



**THE
ROYAL SOCIETY
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH KNOWLEDGE SINCE 1821

1304th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 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 1303rd Ordinary General Meeting held on 1 June 2022

3. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

As no valid objection was lodged within two weeks following the 1303rd Ordinary General Meeting, the election of the following new Fellows, Members and Associate Members took effect from the date of that meeting held on 1 June 2022.

3.1 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

3.2 Member - Mr Zile Yu

3.3 Associate Member - Mr Keval Gandhi

4 REPORT FROM COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

The President will provide a verbal report on matters emanating from recent activities.

5 QUESTIONS

6 THIS EVENING'S PRESENTATION

THIS IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT: LEARNING TO LIVE WITH CHINESE POWER

**Professor Hugh White AO FASSA Professor Emeritus of Strategic Studies,
Australian National University**

Hugh White spent much of his career in the Australian Government, including as International Relations Advisor to Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Deputy Secretary for Strategy in the Department of Defence. He was the founding Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, and from 2004 to 2011 he was Head of ANU's Strategic and Defence Studies Centre. His major publications include *Power Shift: Australia's future between Washington and Beijing*, [2010], *The China Choice: Why America should share power*, [2012], *Without America: Australia's future in the New Asia* [2017], and *How to defend Australia*[2019]. In the 1970s he studied philosophy at the universities of Melbourne and Oxford.

China's rise drives the most consequential shift in Australia's international environment since European settlement. So far we are in denial about this, hoping that a reassertion of American supremacy will contain China's power and preserve the old US-led regional order which has served us so well. But what are the chances of those hopes being realised, and what can we do if they are dashed? How does Australia make its way in an Asia no longer dominated by our Great and Powerful Friends? How we answer that question will do much to define us as a nation.

7 VOTE OF THANKS

8 CLOSE – President, Dr Susan Pond AM FRSN