



After COVID-19: Creating the Best of Times from the Worst of Times

Thursday 5th November, 2020
Government House, Sydney

One hundred years after the 1918 Spanish flu claimed more than 50 million lives, pandemics remain on the list of major global risks. They are difficult to predict and invariably alter the course of history in ways we cannot foresee. The impact of this year's COVID-19 pandemic spread quickly well beyond the people it infected, creating massive shifts across society and all sectors of the economy.

The pandemic has exposed the social and economic vulnerabilities of today's highly leveraged and interconnected world. It has also compounded prevailing existential risks for Australia, including the impact of climate change, a decade of household income stagnation, and an erosion of critically important political institutions that underpin national prosperity and our free, open, democratic society.

The Royal Society of New South Wales will again join with the four Learned Academies of Australia to stage our annual Forum in Government House, Sydney, on 5th November under the gracious Vice Regal Patronage of Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales. The Forum will examine how the COVID-19 pandemic has become a wake-up call for all of us to drive a wide-ranging, national program that will create a more resilient, self-sufficient and prosperous Australia.

Transformations achieved already during the pandemic include escalations of telemedicine, automation, and digital commerce and communications, to name but a few. These show us what is possible when the wrecking-ball of a virus exacts its human and economic toll. Our challenge now is to take these transformations further and build the society and institutions we envisage for a much better future.



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OPENING SESSION

Welcome from the Royal Society of NSW and Four Learned Academies

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08:30 08:50 Registration

08:50 08:55 Guests are seated

08:55 09:15 Governor is announced into the Ballroom

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
Ian Sloan AO FAA FRSN President, Royal Society of NSW

Official Opening
Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales

Introduction to Moderator and Rapporteur
Susan Pond FTSE FRSN Chair, Forum Program Committee

Moderator and Rapporteur
Eric Knight FRSN Executive Dean, Macquarie Business School

Keynote Address

9.15 10.15 **Peter Hobbins** Principal Historian, Artefact Heritage Services
Immunity from History: What We Can Learn from Collective Responses to Crises

10.15 10.45 MORNING TEA – Served on verandah

SESSION I – FORGING A RESILIENT FUTURE FOR AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH

10.45 11.45 **Genevieve Bell AO FTSE** Distinguished Professor at the Australian National University, Director of the 3A Institute, and Senior Fellow at Intel
The New Normal? Living in the Liminal and What Comes Next?

Jordan Nguyen Founder and CEO Psykinetic
Emerging Generations and Evolving Intersections Between Technology and Humanity

SESSION II – SWEEPING CHANGES TO AUSTRALIA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

11.45 12.45 **Teresa Anderson AM** CEO, Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health
COVID-19: Transforming the Way we Provide Health Care

Gregory Dore Head, Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney
The Australian COVID-19 Public Health Response: Lessons and Future Directions

12.45 14.00 LUNCH – Served on verandah

SESSION III – AUSTRALIA'S CULTURE AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

14.00 15.00 **Larissa Behrendt AO FASSA** Distinguished Professor, University of Technology
The Weaving Power of Indigenous Storytelling

Bethwyn Serow Arts and Policy Strategist
For What it's Worth: Performing Arts Value Lost and Found during COVID-19

SESSION IV – RESHAPING AUSTRALIA'S INSTITUTIONS

15.00 16.00 **Is the COVID Moment A Time for Reform?**
Martin Parkinson AC PSM FASSA Chancellor, Macquarie University and **Anne Tiernan** Dean (Engagement) Griffith Business School, Griffith University in conversation with **Julianne Schultz AM FAHA** Professor, Media and Culture, Griffith University; Chair, The Conversation

16:00 16:30 **Eric Knight FRSN** Rapporteur

16.30 18.00 REFRESHMENTS – Served on verandah

ABSTRACTS & BIOGRAPHIES

08:50 - 09:15 **OPENING SESSION**

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Emeritus Professor Ian Sloan AO FAA FRSN



Professor Ian Sloan, President of the Royal Society of New South Wales, has physics and mathematics degrees from the University of Melbourne, a Master's degree in mathematical physics from the University of Adelaide,

a PhD in theoretical atomic physics from the University of London, and an Honorary Doctorate of the University from the University of New South Wales. In a 50-year career at the University of NSW, he has published extensively on theoretical physics and computational mathematics, and won numerous awards, including the Lyle Medal of the Australian Academy of Science and the George Szekeres Medal of the Australian Mathematical Society.

