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From the President

Next meeting is our AGM, and we hope as many of you as possible come along to review the year. All four office-holders are standing again (myself as President, Kris Svendsen as Vice President, Anna Kadow as Secretary and Judy Best as Treasurer), and in addition Adrienne Barkla and Anne Hamilton have put up their hands to continue on the committee. There are currently two vacant spots on the committee and we invite you to think about joining us. We are a likeable, easy-going crew and we take pride in steering our wonderful association in directions that are both familiar and new. New ideas are always welcome and we encourage you to come on board and

have your say.

Our Ancient Moon workshop with Kerry Galea had a small turnout - next time we won't schedule a workshop on a Balsamic, barren Moon - but everyone there had a wonderful time. And we have even more of an astrological feast coming up! After the AGM, Miriam Laister, one of our most experienced astrologers, will discuss transits to the Cross of Matter. On **November 10th**, New Zealand astrologer Alan Clay will visit us to speak on Sedna. He has just released a comprehensive book covering his research on Sedna and it was launched at the recent US international conference.

Just over a week later, on **Sunday Nov 18th**, WA astrologer Paul Westran will run a workshop on Progressed Synastry in relationships. It's a bit of an experiment having a Sunday workshop but we felt the opportunity was too good to miss!

And the goodies don't finish there. Make sure you put **Sunday January 27th** into your diaries. The FAA National Council will be in Adelaide for their annual meeting, and five of them – all great speakers – will put on a mini-conference for our members. Five speakers, five quite different topics – what a feast of astrology on the one day!

We are so privileged to have such renowned astrologers presenting their research and ideas for us over the next few months. Be there, absorb the ideas, be inspired to learn more about yourself and about the world we live in.

May love and laughter light your days

Cate



2018 FAA SA Program

October 13, 2 pm - AGM + Transits to Angles -
Miriam Laister

November 10, 2 pm - Sedna - Alan Clay (NZ)

November 18, 10 am - Workshop: Progressions in
Relationships - Paul Westran (WA)

December 1, 2 pm - Christmas Party

January 27, 2019: Mini Conference



FAASA AGM: Sat 13th October, 2 pm

Followed by

Miriam Laister: Tales of Four Angles



Miriam began her astrological studies in 1982 and since then she has never stopped learning. She was an active member of FAASA, speaking at FAA meetings and editing 'Southern Star' in the 1990s. She moved to Queensland but is now back and living at Normanville, where she hosts an astrology discussion group once a month. Miriam has edited her own astrological newsletter and has taught astrology for many years. One of our most experienced astrologers, she always provides new insights and ideas.

In this talk, Miriam will examine transits to the Cross of Matter. The angle receiving the transiting planet doesn't tell the whole story. Like throwing pebbles into a pond, there are ripples from the conjunction to one angle that affect more than the one area of life signified by that angle. The areas ruled by the other angles are often also involved. The natal placement and the house(s) the planet rules all become part of the story. Using charts from her files, and a few famous people, we will see how what could be seen as a single thread, weaves a complicated pattern.

AGM begins 2 pm. Admission free.

- *The President's and the Treasurer's Reports will be presented.*
- *Officeholders and committee members will be elected.*

Afternoon tea will be around 2.45 pm, and Miriam's talk will follow.

TS Rooms, behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Tce, Adelaide.



FAASA AGM: Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for committee membership. It is a most rewarding experience to share your passion for astrology with like minded colleagues, and to contribute your skills and enthusiasm to the planning and smooth running of your state organisation. I personally have found it has reinvigorated my astrological research and broadened my awareness of what's occurring in the field - as well as being very enjoyable being part of a great team! *With two positions vacant we encourage you to put your name down. Adrienne Barkla*



FAASA Workshop: Sunday Nov 18, 10 am –4 pm



**Paul
Westran**

When Charts Collide

*Who you love, why you
love, when you love*

Paul Westran (born in Totley, Sheffield, UK on 8th November 1966 at 00:20hrs) is the author of When Stars Collide (2006), A 22nd Century Science (2018) and numerous articles (don't miss the one in the September Journal!) An astrologer since 1985, he lives with his wife and son in Kalamunda, WA and has been involved with IT and astrology for 10 years.

In this workshop, Paul explores his personally researched technique of Progressed Synastry—how the Secondary Progressed charts of two people align when they meet to form a relationship. Progressions are the unfolding of the natal chart, the movie that takes the chart through a person's life. As it's happening 'behind the scenes', it is something that has often been overlooked. In his research, Paul has demonstrated that not only do Progressions play a role in relationships, but that these phenomena can be graphed. This gives rise to questions such as consciousness v nature, and whether astrology can be empirically proven. Don't miss the fascinating workshop!

Sunday 18th November, 10 am—4 pm, TS Rooms behind New Dimensions Bookshop, 310 South Terrace Adelaide.

