



**Australian Institute of International Affairs
R. G. Casey Forum
“R.G. Casey as Minister for External Affairs 1950-60, Fifty Years On”**

The Sir David Smith Meeting Room, Government House, Yarralumla, ACT
Tuesday 9 February 2010

Program

- Arrival** **9.00**
- Welcome to the Forum** **9.15-9.30**
- Welcoming Remarks:
Clive Hildebrand, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Opening Remarks:
Garry Woodard, Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne, and former National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Session 1: R. G. Casey and Australian International Thinking** **9.30-10.15**
- Presenter:
Professor James Cotton, Australian Defence Force Academy, University of NSW
- Moderator:
John Robbins CSC, National Deputy Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Morning Tea** **10.15-10.45**
- Session 2: R. G. Casey and James Plimsoll: a Close Working Relationship** **10.45-11.30**
- Presenter:
Jeremy Hearder, Consultant, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Moderator:
Dr Susan Boyd, former senior Australian diplomat and President of the Western Australia Branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Session 3: R. G. Casey and Arthur Tange as Minister and Permanent Head** **11.30-12.15**
- Presenter:
Professor Peter Edwards AM, Department of American Studies, School of International Studies, Flinders University
- Moderator:
Professor Joan Beaumont, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Lunch **12.15-1.15**

Session 4: The Substance and Relevance of Australia's Diplomacy and Foreign Policy in the Casey Era, 1951-60 **1.15-2.15**

Facilitator:

Garry Woodard, Senior Fellow, University of Melbourne and former National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Panel of former senior Australian diplomats:

Robert Furlonger CB, former Director-General, Office of National Assessments

Pierre Hutton, former Private Secretary to R.G. Casey, 1958-60 and Head of Mission to Nigeria, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, The Sudan and Switzerland

James Ingram AO, former Director, Australian Development Assistance Bureau and former Executive Director, UN World Food Programme

Alfred Parsons AO, former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Singapore and Malaysia

William Pritchett AO, former Secretary, Department of Defence

Richard Woolcott AO, former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 1988 to 1992

Richard Gardner, former Private Secretary to R. G. Casey, 1955-58

Afternoon Tea **2.15-2.45**

Session 5: Dick and Maie Casey in Partnership **2.45-3.30**

Presenter:

Dr Diane Langmore AM, former Senior Fellow and General Editor of the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, and author of *Glittering Surfaces*, a biography of Maie Casey

Moderator:

Dr Shirley Scott, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of NSW and Chair of the Research Committee of the Australian Institute of International Affairs

Closure **3.30-4.00**

Some Points from the Discussion:

Geoffrey Miller AO, former senior Australian diplomat and National Vice President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Closing Remarks:

Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Forum Participants

Dr Nicholas Brown, Senior Fellow, History Program, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU
Dr Barbara Cooper, Director Projects, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT
Peter Henderson AC, former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 1979-84
Dr Matthew Jordan, Executive Officer, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT
Dr Ai Kobayashi, School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne
Professor Michael L'Estrange AO, former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2005-09
Dr David Lee, Director, Historical Publications and Information Section, DFAT
Professor William Maley AM, Director, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, ANU
Eric Meadows, Research Fellow, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University
Professor Anthony Milner AM, Basham Professor of Asian History, Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU
Colin Milner, Director, Papua New Guinea and Torres Strait Section, DFAT
J. R. Nethercote, Public Policy Institute, Australian Catholic University, Canberra
Dr Bronwyn Stevens, University of the Sunshine Coast, researcher PM&C role in foreign affairs
Professor Hugh White, Director, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU
The Honourable Michael MacKellar, former Federal Minister and President of the Victorian Branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs

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Mrs Robin Burnett, NSW Branch [for Session 5]
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