



MAPW DINNER

Tues Feb 28, 6.30 for 7pm | Brassey Hotel, Belmore Gardens, Barton

GUEST SPEAKER:

PROFESSOR MARILYN LAKE

President of the Australian Historical Association | Professor of History, La Trobe University

Discussing her co-authored book

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ANZAC?

THE MILITARISATION OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

\$75 for 2 course meal including tea and coffee

Bookings by 23 Feb on (02) 6249 7824 or by email to maureencummuskey@iinet.net.au

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We are honoured to have Professor Marilyn Lake address our 2012 dinner.

The 2010 book *What's Wrong with ANZAC? The Militarisation of Australian History* which she co-authored was pivotal in raising and boldly confronting concerns held by many Australians – concerns such as the linking of a failed invasion in 1915 with our very identity as a nation, and the growing emphasis on warfare as a part of our national life. To quote the book's cover, the authors "suggest that the ANZAC obsession distorts our understanding of the past, replacing historical fact with mythology".

This and other recent events and trends are of significant concern to MAPW. Australia remains continuously engaged in fruitless and disastrous wars for over a decade, we are to permanently host US troops in Darwin, PM Gillard has proposed yet another military commemorative day (our third, after ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day) for 19 February to commemorate the bombing of Darwin, our national capital appears obsessed with war memorials, and ANZAC history and memorial events attract a disproportionate amount of

government funding. As ANZAC Day 2015 approaches, this trend towards militarism is likely to get worse, but the anniversary also provides an opportunity to rethink whether we want to be a nation continuously fighting or preparing for wars, or a nation at peace.

Please join us for this stimulating and important evening.

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