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Mini Conference January 27, 2019

- *Speakers and Topics*

Brian Clark (Vic) - Mercury: Travels, Transitions and Timing

Dr. Neil Hair (NSW) - Saturn Returns and Canberra Consequences

Christina Thomas (NSW) - Prenatal Eclipses: Your Life Lessons

Jeannie Monks (Qld) - The Astrology of Death and Grief

Veronica Chlap (Qld) - The Uranus/Neptune Conjunction and the Rise of Internet Trolling



A Plea for Placidus

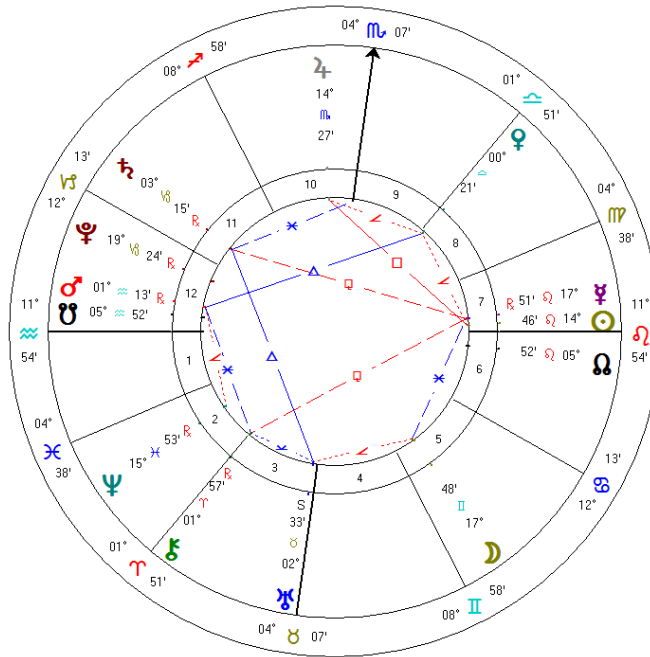
(or why I will never be able to love Whole Sign Houses)

Cate Whelan

I love the visual geometry of a chart. It is a geo-centric picture, capturing a frozen moment in time, revealing the heavens as a person would see them when standing in that place at that time. What is visible is above the horizon at that moment. The earth is at the centre of the chart, the Sun appearing to travel around it. We know this is not an objectively accurate image, because we know the earth travels around the sun. But what we see is what we experience. We experience sunrise and sunset. We experience a northern sun in winter and a southern sun in summer, the short days and the long days. These are the days and years from our perspective. We can read the days and the years on the chart. Planets move clockwise around the chart from a

daily perspective, anti-clockwise from a yearly perspective. When the Sun is on the Ascendant, it is dawn, on the Descendant, dusk. On the MC, it is the middle of the day, and on the IC it is the middle of the night. These are our basic visual experiences translated into a diagram – a horoscope.

Transits 7 Aug 2018
Event Chart
 7 Aug 2018, Tue
 5:20 pm ACST -9:30
 Adelaide, Australia
 34°S55' 138°E35'
*Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node*



There are many ways to divide a chart into Houses. I like to use Placidus, for natal charts, unless they are for extreme north latitudes (I've never done a chart for an extreme south latitude – not too many births down there!). For horary or electoral charts, using a traditional technique, I use Regiomontanus, the predecessor of Placidus. What these House systems have in common is that they are Quadrant systems – the Ascendant, IC, Descendant and MC are the cusps of the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th Houses. These points are visually as well as intellectually important. They mark the angular Houses and any planets close to these points stand out.

This is why I cannot use the Whole House system. It is essentially an artificial construct, albeit a very old one. What appears to be the horizon is really just a pair of bars showing 0 degrees of the Ascendant and Descendant signs. The Ascendant is merely a point in the First House. Immediately it is diminished. If the Descendant is shown, and usually it is not, it too is just a point in the 7th House. Even if you drew a line, it would be on a diagonal – it would not be a horizon. The easy task of picking a diurnal or nocturnal chart can now become more complicated. On a Whole Sign chart, the Sun can be in the First House and still be a daytime

chart. Or in the 7th house and be a night time chart. It becomes an intellectual and not a visual exercise.

