



Conversations on Tom Roberts

Learn more about the art, life and times of Tom Roberts through engaging conversations between authors, broadcasters, artists, curators, historians and cultural commentators.

Wednesday 17 February 6pm

Curator's conversation

Take an intimate look at Tom Roberts, as exhibition curator **Anna Gray** chats with the ABC's **Virginia Haussegger**, journalist, author and media commentator.

Wednesday 24 February 6pm

Artists abroad

European art had a profound impact on the young Tom Roberts. **Roger Benjamin**, Professor of Art History, University of Sydney, **Emma Kindred**, Assistant Curator, Australian Art, NGA, and **Alison Inglis**, Associate Professor, Art History, University of Melbourne, discover European influences in Roberts' art and the phenomenon of Australian artists travelling abroad in the 19th century and today.

Wednesday 2 March 6pm

Roberts and the land

A conversation about the romance and reality of the land, and its importance in shaping Australia's image of itself with **Don Watson**, best-selling author

of *The bush: travels in the heart of Australia*, **Tim Bonyhady**, cultural historian and one of Australia's foremost environmental lawyers and **Genevieve Jacobs**, 666 ABC's *Canberra Mornings* presenter.

Wednesday 9 March 6pm

Roberts today

Our panel examines the powerful story of Australian identity told in the art of Tom Roberts. Featuring **Dianne Jones**, photo-media artist, **Katina Davidson**, 2015 Wesfarmers Indigenous Arts Fellow, **Tony Bennett**, Research Professor in Social and Cultural Theory, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University, and **Simeran Maxwell**, Assistant Curator, Tom Roberts, NGA. Auslan sign interpreted.

Wednesday 16 March 6pm

Michael Cathcart and friends

Join Radio National's *Books and Arts* presenter and Tom Roberts fan **Michael Cathcart** for a conversation with special guest speakers. Check website for details.

James O Fairfax Theatre, National Gallery of Australia
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