

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 14th FEBRUARY 2023

KATHRYN GREINER AO - an Australian Politician and Social Advocate



“Ageism – The Next Frontier.”

We certainly have an exceptional lady to speak to us today!

Our Guest Speaker Kathryn Greiner

Kathryn Therese Callaghan was born in 1946. Her father, Bede Callaghan, was a merchant banker, Chairman of the CBA and Chancellor of the University of Newcastle. He was knighted in 1976.

She attended schools in London and Washington, and Loreto Kirribilli in Sydney, where she was Head Prefect. She graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Social Work. She also holds a Certificate in Early Childhood Development from Macquarie University.

In 1970 she married Nick Greiner, a businessman. In 1983 he became leader of the Federal Liberal Party in opposition, then defeated the Labor Party's Barrie Unsworth in 1988 to become Premier of New South Wales. He was forced to resign as Premier in 1992.

In September 2012 Kathryn Greiner was appointed Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing by the NSW Minister for Ageing, Andrew Constance. She devoted herself to improving the lot of Australia's aged population, hence the topic of her presentation today.

Her Presentation...

Kathryn says that it generally takes half a generation to shift the dial of change in the community's thinking. Think sexism, think racism and now ageism. It's the next hurdle to overcome to be a truly inclusive society. So, she has drawn on her vast experience in public policy-making and review positions to describe the impact of ageing on Australian society. For example, how to find adequate financial resources to cover health care and housing for a larger percentage of the population over 65.... just one of many issues. She has many creative thoughts about improving both the lives of older Australians and society.

SOME OF KATHRYN GREINER'S MANY ACTIVITIES

Kathryn's professional career has been in Health, Education and Community development She has led a number of Government Inquiries in these areas such as The Gonski Review; and The Review of Retirement Villages in NSW.

- 1976 – 88** NSW Department of Youth and Community Services – Devoted to child care
- 1988-1992** Supported husband Nick Greiner, Premier of NSW.
- 1995** First contested the Sydney City Council mayoral election as a Liberal Independent. Close but unsuccessful.
- 1999** Second contest for mayoral election – leader of the Sydney Alliance team. Unsuccessful.
- 1995 – 2004** Sydney City Council - served as an Alderman
- 2012** Chair of the NSW Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing

DIRECTORSHIPS and INVOLVEMENTS (some...)

Financial Planning Association, John Singleton Advertising, Deputy Chancellor of Bond University, Australian Hearing, the National Capital Authority, Pacific Power, Carlovers Ltd, L.E.K. Consulting, Chair of Biotech capital Ltd, member of the Schools Funding Review Panel (Gonski Review), Bell Shakespeare, Save the Children Australia, Asia Society Austral Asia Centre, Australian Ireland Fund, Salvation Army Executive Committee, Musica Viva Australia National Advisory Council and The Review into Retirement Villages in NSW

CURRENT PORTFOLIO

- Chair – Luminesce Alliance, a consortium of Cancer Research and Treatment centres for Children
- Chair – Pennington Institute, Australia's harm minimization for Drugs education program.
- Chair – Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing, providing advice on issues and concerns of the aged.
- Chair – Lifestart Co-op Ltd, a disability support service.
- Director – Paul Ramsay Foundation Board
- Director – Relationships Australia (NSW)

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