

PRESS RELEASE :

RESIGNATION OF SIR WILLIAM ASHTON FROM
THE COMMONWEALTH ART ADVISORY BOARD

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, announced today that he has accepted the resignation of Sir William Ashton as Chairman of the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board. Sir William was 81 on the 20th September this year.

The Prime Minister said, "Will Ashton has given a lifetime of service to Australian art, as an artist of great distinction, as a Gallery Director, and as a member and then as Chairman of the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board. He has served on the Board for 44 years, nine of them as its Chairman. I regret that ill health has made it impossible for him to continue the work with which he has been so long associated."

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