

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Additional extension activities

Website resources

www.culture.gov.au/articles/governorgeneral

(Culture and Recreation Portal: Governors-General)

www.gg.gov.au

(Governor-General of Australia)

Activities

The new governor-general

On 5 September 2008 the former Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, was sworn in as the first female Governor-General of Australia. Invite the students to research and to find out 10 facts about Ms Bryce. Have them list the facts they find in résumé form. Ask the students to include a photo of Ms Bryce if they have access to a computer and printer.

Circle meeting

Ask the students to sit in a circle on chairs or on the floor. Discuss briefly the differences between a republic and the current system of government in Australia. Present the group with the topic 'Queen Elizabeth II is no longer relevant in Australia'. Go around the circle once, asking each student to say 'Yes' if they agree with the topic, or 'No' if they disagree. The next time around the circle, ask the students to give a reason for their first response. Continue around the circle, asking students to add further comments and interesting related facts.

Newspaper report/TV interview

Ask students to pretend they are television or newspaper reporters. Discuss the types of questions that are appropriate for news reporters to ask. Invite each student to make up 10 questions to ask the new governor-general, Ms Quentin Bryce. Make sure they write questions appropriate to her role as governor-general, as well as her past roles and occupations.