PORTRAITS & MIRRORS

EXHIBITION

A HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST WOMEN HEADS OF MISSIONS AND POSTS AROUND THE WORLD

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INTRODUCTION

Australian women of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have made a major contribution to advancing and protecting Australia's national interests overseas.

Located in DFAT's RG Casey Building in Canberra, the Portraits & Mirrors Exhibition builds on a 2019 Mirror Challenge set up by the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (now the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office). The Australian women featured are the first appointed to Australian Head of Mission, Head of Post or thematic Ambassador roles. They are exemplars of determination and courage, paving the way for Australia's women diplomats today and into the future.

The mirrors reflect the missions, posts or thematic roles where we have not yet had a woman Ambassador. As women commence in these roles the mirrors will be replaced with their portraits. Until then, let this exhibition inspire more DFAT officers to aim higher and seek to represent Australia at the highest levels.

THE HON. DAME ANNABELLE RANKIN DBE

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NEW ZEALAND 1971–1974



RUTH DOBSON OBE

AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK 1974–1978 AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND 1978–1981



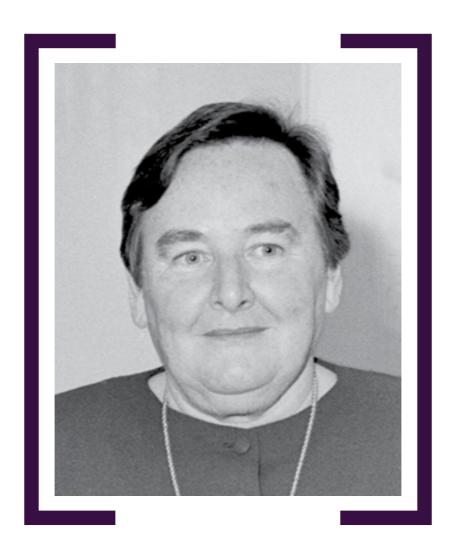
MARIS KING MBE

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NAURU 1977–1979 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TONGA 1980–1984



MARY McPHERSON

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CYPRUS 1982–1985



E. JOAN NORWOOD
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO VANUATU 1983-1985



M. ROSALEEN McGOVERN PSM

AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN 1983–1988 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SINGAPORE 1988–1990



THE HON. PENELOPE WENSLEY AC

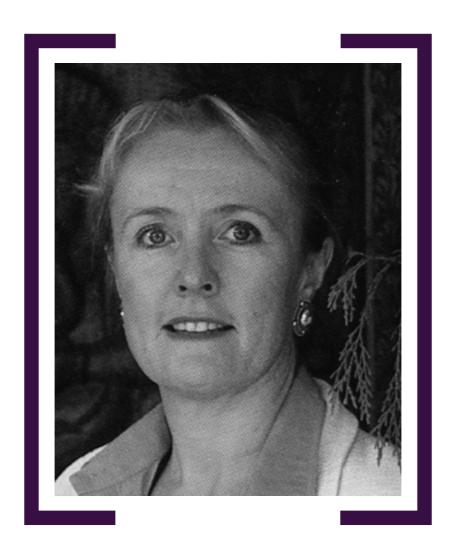
CONSUL-GENERAL, HONG KONG 1986–1989
AMBASSADOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 1992–1996
AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UN, GENEVA 1993–1996
AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE UN, NEW YORK 1997–2001
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INDIA 2001–2004
AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE 2005–2008





DIANE JOHNSTONE AMAMBASSADOR TO NEPAL

1986-1989





SUSAN BOYD AM

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BANGLADESH 1986–1989 AMBASSADOR TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM 1994–1998 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO FIJI 1999–2003



TONIA SHAND AM

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SRI LANKA 1988–1993



STEPHANIE DALY

CONSUL-GENERAL, BOMBAY (NOW MUMBAI) 1989–1992



VICTORIA OWEN

AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA 1990–1992 AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT 1998–2002



