



15 October 2014 - Launch of Photographic Exhibition

“Celebrating Twenty Years of Democracy: Australia’s contribution to the New South Africa”

The Australian High Commission, together with the University of Pretoria, is pleased to launch a new photographic exhibition titled “*Celebrating Twenty Years of Democracy: Australia’s Contribution to the New South Africa*”.

Australian Chargé d’Affaires to South Africa, Mr Chris Munn, said “the battle against injustice was, without doubt, primarily won here in South Africa, but Australia remains proud of the efforts that successive Australian Governments and the Australian community played support for the South African people’s achievement which resulted in the downfall of the apartheid regime”.

“Our bilateral relationship has flourished in the post-1994 era. Australia and South Africa enjoy close links in the fields of commerce, the arts, sport, education, development assistance and cooperation in institutions like the G20 and Indian Ocean Rim Association”, Mr Munn said. “Moreover, the people-to-people links, many that occurred quietly and efficiently, have grown as a result of the very strong expatriate networks in both countries”.

The exhibition will be on show at the University of Pretoria’s Edoardo Villa Museum from 15 October and will be open to the public.

The launch event is dedicated to the memory of HE Mr Graeme Wilson, Australia’s High Commissioner to South Africa, who sadly and unexpectedly passed away in Pretoria on 2 September 2014.

The exhibition is made possible by the generous support of sponsors Rio Tinto and Challenger Energy Ltd, and the efforts of many people and organisations to carry out High Commissioner Wilson’s thoughts to create a suitable contribution for the celebration of 20 years of democracy in South Africa.

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