

VIC PATRON'S ORATION & DINNER

DATE:

MONDAY 21ST AUGUST 2017

LOCATION:

CITY CONVENTION CENTRE
VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
LEVEL 12, 300 FLINDERS ST
MELBOURNE, VIC 3000

TIME:

DRINKS - 6:00PM

DINNER - 6:30PM - 9:00PM

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At the invitation of Professor Brian Caldwell, the 2017 Patron's Oration will be delivered by Tom Bentley.

TOPIC

"The responsibility to lead: education at a global crossroads"

Tom Bentley is a writer and policy adviser based in Melbourne.

He is currently Principal Adviser to the Vice Chancellor at RMIT, and an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne's Graduate School of Education. His most recent book, co-edited with Glenn Clifton Savage, is *Educating Australia: Challenges for the Decade Ahead* (MUP 2017).

From 2007-13 he was Deputy Chief of Staff and senior policy adviser to Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia 2010-13 and Education Minister 2007-2010. From 1999-2006 he was Director of Demos, an independent think tank based in London. From 1998-1999 he was special adviser to David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education and Employment.

He has contributed to education and innovation reforms around the world, working with institutions including the OECD, the Gates Foundation, NESTA and the Copenhagen Business School. He is a member of the Victorian Deputy Premier's Expert Panel on education reform.

Other publications *The shared work of learning: using collaboration to lift educational achievement* (with Ciannon Cazaly, Mitchell Institute, 2015) *Time for a new consensus: fostering Australia's comparative advantages* (with Jonathan West, Griffith Review 2016)., *Learning beyond the classroom: education for a changing world* (Routledge, 1998) and *The Creative Age: Knowledge and Skills for a New Economy* (Demos, 1999)



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