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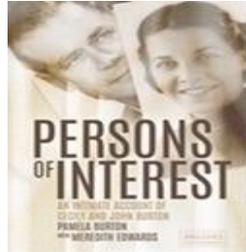
## ***Persons of Interest***

### ***An Intimate Account of Cecily and John Burton***

**By Pamela Burton and Meredith Edwards**

***Sunday 26 June 2022, 2:30pm to 4:00pm***

**All Saints Church Hall, Cowper Street, Ainslie**



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A world in upheaval: two lives under stress. This is a not to be missed discussion of a story told by sisters Pamela Burton and Meredith Edwards set in the social and political landscape of pre and post WWII, including during McCarthyism in Australia. It tells two vastly different tales of Cecily and John's lives in Australia and overseas, as nations clashed, and governments and international organisations tried to remake the world. These are stories of courage and achievement amid political intrigue and psychological trauma, ASIO surveillance, love triangles, loyalty, infidelity, and tragedy.

**Dr Alison Broinowski AM** has been a diplomat, academic and author. Her last overseas post was at the Australian Mission to the UN in New York. In 2013 Alison ran for the Senate for the Wikileaks Party. She is currently President of Australians for War Powers Reform.

**Dennis Richardson AC** has had an extensive career in the Australian Public Service. He was Director-General of ASIO from October 1996 to May 2005, Ambassador to the US from 2005 to 2010 and Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2012. He was then appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence until 2017.

**Professor Mark Kenny** is a high-profile journalist, including 6 years as chief political correspondent and national affairs editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and Canberra Times. He has been a long-time member of the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Committee and is currently a director of the National Press Club. He was made a Visiting Fellow at ANU in 2018 and took up a Professorial post at the ANU Australian Studies Institute in 2019.

Final comment by the authors and questions. Book download link is <http://doi.org/10.22459/PI.2022>

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Refreshments provided

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