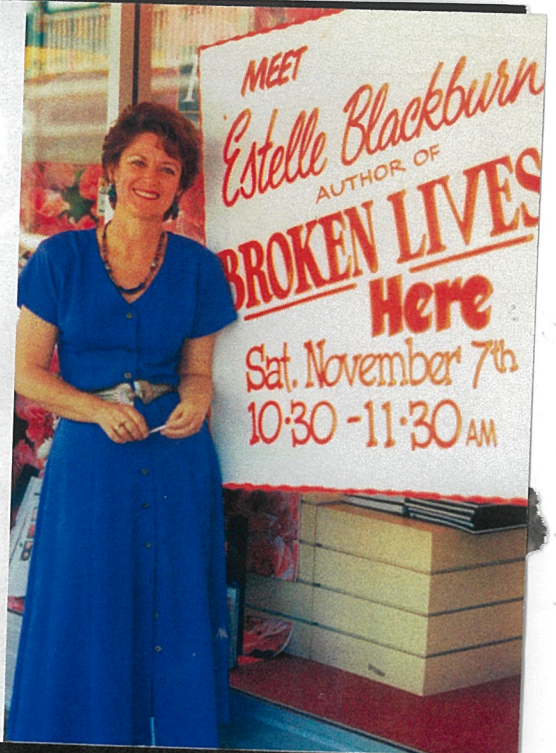


Estelle Blackburn OAM

2010 Arts, Culture & Entertainment Award

A chance meeting sparking an investigation, six years of self-funded research and determination and an eventual exoneration of a murder conviction – the path to writing Estelle Blackburn OAM's book *Broken Lives* is as fascinating as its subject.

Uncovering fresh evidence, coupled with crucial scientific evidence and pro-bono legal counsel, Ms Blackburn OAM's investigation into a wrongful conviction eventually led to two men – John Button and Darryl Beamish – being exonerated decades later. Ms Blackburn OAM was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for community services through investigative journalism. She continues to advocate for changes in the justice system.



Hon Robert French AC

2009 Sir Charles Court Inspiring Leadership Award

Former High Court Chief Justice Robert French AC is one of the most distinguished judicial figures in WA's history.

He was the first West Australian to be appointed to the highest judicial office in the land, serving as Chief Justice from 2008 to 2017.

Earlier as a solicitor and barrister in WA, he helped found the WA Aboriginal Legal Service in the 1970s and was later the first president of the Native Title Tribunal in 1994.

In his long career he has also served as a member of the Supreme Court of Fiji, Non-Permanent Justice of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal, and as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court. He was appointed a Companion of the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2010.

The Honorable Dr French AC has been the Chancellor of The University of Western Australia since 2017.



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