

Australian Roundtable Series

A special Zoom roundtable discussion centred on Melbourne

‘Resilience and recovery - where to from here for universities and cities?’

5:00-6:30pm, 16 September 2020

Special Guests:

Hon Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne
Professor Ed Byrne AC, Principal and President of Kings College London; former
Chairman of the Global Foundation

This special **Melbourne Zoom** roundtable discussion will involve a small number of participants, invited by the Global Foundation and the City of Melbourne. It will be conducted according to the Chatham House rule.

The City of Melbourne, in particular and the Australian university sector, in general, have been seriously impacted by the Covid crisis.

Ambitious recovery plans are being enacted, respectively, yet there would appear to be potential for wider collaboration with others, in support of the various actions that are being undertaken.

This short Zoom roundtable meeting will provide the opportunity for a frank exchange about what might be done collectively, also bringing to bear an international perspective.

Hon. Sally Capp is Lord Mayor of the City of Melbourne, who will welcome participants and update us on the status of City action plans.

Professor Ed Byrne is Principal of Kings College London; former Vice Chancellor of Monash University; and a former Chairman of the Global Foundation. He has recently (pre-Covid) authored a book with former Blair Government Education Secretary, Charles Clark, *‘The University Challenge’* and will speak about the opportunity for step-change and how universities might imagine their future.

This special Melbourne discussion forms part of our ongoing *Australian Roundtable* series, which seeks to contribute to a long-term view of Australia’s future in a global context. The inaugural roundtable in the series was hosted by the City of Melbourne in November 2019; the second was hosted by the Governor General in Sydney in early March, 2020; a special bushfire-related, *Bega Valley Roundtable* was convened on 10 August and a *Perth Roundtable* will be held on 15 October. Reports from these roundtable discussions are available on the Global Foundation’s [website](#).

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