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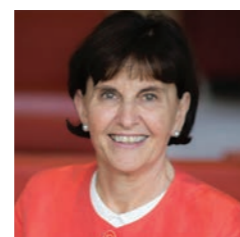


Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC is the 39th Governor of New South Wales, commencing her five year tenure on 2 May 2019. Prior to her appointment as Governor, Her Excellency enjoyed a long and distinguished law career

spanning 43 years, during which time she served as a role model for women in law at both the State and National level. Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989, in 1993 she was made a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, the first woman to sit exclusively in that Court. In 1996, she achieved the distinction of being the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and, subsequently, the first woman to be appointed as its President. She was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List on 26 January 2020 for "eminent service to the people of New South Wales, particularly through leadership roles in the judiciary, and as a mentor of young women lawyers".

Introduction to Moderator and Rapporteur

Dr Susan Pond FTSE FRSN



Susan Pond is an experienced leader in business and academia, recognised for her national & international contributions to science, technology and medicine. Currently, she is Vice-President of the Royal Society of NSW,

Chair of the NSW Smart Sensing Network, Governor in Council Member of the Queensland University of Technology, and non-executive director of several listed or private companies, including the Trusted Autonomous Systems for Defence Cooperative Research Centre. Most recently, Susan was Director of Sydney Nano, a multidisciplinary initiative at The University of Sydney. She is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Engineering & Information Technologies at The University of Sydney.

Moderator and Rapporteur

Professor Eric Knight FRSN

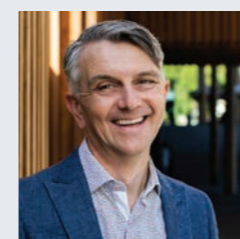


Professor Eric Knight is the Executive Dean and Professor of Strategic Management at Macquarie Business School, Macquarie University. Previously he was with the University of Sydney where he was Professor of Strategic

Management in the Business School, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research - Enterprise & Engagement) for the University. He is a Rhodes Scholar, Fulbright Senior Scholar, and has held visiting positions at the University of Oxford and Stanford University. Professor Knight is an internationally recognised scholar in the fields of organisational theory and strategic management. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) from the University of Oxford, before working in industry for the Boston Consulting Group for several years. He is an award winning teacher, leading curriculum innovation in online, undergraduate and MBA formats. He has served on numerous boards, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

09:15 - 10:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Dr Peter Hobbins



Dr Peter Hobbins is a professional historian with expertise in the history of science, technology and medicine. Trained as a pharmacologist, he worked as a medical writer before pursuing his passion for

history. Now Principal Historian at Artefact Heritage Services, Peter is an honorary affiliate in the Department of History at the University of Sydney and a Visiting Scholar at the State Library of NSW.

His publications have spanned snakebite and its remedies, infectious diseases, quarantine, immunisation and aviation safety. Peter has written two books: *Venomous Encounters: Snakes, Vivisection and Scientific Medicine in Colonial Australia* and *Stories from the Sandstone: Quarantine Inscriptions from Australia's Immigrant Past*, which won a 2017 NSW Premier's History Award. His third book, on Australian aircraft accidents, is currently underway.

Committed to public history, Peter has delivered over 130 community and academic presentations and featured in the 2020 Australian Story episode on the 'Spanish' influenza pandemic.

Immunity from History: What We Can Learn from Collective Responses to Crises

History is often evoked as a form of immunisation, as though prior exposure to a threat should protect us from its recurrence. The galloping crises of 2020 were no exception, with historians invited to offer guidance in the face of 'unprecedented' challenges to our social and environmental fabric. But what illumination, inspiration or consolation can we meaningfully draw from the past?

In revisiting the history of environmental, medical and technological hazards, this presentation explores the histories of snakebite, pandemics and aircraft accidents. Did common threads unite effective responses to these challenges? Did they offer partial immunity from recurrent threats, or merely the illusion of protection? And what was the most effective scale of intervention - local, national or global? Moreover, how might we translate our history for the futures that we face together?

**Distinguished Professor Genevieve Bell
AO FTSE**

Genevieve Bell is a Distinguished Professor, Director of the 3A Institute (3Ai) and Florence Violet McKenzie Chair at the Australian National University (ANU) and a Vice President and a Senior Fellow at Intel Corporation. Genevieve

completed her PhD in cultural anthropology at Stanford University in 1998 and is best known for her work at the intersection of cultural practice and technology development. In 2020, Genevieve was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of her distinguished service to education, the social sciences and cultural anthropology. In 2017, after having spent 18 years in Silicon Valley helping guide Intel's product development and social science and design research capabilities, Genevieve joined the ANU as the inaugural director of the 3A Institute, co-founded by the ANU and CSIRO's Data61. The Institute's mission is to establish a new branch of engineering to responsibly and sustainably scale AI-enabled cyber-physical systems.

