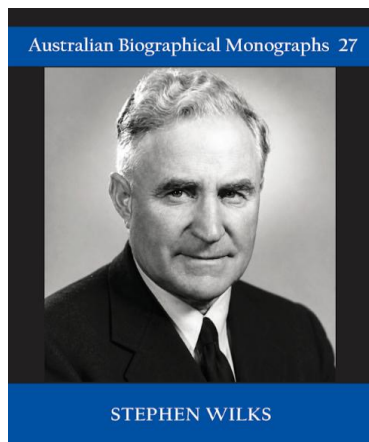
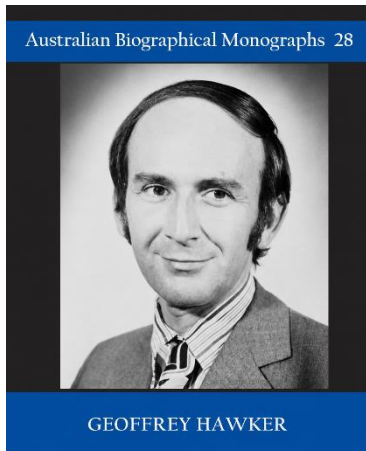


INVITATION
Book Launches
19 August 6 - 7.30pm



Earle Page
Australian Developmentalist



Peter Wilenski
Reformer

***Earle Page – Australian Developmentalist* by Dr Stephen Wilks**

&

***Peter Wilenski – Reformer* by Dr Geoffrey Hawker**

at

Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Charles Sturt University, Chambers Pavilion

15 Blackall Street, Barton Canberra

Earle Page

to be launched by **Senator, the Hon Bridget McKenzie**

Author and one of the leading Nationals for nearly a decade and
shadow Minister for Infrastructure

Peter Wilenski

to be launched by **Andrew Podger**

Hon Professor of Public Policy, ANU, a career senior public servant, including
during Peter Wilenski's time in Australian government.

Both authors, Dr Stephen Wilks and Dr Geoffrey Hawker, will be in attendance to discuss their books.

Dr Stephen Wilks is based in the National Centre of Biography, School of History at the Australian National University and is academic research editor for the Australian Dictionary of Biography

Geoffrey Hawker, a political historian at Macquarie University, both worked with Peter Wilenski and was a close friend and is thus able to provide an insightful but realistic portrayal of this complex man, his achievements and the challenges he faced.

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Earle Page

Earle Page was a surgeon, member of the House of Representatives from 1919-1961, leader of the emerging Country Party, and forged the first national coalition government in 1923 serving as a federal minister, Treasurer and deputy prime minister. He also represented Australia overseas, serving on the British War Cabinet during 1942. Page was a tireless advocate for a developed Australia, national planning, a growing population underpinned by immigration, decentralisation, new states, and hydro-electric power. In many ways, he was ahead of his time. Page's personal public attack on Robert Menzies in 1939, however, led to a fracturing of the coalition and his loss of Country Party leadership, which he never regained. Nevertheless, he later served in Menzies' second government where he held the important health portfolio laying the foundation of Australia's national health system. Earle Page passed away in 1961.

Dr Peter Wilenski

Dr Peter Wilenski AC, was a medical doctor, senior Commonwealth public servant, diplomat, academic, prime ministerial adviser and reformer. Born in Łódź, Poland in 1939, Peter was part of a Jewish family who arrived in Sydney in 1941. After gaining his medical degree, Peter turned to politics and public administration, serving in several overseas posts and then principal private secretary to Labor prime minister, Gough Whitlam. He was appointed as Special Advisor to the Coombs Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration and then Secretary of the Department of Labour & Immigration. In the Hawke Government, he was secretary of several departments, Education and Youth Affairs, Transport and Communications, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Chair of the Public Service Board and Australia's Ambassador to the United Nations. Peter held key academic positions and chaired the Review of the NSW Public Service for the Wran Government. Sadly, this glittering career ended in 1994 following Peter's untimely death due to cancer. Peter can be credited with many achievements.

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