RUTH PEARCE

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SOLOMON ISLANDS 1992–1994 AMBASSADOR TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION 1999–2002 AMBASSADOR TO THE PHILIPPINES 2002–2005



MARY McCARTER

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MAURITIUS 1993–1997





MERRY WICKES

AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN 1995–1998



ZENA ARMSTRONG

CONSUL-GENERAL, GUANGZHOU 1996–1999



LISA FILIPETTO AM

CONSUL-GENERAL, HO CHI MINH CITY 1997–2001 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KENYA 2007–2010 AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA 2010–2014



LYNDALL McLEAN AM

AMBASSADOR TO BURMA (NOW MYANMAR) 1997–2000



SUSAN TANNER

AMBASSADOR TO CHILE 1997–1999 AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN 2003–2006



KARINA CAMPBELL

AMBASSADOR TO LAOS 1997–2000



JOANNA HEWITT AO AMBASSADOR FOR APEC 1998–2000

AMBASSADOR FOR APEC 1998–2000 AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, THE EU & NATO 2000–2003



MARTINE LETTS

AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA 1998–2000



SALLY MANSFIELD CONSUL-GENERAL, NOUMEA 1998–2001





DENISE FISHER

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ZIMBABWE 1998–2001



MARGARET ADAMSON

CONSUL-GENERAL, BERLIN 1993–1996 AMBASSADOR TO POLAND 1998–2002





JANET GARDINER AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL

2000-2003





LOUISE HAND PSM

AMBASSADOR TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA 2000–2003 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA 2012–2015



PENELOPE RICHARDS

CONSUL-GENERAL, SHANGHAI 2001–2002



FRANCES ADAMSON AC

REPRESENTATIVE, TAIPEI 2001–2005 AMBASSADOR TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA 2011–2015



STEPHANIE SHWABSKY

AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON 2002–2006



CAROLINE MILLAR

AMBASSADOR FOR PEOPLE SMUGGLING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING 2003–2005



PAMELA FAYLE AM

AMBASSADOR TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY 2003–2006



JANE MADDENAMBASSADOR & PERMANENT DELEGATE TO UNESCO 2003-2007



DEBORAH STOKES

AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, VIENNA 2003–2006 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2013–2015





ANNA GEORGE

AMBASSADOR TO CROATIA 2003–2006



JEAN DUNN PSM AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY

AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY 2004–2007





CORINNE TOMKINSON

AMBASSADOR TO FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA 2004–2007



MARGARET TWOMEY AM

AMBASSADOR TO TIMOR-LESTE 2004–2008



ZORICA McCARTHY

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PAKISTAN 2004–2009



VERONIQUE INGRAM PSMAMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE OECD, PARIS 2005-2008



RUTH ADLER

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO BRUNEI 2006–2009



ANNMAREE O'KEEFFE AM

AMBASSADOR FOR HIV/AIDS 2006–2007



ANNE QUINANE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KIRIBATI 2006–2009 HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MALTA 2009-2012





CLARE BIRGIN

AMBASSADOR TO HUNGARY 2004–2007 AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA 2007–2010





THE HON. AMANDA VANSTONE AO

AMBASSADOR TO ITALY 2007–2010



PENNY WILLIAMS PSM

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MALAYSIA 2007–2010 GLOBAL AMBASSADOR FOR WOMEN & GIRLS 2011–2013 AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA 2021–CURRENT



ANN HARRAP

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SOUTH AFRICA 2008–2013



ELIZABETH SCHICK

CONSUL-GENERAL, CHICAGO 2008–2011



GILLIAN BIRD PSM

AMBASSADOR TO ASEAN 2008-2013



KATRINA COOPER

AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO 2008–2012





LYDIA MORTON

AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORGANISATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, THE HAGUE 2008–2011



ANDREA FAULKNER PSM

AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL 2010–2013





JENNY POLYXENI BLOOMFIELD

AMBASSADOR TO GREECE 2011–2014



LYNDALL SACHS PSM

AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ 2011–2015 AMBASSADOR TO IRAN 2019–2024





KAREN LANYON

CONSUL-GENERAL, LOS ANGELES 2012–2015



JOANNA ADAMSON HIGH COMMISSIONER TO GHANA

2013-2015



NANCY GORDON

CONSUL-GENERAL, CHENGDU 2013–2017



MAJELL HIND AM CONSUL-GENERAL, BALI

2014-2015



SUSAN LANGFORD

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SAMOA 2014–2018



MELISSA HITCHMAN

AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE 2016–2019



FRANCES LISSON PSM

AMBASSADOR & PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WTO, GENEVA 2017–2020



SOPHIE DAVIES

AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA 2017–2020 AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL 2023–CURRENT





BERENICE OWEN-JONES AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO 2017–2020



MELISSA O'ROURKE

AMBASSADOR TO UKRAINE 2017–2020



DIANA NELSON

AMBASSADOR TO PERU 2018–2021



KARYN MURRAY

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TUVALU 2018–2021



SUSAN GRACE

CONSUL-GENERAL, CHENNAI 2018–2020



JEFFIE KAINE CONSUL-GENERAL, ISTANBUL 2018-2021



JANE HARDY CONSUL-GENERAL, HONOLULU 2018-2021



NICOLA GORDON-SMITH

AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN 2018–2019



KERIN AYYALARAJU AMBASSADOR TO ESTONIA

AMBASSADOR TO ESTONIA 2018–2021



CLAIRE IRELAND

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIGERIA 2019–2020



HEIDI VENAMORE PSM

AMBASSADOR TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 2019–2024



AMANDA GORELY

AMBASSADOR FOR ARMS CONTROL & COUNTER-PROLIFERATION 2019–2022



RICHELLE TURNER

AMBASSADOR TO PALAU 2020-CURRENT



STEPHANIE WILLIAMS PSM

AMBASSADOR FOR REGIONAL HEALTH SECURITY 2020–2023



JULIE-ANN GUIVARRA

FIRST INDIĞENOUS FEMALE HEAD OF MISSION (AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN 2018–2020) AMBASSADOR FOR GENDER EQUALITY 2020–2021



BRONWYN ROBBINS

CONSUL-GENERAL, MAKASSAR 2020–2023





CATHERINE RAPER

AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA 2020–2024



JAN ADAMS AO PSM AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

2020-2022





SUSAN ALLEN

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NIUE 2020–2021



ROWAN AINSWORTH

CONSUL-GENERAL, KOLKATA 2021–2024



CLAIRE SCOTT

CONSUL-GENERAL, PAPEETE 2021–2023



FIONA HOGGART

CONSUL-GENERAL, SURABAYA 2022–2024



ANGELA MACDONALD PSM

AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND 2022–CURRENT



KATIE SMITH

AMBASSADOR TO MONGOLIA 2022–CURRENT



MELISSA KELLY

AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT 2022-CURRENT



PHOEBE SMITH

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO COOK ISLANDS 2023–CURRENT





HEATHER RIDOUT AO

CONSUL-GENERAL, NEW YORK 2023-CURRENT



HILARY McGEACHY

CONSUL-GENERAL, BENGALURU 2023–CURRENT



ELIZABETH DAY

AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND 2023-CURRENT



SONYA KOPPE

HIGH COMMISSIONER TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO 2023–CURRENT



BRONTE MOULES

AMBASSADOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS 2023-CURRENT



KIRSTEN FLETCHER

CONSUL-GENERAL, PHUKET 2023–CURRENT



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CONSUL-GENERAL, LAE
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

AMBASSADOR TO QATAR

AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC
OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA
CONSUL-GENERAL, SHENYANG
HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AMBASSADOR FOR COUNTER-TERRORISM
AMBASSADOR FOR CYBER AFFAIRS
AND CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY
AMBASSADOR FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE



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