The New Normal? Living in the Liminal and What Comes Next

On March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. All over the world, in a myriad of different ways, we are still in the midst of that pandemic – it has profoundly impacted our daily lives, our communities, our economies and even the way we think about our futures. And it has raised a lot of questions both about how to describe this moment, how to make sense of it, and also to start to prepare for what might come next, and what the new rules, values and practices might be, and how those could impact all of us. In this talk, Professor Bell lays out a framework for how to think about this pandemic moment, especially as it relates to the use of technology in our homes, communities, governments and businesses. She also speculates about what might come next and how we might want to approach a post-pandemic world.

Dr Jordan Nguyen

Dr Jordan Nguyen is a biomedical engineer, inventor, TV presenter, and author of *A Human's Guide to the Future*. Upon completing his PhD in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Technology Sydney, he was accepted into

the prestigious UTS Chancellor's List. Drawing on his experience of almost breaking his own neck, he developed a mind-controlled smart wheelchair for people with high-level physical disability. Now as founder of Psykinetic, he designs life-changing technologies focusing on intelligent, futuristic and inclusive technology, for disability, aged care and towards positive impact solutions for all. Jordan is always focussed on the ever-evolving intersections between technology and humanity, and how our advancements can benefit our future humanity. He creates and presents documentaries on ABC Catalyst and Discovery Channel uncovering the advancements, ethical issues and positive impact opportunities in our globally advancing science and technology. He was a 2017 finalist in Australian of the Year for NSW, named in the Top 100 Most Influential People Globally on Virtual Reality, listed in Harper BAZAAR Australia's Visionary Men 2019, and he recently had the honour of being Master of Ceremonies for former President Barack Obama during his visit to Australia.

Emerging Generations and Evolving Intersections Between Technology and Humanity

Our new generations are technological natives and do not know a world without the smart technologies of today. Dr Jordan Nguyen has worked with many schools and as a host, judge and ambassador for a range of school innovation competitions. He has opened STEM rooms so kids can apply science, coding, and technology to things that matter to them. The emerging generations are more connected and intelligent than the generations before them at their age. They face many more challenges too, but all this has been brought about by global connection and the rise of digital technologies. Emerging generations want to know they can make a difference so it's valuable to recognise where talented individuals will move in the future. What are they capable of? And with the rapid evolution of many realms of science and technology from robotics to AI to extended reality, what might their future look like?

Dr Teresa Anderson AM FIPAA

Dr Teresa Anderson B.App Science (Speech Pathology) PhD is the Chief Executive of Sydney Local Health District, one of the leading public health services in Australia. She has more than 35 years of experience as a clinician and health service executive. She

has a well-established reputation for implementing strategies to foster innovation and best practice, supporting collaboration, and building partnerships. An internationally recognised speech pathologist, she is passionate about developing programs and services to support and improve the health and wellbeing of all people in the community. In 2018, Dr Anderson was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her service to community health and to public administration in New South Wales as a clinician, manager and health service executive. Dr Anderson is a Vice President and has been made a Fellow of the NSW Institute of Public Administration Australia, is a member of seven Medical Research, Health and PHN boards and is an active member of the Sydney Health Partners Governing Council and Executive Management Group, one of the first four centres in Australia designated by the NHMRC as an Advanced Health Research Translation Centre.

COVID-19: Transforming the Way we Provide Health Care

The sustainability of the Health Care system has been a matter of significant debate and discussion internationally. The rapid transformation of the healthcare system, including hospitals, into the virtual world has been an unexpected but welcomed consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. The lessons learnt from the response to COVID-19 will provide us with insights to create a more sustainable and robust health system of the future. The COVID-19 pandemic has tested healthcare organisations like few other crises in living memory. In this extraordinary context, resilient and reliable healthcare organisations are marked by their capacity for learning and continual improvement. In NSW, the Health System has had to rapidly adapt, learn and cope with complexity under pressure to protect the community and to continue to deliver high quality and safe care. A range of new models of care have been rapidly developed and implemented in response to COVID-19 including the development of the Special Health Accommodation to quarantine and provide complex health care to those in the community (including international travellers) who are, or are at risk of being, COVID-19 positive and the pivoting of *rpavirtual*, a newly established virtual health service, to deliver an innovative model of care in a clinically rigorous and safe manner. Through reviewing the rapid evolution of these new models of care, we will explore the key lessons for health organisations.

