



**THE
ROYAL SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

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1303rd ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022 AT 6.30PM

**GALLERY ROOM AT THE STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
(ENTRANCE FROM SHAKESPEARE PLACE)**

AGENDA

1. WELCOME – President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

1.2 Diversity and Inclusion statement

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the 1302nd Ordinary General Meeting held on 6 April 2022

3. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

As no valid objection was lodged within two weeks following the 1302nd Ordinary General Meeting, the election of the following new Member took effect from the date of that meeting held on 6 April 2022.

3.1 Member

Mr Jeffrey Styles

4 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

At its meeting on 5 April 2022, the Fellows and Members Assessment Committee made the following recommendations for Fellowship. These recommendations were circulated to Councillors on 10 April. No valid objections were received from Councillors. If no valid objections are received from members within two weeks of this meeting, that is, by 6.30pm on Wednesday 15 June 2022, the election of the following new Fellows takes effect from the date of this meeting.

4.1 Fellows

Professor Lisa Adkins
Professor Julie Cairney
Dr Geoffrey Cohn
Professor Robyn Dowling
Professor Michelle Leishman
Professor Anna Reid
Professor Moninya Roughan
Professor Rathan Subramaniam

4.2 Member

Mr Zile Yu

4.3 Associate Member

Mr Keval Gandhi

5 REPORT FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

The President will provide a verbal report on matters emanating from the May 2022 Council meeting.

6 QUESTIONS

7 THIS EVENING'S PRESENTATION

FEDERALISM, BORDERS AND NATIONAL CABINET — WHAT HAS THE PANDEMIC TAUGHT US?

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

Anne Twomey is a Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Sydney. She has previously worked for the High Court, the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee, and the Cabinet Office of New South Wales. She has had practical experience in the operation of federalism, when working for the NSW Government, and has written extensively on federalism in the academic sphere.

Professor Twomey will discuss who is responsible for matters such as State border closures, quarantine and vaccine mandates, and what the Constitution has to say about it. The operation of a federal system in a national crisis, such as a pandemic, can cause confusion, but also reap benefits. The National Cabinet was supposed to provide national coordination while still allowing each State to deal with the different circumstances it faced. Has it succeeded, or is it just a mechanism for spreading a cloak of secrecy over government operations?

8 VOTE OF THANKS

9 CLOSE – President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN