

The 50th Anniversary of the Dismissal

Panel session program

Old Parliament House

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Old Parliament House opens to the public at 8:00 am

Session 1							
8:30 am – 8:35 am	8:35 am – 8:40 am	8:40 am – 8:50 am	8:50 am – 9:00 am	9:05 am – 9:45 am		9:50 am – 10:55 am	11:00 am
Welcome by the Chair Old Parliament House	Welcome to Country	Remarks	Framing a discussion on the 1975 Dismissal	Ms Niki Savva in conversation with		1975: The moment Australian politics changed forever	Remembrance Day
Mr Barrie Cassidy	Mr Paul Girrawah House, Ngambri- Ngunnawal Custodian	ouse, Ngambri- Ms Sam Mostyn AC, a constitutional one Paul Keating	Panel Discussion	Public announcement for 1 minute of silence			
Ngunnav	Nguillawai Custodian	the Commonwealth	Speech Mr Kim Williams AM	Pre-recorded interview Ms Niki Savva		Mr Barrie Cassidy Prof Jenny Hocking AM The Hon Dr Barry Jones AC	
				The Hon Paul Keating	THAMA	Mr Paul Kelly Mr Kerry O'Brien	

Session 2

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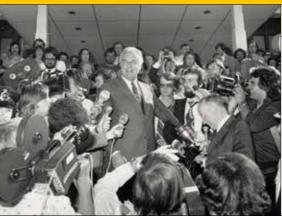
Behind the scenes: Political advisors share their stories

Panel discussion

Mr Troy Bramston

Mr Geoff Briot Dr Elizabeth Cham Mr Russell Schneider AM Dr David Solomon AM

Ms Patti Warn



12:25 pm - 1:25 pm

Who else joined Sir John Kerr for lunch on 11 November: Aide-de-Camp candidates at Government House

Panel discussion

Ms Niki Savva

Lt Col Bob Aley (Retd) Mr Rod Allan Lt Col Bill Denny AM BM (Retd) Mr Chris Stephens

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Mr Troy Bramston in conversation with Mr Garry McDonald

Interview

Mr Troy Bramston Mr Garry McDonald AO

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Session 3					
ı	2:15 pm – 3:05 pm	3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	3:45 pm – 4:30 pm		
ı	In the red chamber: The 1975 Senate revisited	Friends to the End - The extraordinary friendship between	Mr Barrie Cassidy in conversation with former Prime Minister John Howard		
ı	Panel discussion	the Hon Gough Whitlam AC QC and			
ı	Mr Troy Bramston	the Hon Sir James (Jim) Killen KCMG AC	Interview		
	Prof the Hon Gareth Evans AC KC The Hon John Faulkner The Hon Nick Minchin AO The Hon Philip Ruddock AO	Interview Ms Niki Savva Ms Diana Killen	Mr Barrie Cassidy The Hon John Howard OM AC		



4:35 pm - 5:25 pm

Could the Dismissal happen again?

Panel discussion

The Hon Justice Michael Lee

The Hon Anna Burke AO The Hon Margaret Reid AO The Hon Scott Ryan The Hon Tony Smith

Old Parliament House closes to the public at 5:45 pm