

‘The end of book censorship in Australia’

will be presented by Dr. Patrick Mullins

**A General Meeting of the Society will be held on Friday 25th March 2022
Alexandra Club, 81 Collins Street, Melbourne.**

**Drinks served 6.30pm, Presentation 7.00pm, followed by Dinner
Dress: Lounge Suit**

Patrick Mullins is a Canberra-based author and academic.

His first book, *[Tiberius with a Telephone](#)*, a biography of former Australian prime minister William McMahon (1971-72), was published by Scribe in October 2018. It won the Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-Fiction, at the 2020 NSW Premier’s Literary Awards, and the National Biography Award for 2020.

His second book, *[The Trials of Portnoy](#)*, is an account of the downfall of literary censorship in Australia as sparked by the publication of Philip Roth’s novel *Portnoy’s Complaint*. It was published by Scribe in June 2020.

Patrick completed a PhD at the University of Canberra in 2014, where he worked thereafter as a lecturer and tutor in the writing and journalism programs. He retains an honorary appointment at the university as an adjunct assistant professor in the Centre for Creative and Cultural Research.

Members may bring guests who need not be legal or medical practitioners.

Acceptances close Friday 18th March, 2022

No acceptances or refunds will be available after this date.

Members and their guests are reminded of the dress requirements. Mobile telephones may not be used inside the Alexandra Club. Urgent calls may be made to the Club (9654 6055) and a message will be conveyed by Club staff.

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