

September highlights

In September we explore the ripple effects of Trumpian politics in Australia with Joel Deane on Melbourne's lockdown rage, Ben Wellings on populism, and Emma Shortis on a second Trump presidency. James Curran takes issue with Clare Wright's call for historians to 'hold their tongues' on the Voice and Desmond Manderson considers the political impact of the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petition. Also in the issue, we have Nick Hordern on two books about Russia and Ukraine, Kieran Pender on the Facebook whistleblower, Penny Russell on Kate Grenville's new novel, and Sarah Ogilvie on Australian contributors to the first *Oxford English Dictionary*.



Clockwise from top left: Joel Deane, Emma Shortis, Desmond Manderson, and Sarah Ogilvie.

Yunupingu's constitutional legacy Desmond Manderson (ANU Professor) considers the contemporary significance of the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petition that was drafted by Yolngu leader Yunupingu to push the Australian Parliament to recognise Indigenous rights, and highlights the need to adapt Constitutions to reflect changed times and different cultures.

A response to Clare Wright James Curran (Sydney University Professor of Modern History) writes an impassioned response to fellow historian Clare Wright, who argued in the August issue of *ABR* that historians should 'hold their tongues' on the Voice referendum.

The Great Australian Intemperance Joel Deane (poet, novelist, and Labor speechwriter) argues that the rise of the My Place movement, conspiracy theories, neo-Nazis and 'sovereign citizen' groups reflect escalating economic and political insecurity in Australia.

The mystery behind the OED's Australian lexicon Sarah Ogilvie unearths the fascinating story of the Melbourne Dictionary People, a group of nineteenth and early-twentieth century Melburnians who contributed Australianisms for the *Oxford English Dictionary* (1928).

Trump's Australia Emma Shortis (Senior Researcher at the Australian Institute) reviews Bruce Wolpe's book about Donald Trump's impact in Australia and the dire consequences of a second Trump presidency.

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