Scientia Professor Gregory Dore

Scientia Professor Dore is Head, Viral Hepatitis Clinical Research Program, Kirby Institute, UNSW Sydney, and Infectious Diseases Physician, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia. He has been involved in viral hepatitis and HIV epidemiological and clinical

research, clinical care and public health policy for 20 years. He has developed extensive national and international collaborations and is internationally recognised in the areas of HCV natural history and epidemiology, therapeutic strategies for acute and chronic HCV infection, particularly among people who inject drugs, and HCV elimination strategies. Professor Dore was a member of National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Council and is a NHMRC Practitioner Fellow. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences. Professor Dore has been involved in the Australian COVID-19 response in clinical and public health roles. He is on a national sub-committee evaluating post-COVID illness.

The Australian COVID-19 Public Health Response: Lessons and Future Directions

The COVID-19 pandemic has been the major public health issue of the 21st Century. The intersection of infectious disease control, public health, and community wellbeing has made the response in Australia and globally highly politicised. The initial Australian strategy was to "flatten the curve" to avoid overwhelming healthcare systems, particularly intensive care. Restrictions on entry to Australia, community support for physical distancing, and enhanced test-trace-isolate capacity enabled a relatively small "first wave" in March-April. The major resurgence from July, predominantly in Victoria, demonstrated the highly infectious nature of SARS-CoV-2 and that COVID-19 "holds up a mirror" to public health responses, finding any weaknesses. Debate continues on the appropriate national strategy, currently control or "suppression", rather than a more ambitious "elimination" strategy. Future challenges will include continued need for community behaviour change and specific restrictions to avoid further major resurgences, improving protection for vulnerable populations, and development of a vaccine implementation strategy.

Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt AO FASSA

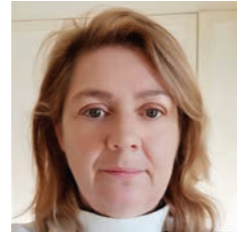


Distinguished Professor Larissa Behrendt AO is a Eualayai/Gamillaroi woman and the Director of Research and Academic Programs at the Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research at the University of Technology, Sydney. Professor Behrendt is a graduate of the UNSW Law School and has a Masters and SJD from Harvard Law School. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and a founding member of the Australian Academy of Law. Professor Behrendt has published numerous textbooks on Indigenous legal issues and is an award-winning filmmaker. She won the 2018 Australian Directors Guild Award for best Direction of a Documentary Film for *After the Apology*. Her most recent documentary, *Maralinga Tjarutja* was broadcast on the ABC in 2020. Professor Behrendt won the 2002 David Uniaon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for her novel *Home*. Her second novel, *Legacy*, won a Victorian Premiers Literary Award. Her most recent book is *Finding Eliza: Power and Colonial Storytelling* (2016, UQP). She is a board member of the Sydney Festival, the Australian Museum, the Sydney Community Fund and the Chair of the Cathy Freeman Foundation. Larissa was awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year. She is the host of *Speaking Out* on ABC Radio.

The Weaving Power of Indigenous Storytelling

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the arts sector, with Indigenous practitioners particularly hard hit. But Indigenous storytelling and creative practice will play an important role in reinvigorating the sector and in rebuilding a fractured economy and community. COVID-19 has heightened divisions within the community. Reshaping the arts sector post-pandemic will require special attention to rebuilding the economic, social and cultural fissures. Special attention will need to be paid to revitalise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts sector. This is also, however, as we rebuild after a crisis, an opportunity to ensure the centrality of Indigenous storytelling in the national narrative.

Bethwyn Serow



Bethwyn Serow was appointed Executive Director of the Australian Major Performing Arts Group (AMPAG) in 2012 because of her extensive experience in arts administration, policy development, industry research and industrial relations. She led

support for the arts on issues such as the impact of COVID-19, skilled migration, funding frameworks, major performing arts organisations, education, art creativity and the 21st century workforce, cultural diplomacy and charity framework reform. Bethwyn's professional career began in screen production in Australia and Europe. She was Production Executive and Policy Manager for Screen Producers Australia where she facilitated industry advocacy across a range of areas. She has been a television producer and director working on productions with ABC TV, BBC TV, Channel 7, Granada and Yorkshire TV. Bethwyn has also worked with creative government agencies, NSW Film & TV Office, Film Australia and the Australian Film Commission and served on many government and industry committees.

