



The
Thirty-Second Conference
of
The Samuel Griffith Society

29th April – 1st May, 2022



**Novotel Brighton Beach Hotel
Cnr Grand Parade, Princess Street
Brighton-Le-Sands, NSW 2216**

Friday, 29 April 2022

2:30pm: **Special Pre-Conference Event**
30th Anniversary Afternoon Tea

Opening Dinner

6:30pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks

7:30pm: **Dinner** (Chair: Honourable Ian Callinan, AC)

Speaker: Honourable Mark Latham, MLC — “The Rise of Woke”

Vote of thanks: Tom Switzer (Executive Director, Centre for Independent Studies)

Saturday, 30 April 2022

8:30am: Registration

8:45am: Opening Remarks

Session A: *Federalism and the Covid-19 Pandemic*

9:00am: Professor Anne Twomey, AO — “State Border Closures”

9:25am: Discussion

9:35am: Associate Professor Janina Boughey — “Executive Accountability in Emergencies: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic”

10:00am: Discussion

10:10am: Associate Professor William Coleman — “The Federation of 1901: The Case Against”

10:35am: Discussion

10:45am: **Morning Tea**

The 12th Sir Harry Gibbs Memorial Oration

11:15am: Honourable James Allsop, AO — “Being a Judge”

11:40am: **Break**

Session B: “*The Judiciary and Issues of Judicial Method*”

11:50am: Honourable Simon Steward — “The Judicial Burden in the 21st Century”

12:20pm: Discussion

12:35pm: **Lunch**

1:30 pm: Guy Reynolds, SC — “The Prorogation Case: A Study in Judicial Activism”

2:00pm: Discussion

2:15pm: Jonathan Horton, QC — “Storming the Citadel of Text: Limits Beyond Words”

2:45pm: Discussion

Session C: “Australian democracy – then and now”

3:00pm: Honourable Alister Henskens, SC, MP — “Democracy and Free Speech in Contemporary New South Wales”

3:25pm: Discussion

3:35pm: **Afternoon Tea**

Session D: “Cases of interest”

4:00pm: Gerard Henderson — “The Pell Case, the Law and the Media”

4:30pm: Discussion

4:45pm: Professor James Allan — “Reasonable, Proportional, Legitimate, Necessary and Appropriate”

5:15pm: Discussion

5:30pm: **Free Time**

Saturday Night Dinner

6:30pm: Pre-Dinner Drinks

7:00pm: **Dinner (Chair: Honourable Nick Minchin, AO)**

Speaker: Honourable Tony Abbott, AC — “Topic to be announced”

Vote of thanks: Honourable Neil Brown, QC

Sunday, 1 May 2022

Session E: “The Crown”

9:15am: Professor David Flint, AM — “30 years of the Republic Debate”

9:40am: Discussion

9:50am: Matthew White, SC — “The Palace Papers”

10:15am: Discussion

10:25am: **Morning Tea**

Session C (cont...): “Australian democracy – then and now”

10:50am: Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, AM — “Protecting Human Rights in a Federal System”

11:15am: Discussion

11:25am: Associate Professor Salvatore Babones — “Liberalism and the Tyranny of Experts”

11:50am: Discussion

12:00pm: Nyungai Warren Mundine, AO — “Empowering the First Nations of Australia”

12:25am: Discussion

12:35pm: **Concluding Remarks**
Honourable Ian Callinan, AC

Speakers:

Honourable Tony Abbott, AC Former Prime Minister of Australia

Professor James Allan Garrick Professor of Law, University of Queensland

Honourable James Allsop, AO Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia

Associate Professor Salvatore Babones Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Sydney

Associate Professor Janina Boughey University of New South Wales, Faculty of Law

Honourable Ian Callinan, AC Former Justice of the High Court of Australia

Associate Professor William Coleman College of Business and Economics, ANU

Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, AM President, Australian Human Rights Commission

Professor David Flint, AM National Convenor, Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy

Gerard Henderson Author, Columnist and Political Commentator

Honourable Alister Henskens, SC, MP Minister in the New South Wales Government

Jonathan Horton, QC Barrister, Level Eleven Inns of Court, Brisbane

Honourable Mark Latham Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council

Nyungai Warren Mundine, AO Businessman and Advocate

Guy Reynolds, SC Barrister, Sixth Floor Chambers, Sydney

Honourable Simon Steward Justice of the High Court of Australia

Professor Anne Twomey, AO Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Sydney

Matthew White, SC Barrister, Nine Wentworth Chambers, Sydney

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