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Event Chart

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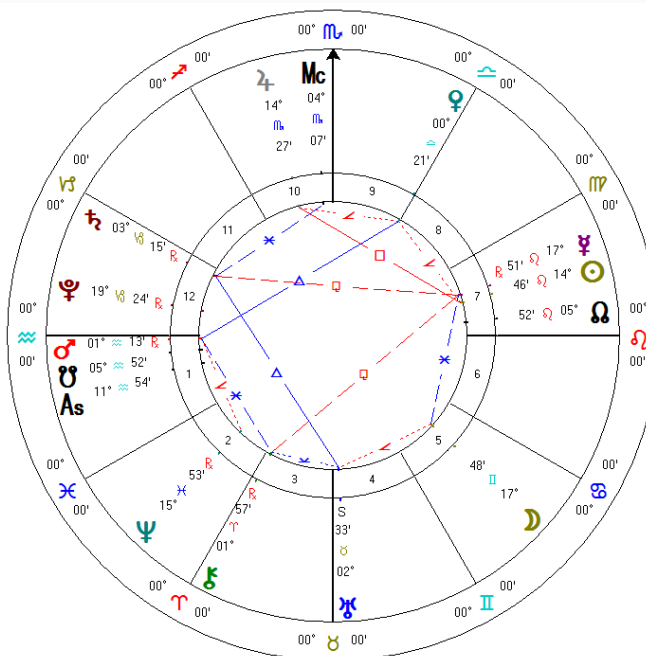
34°S55' 138°E35'

Geocentric

Tropical

Whole Signs

True Node



For me, the most dangerous element of the whole sign system is that 12th House planets can magically be transformed into First House planets. With any change of house system – say, Placidus to Koch - planets near House cusps can move into adjacent Houses. With Equal Houses they can even move across the MC/IC. But never from the Twelfth to the First, because the Ascendant is impermeable. It marks the start of the chart. The difference in interpretation from the last House to the first House is so huge as to be irreconcilable.

I have read Christopher Brennan's reasons for using Whole Sign Houses. I understand the importance in going back to the original texts and seeing what system the early masters used. It's important to understand the original fundamentals of astrology. That doesn't mean we have to stay there. Brennan suggests that the introduction of quadrant houses around the 9th Century may have been 'different mathematicians showing off their skills'.¹ I know that influential people are using WSH. I absolutely realise they're easier to calculate. But we are a different world now. I am wary of fundamentalism in any form, astrological fundamentalism included. There have been quantum shifts in human consciousness with the discovery of the outer planets and Chiron. But for me, the quadrant chart with its firm Ascendant takes me back to the original astrologers on the plains of Mesopotamia, watching the planets and stars rise and set over the

east and west horizons. The starry dome. The picture of the astrological chart.

1. Brennan, *12 Reasons Why Whole Sign Houses is the Best System of House Division*, theastrologypodcast.com

Cate Whelan, began studying astrology 35 years ago. A former high school teacher, she holds an FAA Diploma of Astrology and a Certificate in Medieval Astrology. She taught classes in astrology until the last few years as well as consulting professionally. Cate has been president of the FAASA since 2011.



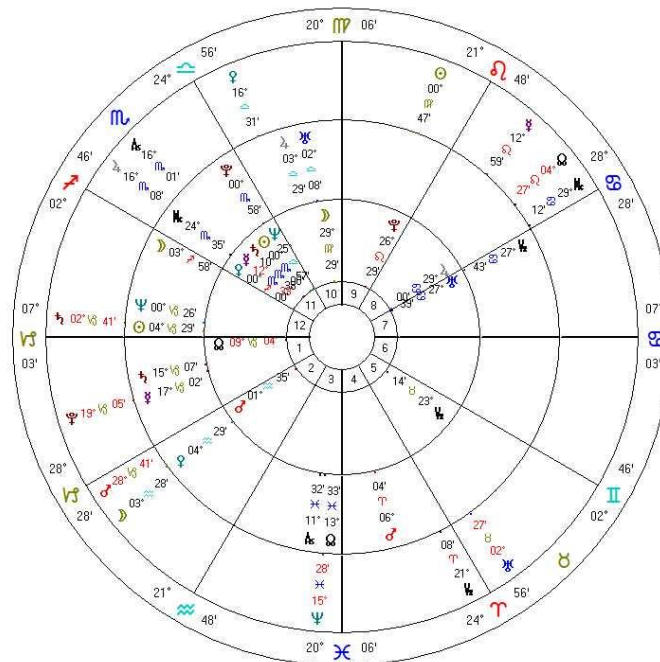
Australian Liberal National Party Spill, August 2018

An analysis by Jill Amery

The LNP's leadership spill culminated in late August 2018 with the resignation of party leader and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the new Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, being sworn in on 24th August. It had been brewing for some time, with Malcolm Turnbull's leadership regarded by many in the party and some electorates as being too far to the "centre" rather than the "centre right".

It's always interesting to see how your rectification of a person's horoscope stands up to future developments, and I'm still happy with my rectification for Malcolm Turnbull of 9:11:30am, 24th October 1954, in Sydney.

