

Creating the Commonwealth

Thursday October 24

8:45 Registration begins

9:30 Welcome: Hilary Yerbury ISAA President

Opening Address: Luke Hickey Assistant
Director General Engagement

Introduction to Conference Theme: Ian
Keese

10:30 Morning Tea

11:00 Session 1

Speaker 1: Aedeen Cremin: *What John
Mulvaney knew and learnt.*

Speaker 2: Julie Marcus: *Asserting Ownership of
Country, the gender of protest & the power of a
picture*

12:10 Lunch

1:10 Session 2

Speaker 3: Susan Steggall: *'We have to paint a
new canvas and carve a new frame to fit it':
challenging the male nationalist story of art.*

Speaker 4: Ron Popenhagen; *Australia's
Festival Culture.*

Speaker 5: Hilary Yerbury: *Creating a record of
Australian Culture: a national bibliography and
beyond*

2:40 Afternoon Tea

3:00 Session 3

Speaker 6: Alan Roberts: *Seeing National
History through Family History*

Speaker 7: Stephen Horn: *The founding and
Evolution of the Commonwealth Statistical
Service*

4:00 Session ends

4:45 Registration for Lecture

5:00 ISAA Annual Lecture

Professor Mark McKenna: *History and the
future Commonwealth: Manning Clark's
vision of Australia 1962-1991*

6:30 Supper at Manning Clark House

8:30 Finish

Friday October 25

9:30 Session 4

Speaker 8 Peter Prince: *Who belongs?*

Speaker 9 Susan Priestley: *Remote Australia
in the 1930s; Natives, Migrant and shifting
identity.*

Speaker 10 Colin Smith: *What happened
when Australian Surgeons "Looked to
America"?*

11:00 Morning Tea

11:30 ISAA Annual General Meeting

12:45 Lunch in Bookplate.

REGISTRATION

By Friday 18 October 2024

Name/s...

Address...

Mobile

Email:

Costs – Please tick appropriate costs

Full Conference (including Lecture) \$120....

Day One only (including lecture) \$90

Day Two only \$45

Evening Lecture (Free to attendees) \$10

Supper at Manning Clark House \$35.

Total

Dietary requirements:

Payment;

Direct Debit

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB; 082 902

Account No: 66 085 0326

ISAA ANNUAL LECTURE
NLA Conference Room 5:00 pm

Professor Mark McKenna

**History and the Future Commonwealth;
Manning Clark's Vision of Australia 1962-
1991**

For Manning Clark, the writing of history was inseparable from the quest for an Australian identity – to understand the past was to find out 'who we are' and 'where we came from'. From 1962, with the publication of Volume One of his six volume *A History of Australia* (1962-1987), Clark devoted himself tirelessly to writing Australia's 'story' and communicating his work and ideas to a wide audience. His public persona exuded a combination of professorial authority and disarming intimacy, his comments often delivered in seer-like pronouncements. Clark was a public intellectual and historian who was concerned with Australia's future as much as he was with its past.

In this lecture, Mark McKenna will chart how Australia changed dramatically in the 25-year period that Clark wrote *A History of Australia* and explains the precise nature of Clark's contribution. What was his vision of Australian identity and the role of the historian that so captivated Australians at the time? What was the place of Indigenous Australians in this vision and the future Commonwealth, both for Clark himself and for his contemporaries? And finally, what has become of Clark's project today

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The main concern of the Constitution of 1901 was the separation of powers between the States. The Constitution very much reflected the late nineteenth century in its views on race, female suffrage and its commitment to the British Crown.

Rail and ship were the main means of transport and few had a telephone. Ahead was rapid technological change: radio, aircraft and television; a reliance on manufacturing rather than agriculture; and demands for Indigenous recognition. Citizens were confronted with two World Wars and the Great Depression.

This Conference will explore ways in which, within the framework of the original Constitution, a Nation responded to the challenges of the modern world. and will call on the cross-disciplinary nature of ISAA's membership. to do so.

Supper at Manning Clark House

This year we are experimenting with replacing the Thursday Evening dinner with a catered supper at Manning Clark House. This year this is particularly relevant to the Annual Lecture by Professor Mark McKenna

Having a quieter venue to ourselves will allow more socialising and discussing than was available in a crowded restaurant. Mark McKenna has also agreed to join us. There will be platters suited to a variety of tastes and dietary requirements and some wine will be provided. The cost will be \$35.00 per person

**The 2024 National Conference of
the Independent Scholars
Association of Australia**



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Thursday 24 & Friday 25 October 2024

Fourth Floor Conference Room

National Library of Australia

Canberra

Including

ISAA ANNUAL LECTURE

5:30 pm Thursday 24 October

**History and the Future Commonwealth;
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1991**

**Delivered by Professor Mark McKenna,
author of *An Eye for Eternity: The Life of
Manning Clark***