictions: How the Palace letters case ended the Queen’s embargo and transformed history

10.45 a.m. Morning Tea

11.15 Panel 4 Australian leaders and Queen Elizabeth II

Crown and Commonwealth: Robert Randolph Garran and the 1954 Royal Visit
Colin Milner, The Australian National University

‘The living and lovely centre of our enduring allegiance’: Robert Menzies and Queen Elizabeth II as a gendered symbol of imperial unity
Dr Bethany Phillips-Peddlesden, Research Centre for Deep History/Australian Historical Association

12.15 Lunch Break

12.45 Panel 5 Royal visits, community and memory

Planning, staging and remembering ‘that glorious day': The Queen’s visit to Bondi 1954
Emeritus Professor Donna Lee Brien, Central Queensland University and Australian Catholic University

The British monarchy, celebrity, and settler colonialism
Dr. Holly Randell-Moon, Charles Sturt University

1.45 Afternoon Tea Break

2.15 p.m. Keynote Address 2

Professor Jane Lydon, University of Western Australia
Popular Royalism, The Republican Debate and Emotional Politics

3.30 pm Close of Day 2

Wednesday 22 June

9.30 a.m. Panel 6 Material Culture and the Queen: Symbols and Objects from Australia's National Collections

Coronation fever: Australian experiences of the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II
Amy Lay, National Archives of Australia
Dr. Laura Cook, National Museum of Australia

Seal of Approval: The Queen and her role as seen through the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia
Patrick Ferry, National Archives of Australia

11 a.m. Morning Tea Break

11.30 University of Sydney History Honours Student Presentations

Object Histories

1 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 p.m. Roundtable Discussion chaired by Cindy McCreery

2.30 Conference Close

Optional post-conference activities for those in Sydney:

Tour of Chau Chak Wing Museum, The University of Sydney, 3 p.m. (TBC)

Conference dinner (at own expense), 6 p.m. Thai Potong Restaurant, King Street Newtown (TBC)