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THE EMBLEMATIC AUSSIE? AUSTRALIAN EMBLEMS IN COUNTERPOINT

Emeritus Professor Roland Sussex and Professor John Pearn

If ever there was an emblem of a people, Sir Winston Churchill was it. Not that every Englishman (or Australian, or Canadian, or Scot ...) wanted to look or sound like him. That was beyond human capacity. But people saw in Churchill aspects, qualities, and fine resonant words, to which they responded. He stood for them by being himself. For the 2024 Churchill Lecture, Roly Sussex and John Pearn will address a related question, prompted by the Churchill emblem: What are the aspects, qualities and words that evoke and stand for an Australian?

Event Information

Date and time: Friday 26 July 2024, 6 pm start

Venue: Glasgow Room, United Service Club, 183 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill

Cost: \$85 members, \$95 non-members

Drinks: Cash bar available

Dress code: Black tie or lounge suit and evening dress

Complimentary limited parking available after 5 pm, entry, Upper Edward Street

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Professor Roland Sussex OAM FQA

Chevalier des Palmes Académique, Emeritus Professor, University of Queensland

Roland (Roly) Sussex is Professor Emeritus of Applied Language Studies at The University of Queensland. Before that he was Professor of Russian at the University of Melbourne. Since “retiring” he has been busy as a public intellectual, researching, giving community talks and broadcasting on language for ABC radio in Brisbane (27 years) and Adelaide (20 years). His main current research projects are concerned with language in Australia, and with pain and its expression, especially in different languages and cultures.

Professor John Pearn AO RFD MD

Senior Medical Officer, Queensland Children’s Hospital, Brisbane

Major General Professor John Pearn is a Senior Medical Officer based at the Queensland Children’s Hospital. He has served as a senior paediatrician and research scientist for five decades at the Children’s Hospitals in Brisbane. In a parallel career in military medicine, he served on operational service during Confrontation in Papua and New Guinea in 1966; and as the senior physician and intensivist in Forward Surgical Teams on operational service in Vietnam (1970) and in the UN Emergency Response in Rwanda (1994–95). For a triennium he served as the Surgeon General in the Australian Defence Force. He is also a professional historian, with many publications.

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