For What it's Worth: Performing Arts Value

Lost and Found during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had great economic impact on and yielded much information about the value of the performing arts. Most performing arts enterprises are not-for-profit, highly geared in the market, and require upfront investment ahead of uncertain returns. COVID-19 borders created special challenges for interstate and international co-productions and elite performers. Performing artists were hit especially hard during the pandemic necessitating rapid shifts in operational and funding strategies, not only in Australia but overseas. A deep sense of isolation and loss of arts events drove a highly engaged uptake by audiences of digital performances, livestreamed and recorded, and public recognition of the central place that culture and creativity play in the daily lives of most Australians. The pandemic has driven adaptation and innovation in arts digital production and engagement with the expectation that this platform will persist post-COVID potentially deepening and expanding access. Collectively strategising to strengthen the interconnections between arts and industries such as tourism and hospitality and retail, health, education and general wellbeing and cohesiveness of our community may well uncover opportunities for us to build back better.

Is the COVID Moment A Time for Reform? Dr Martin Parkinson and Professor Anne Tiernan in conversation with Professor Julianne Schultz.

The COVID pandemic has reminded us of the importance of good governance and of capable and appropriately responsive public sector institutions in fulfilling the state's duty of care to its citizens, economy and society. This discussion will explore how effectively Australia – the Commonwealth, the States, the Federation as a collective, business and civil society – has met this expectation. It will consider the strengths and weaknesses that were revealed by the COVID-19 X-Ray, the lessons and new opportunities for reform. The challenge goes beyond recognising the problems and opportunities. The bigger task is how to mobilise collective ability and willingness to act to address them. Failure to do so could have repercussions for generations. What capabilities will position Australia to navigate the pandemic's long-term impacts – the vulnerabilities and inequities that it has laid bare? Can social cohesion, confidence and trust in democracy be sustained? What would enable Australia to realise a 'better normal' for our citizens in its wake? Are the economic tools of the past sufficient? Are there other forms of knowledge, including expertise in human behaviour, that need to be factored into the response? What lessons can be drawn from other countries, and from a dispassionate analysis of the past? This is not a crisis to waste. The cost of failure could linger for generations. Success could be transformative and set the country up to thrive.

Professor Julianne Schultz AM FAHA



Julianne Schultz AM FAHA is professor of media and culture in the Griffith University Centre for Social and Cultural Research, and chair of The Conversation. She is the founding editor and publisher of *Griffith Review* the multi award winning quarterly of ideas and culture. Dr Schultz has served on numerous media, arts and public policy boards including the ABC and Grattan Institute, and chaired the Australian Film Television and Radio School and the Reference Group for the National Cultural Policy.

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Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, FASSA



Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM served in Commonwealth Government leadership positions on economic, social, foreign, defence and national security policies for almost 40 years. As the Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister

and Cabinet between 2016 and 2019, Martin was Australia's most senior public servant. He served as Secretary to the Treasury between 2011 and 2014 and before that was Secretary of Australia's inaugural Department of Climate Change from 2007. During his tenure as Secretary, Martin led Australia's key public sector organisations during a period of considerable political uncertainty, serving under five different Prime Ministers. Currently Chancellor of Macquarie University, a non-executive director of Worley, North Queensland Airports and Male Champions of Change, Martin is a member of the NT Economic Reconstruction Commission and previously served on the boards of the Reserve Bank, Orica, the German Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce and Chaired the Australian Office of Financial Management.

Professor Anne Tiernan



Professor Anne Tiernan is the Dean (Engagement) of the Griffith Business School. She is a political scientist who has had careers in federal and state government, consultancy and teaching. Anne is respected for her independent, research-

informed analysis and commentary on national politics, public administration and public policy, and consults regularly to Australian governments at all levels. Professor Tiernan's research focuses on the work of governing. She has written extensively on the political-administrative interface, policy capacity and executive advice, including in six books, articles in national and international journals, and the upcoming *Oxford Handbook of Australian Politics*, of which she is co-editor. Anne is a National Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, a Fellow of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), and a member of the Board of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House.

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The Royal Society of New South Wales Society advances studies and investigations in all dimensions of learning, including Science, Art, Literature and Philosophy, facilitates the exchange of information and ideas amongst the Members and Fellows of the Society and others, disseminates knowledge to the people of New South Wales and beyond through its Journal and Proceedings, its public library and collections, and recognises excellence through its scholarships, grants, awards prizes and other distinctions.



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