

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 10th FEB. 2026

RICHARD BROINOWSKI AO – Former Aust. Diplomat



‘Has Australia’s Foreign Policy been Trumped? – a Current Perspective’

Introduction – In September 2023 Richard Broinowski gave us an excellent presentation on “The Future of Australia’s Foreign Policy.... Are we Heading in the Right Direction?”

Richard described the way our options in a fast-changing regional world were restricted by the Morrison and Albanese governments, and how our sovereignty had been compromised by a too-close engagement with the United States. Boy, has a lot happened since then!

In his second term as President Donald Trump has torn up not just trade rules but his exhaustive policy of making America great again with some far-reaching global consequences.

Our Guest Speaker - Richard Broinowski AO A former Aust. Diplomat.

Richard has an extraordinary work CV so I have elected to outline it on a separate page. **Please refer to Page 2.**

On a more personal basis

Richard Broinowski was schooled in Melbourne and Adelaide. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree at Adelaide University in 1961 and was admitted to the Bar in Adelaide in 1963. He later earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard (1978).

He is a member of Sydney Probus Club.

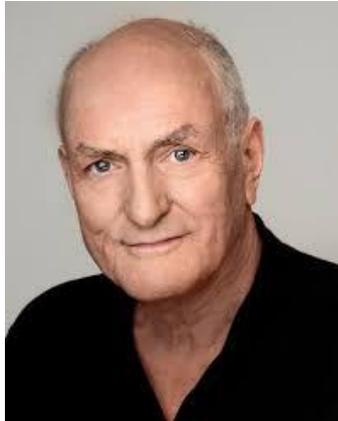
Richard lives with his wife, Dr Alison Broinowski, another former diplomat, in Paddington.

His Presentation – Some of the topics Richard will touch on include the influence Donald Trump is currently having on:

AUKUS, Regional Affairs, Palestine, Iran, Global Warming, Tariffs and Trade.

It will be a very informative presentation.

Work Curriculum Vitae - **RICHARD BROINOWSKI AO**



- 1963** **Joined the Department of External Affairs as a junior diplomat
[Studied Japanese at the ANU]**
- 1964** **Early postings were to Tokyo, Rangoon, Tehran**
- 1975** **Sent to Manila**
- 1983** **Australian Ambassador to Vietnam**
- 1987-1989** **Australian Ambassador to South Korea**
- 1990 -1993** **Joined the ABC, as managing director of Radio Australia**
- 1993** **Returned to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**
- 1994** **Australian Ambassador to Mexico, before his retirement in 1997.**

In retirement.....

He became an Adjunct Professor in Media and Communications

Worked initially at the University of Canberra before moving to the University of Sydney.

He was President of Australian Institute of International Affairs NSW. [retired 2018]

2019 Queen's Honours awarded an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

BOOKS PUBLISHED.....

- **2000** **A Witness to History: The Life and Times of Robert Broinowski.**
- **2003** **Fact or Fission? : The Truth about Australia's Nuclear Ambitions.**
- **2009** **A Diplomat's Autobiography.**
- **2012** **Fallout from Fukushima.**
- **2020** **Under the Rainbow: The Life and Times of E.W. Cole.**