

# Alphacrucis Research Roundtable 2019

The purpose of the roundtable is to facilitate discussion among academic staff and advanced research students of important topics, with input from external experts. They are deliberately less formal than a traditional university seminar, and personal reflection by speaker is encouraged. Our initial focus has been the nature and practical aspects of scholarship within a Christian worldview, but by no means restricted to this issue. Roundtables begin at 12:15pm in the Conference Room, with lunch provided, finishing by 1:45pm. For those who can stay discussion often continues at a local coffee shop. Our program currently is:

## **11 April 2019 – Guest Speaker: Dr Lindsay McMillan OAM**



### **Future of the Workplace**

Lindsay leads Reventure, an organisation devoted to engaging and influencing faith and work communities, through its Karam Fellows program, support of events and other activities. This builds on Lindsay's long term involvement with the workplace chaplaincy organisation Converge and over 25 years business experience leading not-for profit organisations, commercial and social enterprises. He is also lead researcher for <http://www.afuturethatworks.org.au> that is examining the impact of the current tensions at work, purpose and meaning of work, the secular-sacred conundrum, the future of work and what our responses as believers could be. His latest research is looking at the crisis of loneliness in the marketplace. Lindsay is an honorary research associate at Alphacrucis and a member of the Dean of Business Advisory Council.

## **13 June 2019 – Guest Speaker: Roy Williams**

### **The Contribution of Christianity to Australian Society**

Roy Williams is a Sydney author and lawyer. His books include *God, Actually A Rational Defence of Christianity* 2008. *In God They Trust* 2013 about the faith of Australian Prime Ministers, and *Post-God Nation: How Religion Fell Off The Radar in Australia - and What Might be Done To Get It Back On* 2015.



## **25 July 2019 – Guest Speaker: Rev Dr Robin Parry**



### **Is Universal Salvation compatible with Bible-believing Christianity?**

Robin is an Anglican priest (with a charismatic background) from the UK who works as an editor for the US company Wipf and Stock Publishers. He has written on Old Testament narrative ethics, trinitarian worship, biblical cosmology, the importance of Christian orthodoxy, reading the book of Lamentations theologically, and Christian universalism. His most controversial book is *The Evangelical Universalist* (written under the name Gregory MacDonald).