

## June 2023 issue highlights



Welcome to the June issue of *ABR*! This month *ABR* examines politics and influence from the media to federal and international politics. Major features include David Rolph on Lachlan Murdoch versus Crikey, Mark Kenny on the Albanese government's first year in office, Patrick Mullins on a new book on Scott Morrison, and John Zubrzycki on Narendra Modi's new strategy for India. Raelene Frances reviews Ross McMullin's new group biography *Life So Full of Promise* and Joan Beaumont reflects on the 1943 bombing of Berlin. Also in the issue, Robyn Archer takes us behind the scenes in our new 'Backstage' interview series, Kate Lilley pays tribute to John Tranter, and we publish the runner-up in the 2023 Calibre Essay Prize 'Child Adjacent' by Bridget Vincent.

Clockwise from top left:  
Narendra Modi, Robyn Archer,  
Bridget Vincent, Anthony Albanese

- ♦ **David Rolph on Lachlan Murdoch v Crikey** Sydney University Law Professor David Rolph assesses the impact of Lachlan Murdoch's aborted defamation proceedings against Crikey, noting that the scope and application of Australia's new public interest defence remains untested.
- ♦ **The 2023 Calibre Essay Prize Runner-Up** We publish Bridget Vincent's 'Child Adjacent', a moving personal exploration of what being an 'Aunt of the Anthropocene' might entail and the ways in which climate change influences how we engage with the children in our lives and the stories we tell them.
- ♦ **Robyn Archer takes *ABR* Backstage** In the first of our new Arts interview series, *ABR* Laureate and arts legend Robyn Archer takes us behind the scenes and reveals some of her favourite and most formative performances. Archer also reflects on the challenges facing artists in Australia and the single biggest thing that governments could do for artists.
- ♦ **Mark Kenny on Labor's first year in office** Australian National University Professor and politics podcaster Mark Kenny analyses the Albanese government's first twelve months in power and considers what the next two years may look like for the government, and for an Opposition led by Peter Dutton.
- ♦ **John Zubrzycki on Narendra Modi's India** *ABR* launches a series of informed commentaries about our region with the support of Peter McMullin and The Good Business Foundation with the publication of John Zubrzycki's article on India's new strategic approach to international relations and self-definition.

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