

Bob Carr

Former NSW Premier, Foreign Minister & Keynote Speaker

Former Foreign Minister Bob Carr is also the longest continuously serving Premier in New South Wales history.

He served as Minister for Planning and Environment 1984 to 1988 and as Leader of the Opposition from 1988 until his election as Premier in March 1995. He was re-elected in 1999 and 2003 securing an historic third four-year term.

He retired from state politics in 2005.

During his 10 years the State Government set new records for spending on infrastructure, became the first government in the State's history to retire debt, hosted the "world's best Olympics" in 2000 and achieved the nation's best school literacy levels. *Forbes* magazine called Bob Carr a "dragon slayer" for his landmark tort law reforms.

As Premier he received the World Conservation Union International Parks Merit Award for creating 350 new national parks. He introduced the world's first carbon trading scheme and curbed the clearing of native vegetation, both anti-greenhouse measures. He was a member of the International Task Force on Climate Change convened by Tony Blair, and was made a life member of the Wilderness Society in 2003.

Bob Carr has received the Fulbright Distinguished Fellow Award Scholarship. He has served as Honorary Scholar of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue. He is the author of *Thoughtlines* (2002), *What Australia Means to Me* (2003), *My Reading Life* (2008) *Diary of a Foreign Minister* (2014) and *Run for Your Life* (2018).

In March 2012 he was designated by Prime Minister Julia Gillard as Australia's Foreign Minister, sworn in to the Senate and Cabinet on March 13, 2012.

As Foreign Minister, Bob Carr fostered stronger relations between Australia and Southeast Asia, campaigned for the passage of a global Arms Trade Treaty and led the final stages of Australia's successful bid for Australia's seat on the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member. His plan for a Syrian medical pact was backed at the G20. In 2013, working with Prime Minister Gillard, Bob Carr helped negotiate with China a Strategic Partnership, visiting China on three occasions during his 18 months as Foreign Minister.





Following his resignation from the Senate on October 24, 2013. He was appointed Director of the Australia China Relations Institute at The University of Technology Sydney, the first think tank devoted to Australia-China relations, serving for five years. Between 2019 and 2022 he served as Professor of Industry in Climate and Business at the University. In July 2024 he was appointed Chair of the Australian Heritage Council and in November 2024 Chair of the Museums of History New South Wales.

Bob Carr speaks about:

Drawing on his experiences in politics, Bob Carr offers a humorous and enlightened account of what it's like to be a member of the Foreign Minister's club, to shape opinion, and to win and lose arguments in world forums.

As Professor in International Relations at UTS and the Director of the ACRI, he is eminently qualified to talk about how the phenomenon of China and how international developments can shape your business. In fact, he can give unrivalled insights into the 10 nations of South East Asia and the opportunity they offer as their growth forges.

With an unbeatable knowledge of the US political system and in particular, its Presidents, Bob Carr gives a riveting address on two and a quarter centuries of the US presidency and lessons about leadership relevant to you.

- America's Future: How Its Strengths and Weaknesses Affect Your Business
- Global Warming the Most Serious Challenge of our Time
- Greenhouse, Terrorism and Proliferation
- Imagining Catastrophe
- Leadership: An Australian Looks at the Careers of Lincoln and FDR
- Lessons For Today From the World's Greatest Leaders
- Lessons from the Presidents
- The 10 Decisions Australia Got Right
- The Australia of 1942 and the Fall of Singapore
- The Case for Medical Research
- The Roman Empire and its Lessons for Us
- The Terrorist Threat: How to Survive as a Business in the New climate

Bob Carr talks China

Bob Carr served as Foreign Minister and experienced first-hand the challenge of managing relations with China across the barriers of politics, interests and culture. He visited China and continued to research it for five years as chair of the only think tank devoted to Australia-China relations. He also cultivates a deep interest in American history and politics and has thought as deeply as any Australian about the triangle of relationships: China US Australia, and how it is reshaping our country.





Bob Carr and Greg Sheridan in conversation

Former New South Wales Premier and Foreign Minister Bob Carr has had a lifelong interest in American politics and has interpreted US elections for many years. Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor of *The Australian*, has written on international relations for 40 years and has enjoyed unrivalled access as a journalist to leaders on both sides of US politics. Bob and Greg were colleagues writing in the pages of *The Bulletin* magazine in the 70s and 80s before Bob entered politics and Greg joined *The Australian*. They will conduct a lively conversation with a lot of give and take, some diverging views full of rich anecdotes and plenty of compelling arguments, disagreements and surprising common ground.

Client testimonials

- Both the afternoon event and the awards night went really well. Bob was a great speaker and I know our management team found the meeting with him very valuable.
- Ergon Energy
- Mr. Carr is an exceptional speaker with an amazing ability of truly capturing the audience. The presentation was scored as one of the best at the conference.
- Teradata
- The Hon Bob Carr delivered an informative and thought provoking presentation. Our client ACCA, the event sponsor KPMG and other headline speakers all agreed that he set a high level for the event.
- CIMBIO
- Carr is the most consistently effective, engaging and entertaining speaker with whom I have collaborated.
- Political Speech Writer
- "Carr is a smart speaker, a colourful orator with a carefully trained voice.
- The Sydney Morning Herald
- There is no doubt Carr is a master orator.
- The Daily Telegraph



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