



Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

You are cordially invited to the launch of

Australia and the Suez Crisis 1950–1957

by Robert Bowker and Matthew Jordan

To be launched by the Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs
The Hon Tim Watts MP

Commissioned by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for the *Documents on Australian Foreign Policy (DAFP)* series, this volume is the first comprehensive documentary survey of Australia's involvement in the Suez Crisis of the 1950s. The volume is based on a thorough review of archival materials and includes many items not previously accessible or discussed in the historical literature. The volume provides the evidence to assess the contributions of Prime Minister R. G. Menzies, his government and departmental officials at a time of difficult choices between strategic connections with the United States and historical, cultural and economic links with the United Kingdom.

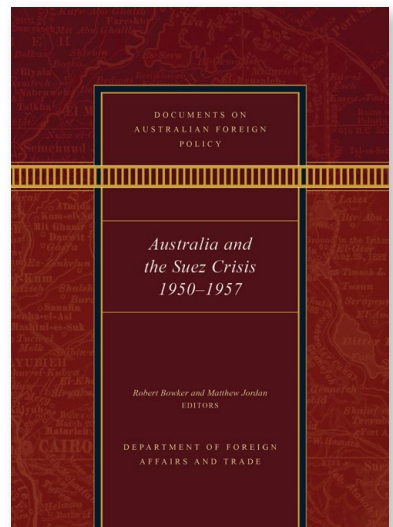
DATE: Thursday 21 November 2024
TIME: 5.00 pm for a 5.45 pm launch
PLACE: First Floor Atrium
RG Casey Building
John McEwen Crescent, Barton ACT

RSVP: Thursday 7 November 2024
to book.launch@dfat.gov.au

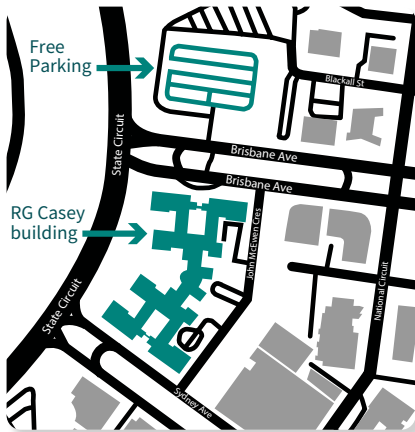
DRESS: Business

Drinks and canapes will be served from 5.15 pm

Copies of this volume can be purchased
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Transport, accessibility and dietary arrangements



Guests should enter the RG Casey Building via the main entrance on John McEwen Crescent.

Free parking is available nearby after 5 pm (see map opposite). From here it is approximately a 5 minute walk to the RG Casey Building entrance. Parking spaces are available at the RG Casey Building for guests with **disability parking** permits. Please mention if this is required when you RSVP.

Gluten-free and vegetarian food options are available on request via RSVP.



Dr Robert Bowker spent 37 years as an Australian diplomat primarily in the Middle East. From early postings in Saudi Arabia and Syria to his roles as Australian Ambassador to Jordan and Egypt, and senior roles in the United Nations Relief and Works Program for Palestine Refugees, he developed a deep understanding of the region and strong personal attachment to its people. After retiring, Dr Bowker joined the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Australian National University where he remains an Honorary

Professorial Fellow. He has authored numerous articles and six books on Middle East issues, including *Australia, Menzies and Suez*, which draws heavily on the *Documents on Australian Foreign Policy* volume. In July 2022, he published his memoir, *Tomorrow There Will be Apricots: An Australian Diplomat in the Arab World*.



Dr Matthew Jordan is Head of DFAT's Historical Publications Section and General Editor of *Documents on Australian Foreign Policy*. He has published mostly on Australian foreign policy history, focusing especially on the role played by ideas of race and nation in shaping Australia's attitudes to the world. Along with the Suez volume, he has edited or co-edited DAFP volumes covering *Australia and the Rhodesian Problem, 1961–1972* (2017) and *Australia and Nauru: Phosphate, Trusteeship and the Resettlement Issue, 1945–1962* (2024).

Dr Jordan is now finalising a documentary history of the liberalisation and abolition of the White Australia policy from the 1940s to the 1970s.