



## Invitation: Palace Letters Half-Day Seminar

The Whitlam Institute is pleased to invite you to a special half-day seminar, **The Palace Letters, Archival Practice and Australian Democracy**.

In 2020, Distinguished Whitlam Fellow, Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking AM, won a historic High Court action against the National Archives of Australia, securing the release of the secret 'Palace Letters' between the Queen and then Governor-General, Sir John Kerr, at the time of the 1975 dismissal of the Whitlam government.

The release of the Palace Letters has opened a rich field for further research, which the Whitlam Institute is delighted to support through the establishment of *The Palace Letters Fellowship*. The Fellowship has been made possible by the public support for Professor Hocking's long efforts to ensure the release of this historic correspondence.

Hear from **Distinguished Fellow Emeritus Professor Jenny Hocking** and the Palace Letters Fellows **Dr Joshua Black, Dr Kerry Nixon & Emeritus Professor Neville Yeomans AM** at this special half day seminar.

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

**Place:** Whitlam Institute, Female Orphan School,  
Western Sydney University (Parramatta South Campus).

**Time:** 9:15AM - Palace Letters Symposium  
1:00PM - Light Lunch

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