

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 12th SEPT. 2023

RICHARD BROINOWSKI AO – Former Aust. Diplomat



“The Future of Australia’s Foreign Policy”

.... Are we heading in the right direction?

Introduction – For countless years Australia has been reliant on the significant support of allies to bolster our protection against possible invasion. We clung to assurances of British protection until the Japanese invasion of Singapore in 1942, then to the United States, our hoped-for protector under the ANZUS Treaty.

The Morrison government, followed closely by that of Albanese, doubled down in their faith of US protection under the AUKUS agreement. But given that the mantle of US world domination is slipping, is such confidence justified? Is the acquisition of a handful of nuclear-powered submarines and other mobile equipment a wise defence measure against a resurgent China?

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

His Presentation Richard will be describing the way our options in a fast-changing regional world have been restricted by the Morrison and Albanese governments, how our sovereignty has been compromised by a too-close engagement with the United States military and how we could be drawn into a war with China over Taiwan. He will also touch on the usefulness, or otherwise, of purchasing up to eight nuclear propelled submarines from the United States.

In addition, he will explore our contradictory relationship with China – how on the one hand we flatter them with well-meaning assurances, and on the other, busily prepare for war against them.

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]

Awarded an Order of Australia in the 2019 Queen's Honours.

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.**