Inner Wheel
Malcolm Turnbull
Natal Chart
 24 Oct 1954, Sun
 9:11:30 am AEST -10:00
 Sydney, Australia
 33°S52'15"E13°
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node



Middle Wheel
Malcolm Turnbull
Directed - Solar Arc
 24 Aug 2018, Fri
 10:00 am AEST -10:00
 Sydney, Australia
 33°S52'15"E13°
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node

Mean Node
Placidus
Tropical
Geocentric
 35°S17'149"E08'
 Canberra, Australia
 10:00 am AEST -10:00
 24 Aug 2018, Fri
Natal Chart
Malcolm Turnbull Resignation
 Outer Wheel

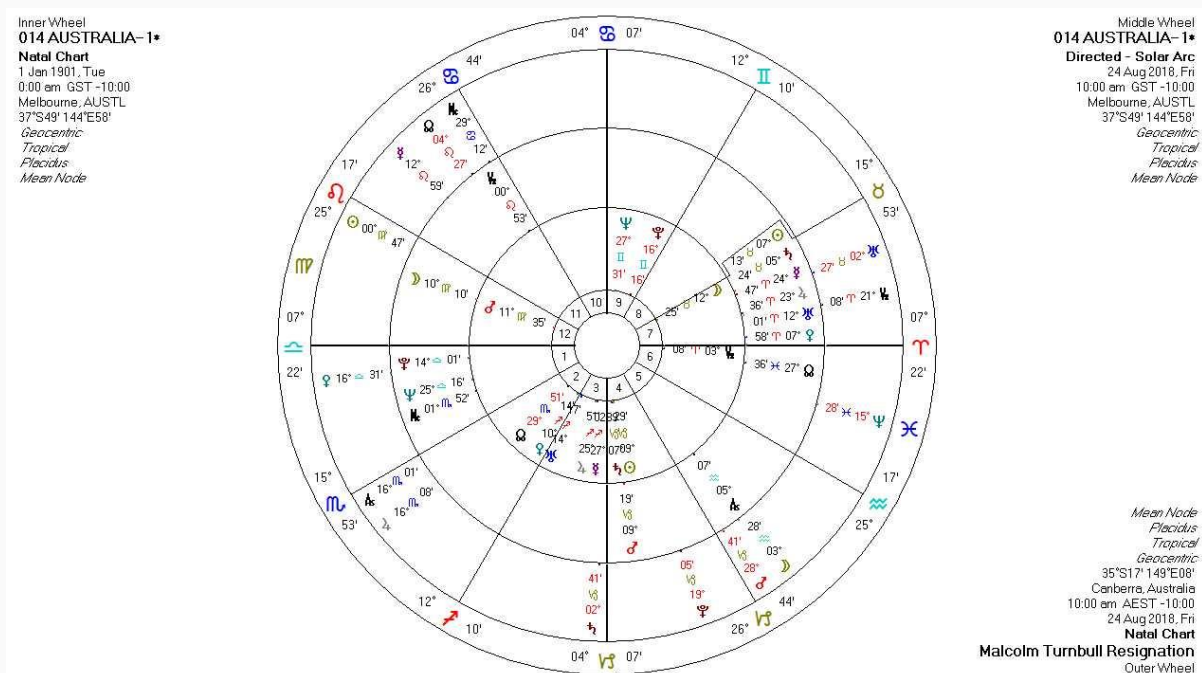
The current transit of Saturn Rx across Malcolm's Ascendant (7 Capricorn) conjunct Lunar Node (9 Capricorn) suggests the serious setback and separation which has taken place, culminating in his resignation on 24th August 2018 - the Lunar Nodal Axis symbolising our connection with others, especially the public, in our adult life. Malcolm's Ascendant-Node at 7 and 9 Capricorn are conjunct the Sun-Saturn conjunction of the 1st January 1901 horoscopes for Australia discussed below.

That angular Saturn transit, together with Malcolm's Solar Arc (SA) Ascendant quindecile his 9th-house (political) Pluto (self-empowerment in question – with the upset, upheaval and separation potential of the very unstable quindecile aspect of 165 degrees); and SA Vertex conjunct Uranus (sudden shocking departure, of a fated (Vertex) nature? Did Malcolm "have it coming" after his deposition of long-standing rival Tony Abbott, and earlier, party leader Brendan Nelson?

Malcolm's SA Neptune closely at the Aries Point now (AP = public projection) is indicative of potential vulnerability, meltdown and loss. (This last technique was evolved by Noel Tyl and works exquisitely well – just the arc of a planet or point to the Aries Point (0 degrees of the Cardinal signs) is enough to bring forward that planet/point's symbolism to public view, or render it far more open in that person's life). "Neptune is never kind to politicians" was a favourite quote of a British astrologer whose name escapes me, but I've never forgotten it – the ruthless pragmatism needed in politics does not always synch well with other-worldly Neptunian energies. Malcolm has

also experienced transit Pluto conjunct natal Mercury, MC ruler, and SA Pluto conjunct natal Sun, both indicative of deep irrevocable change.

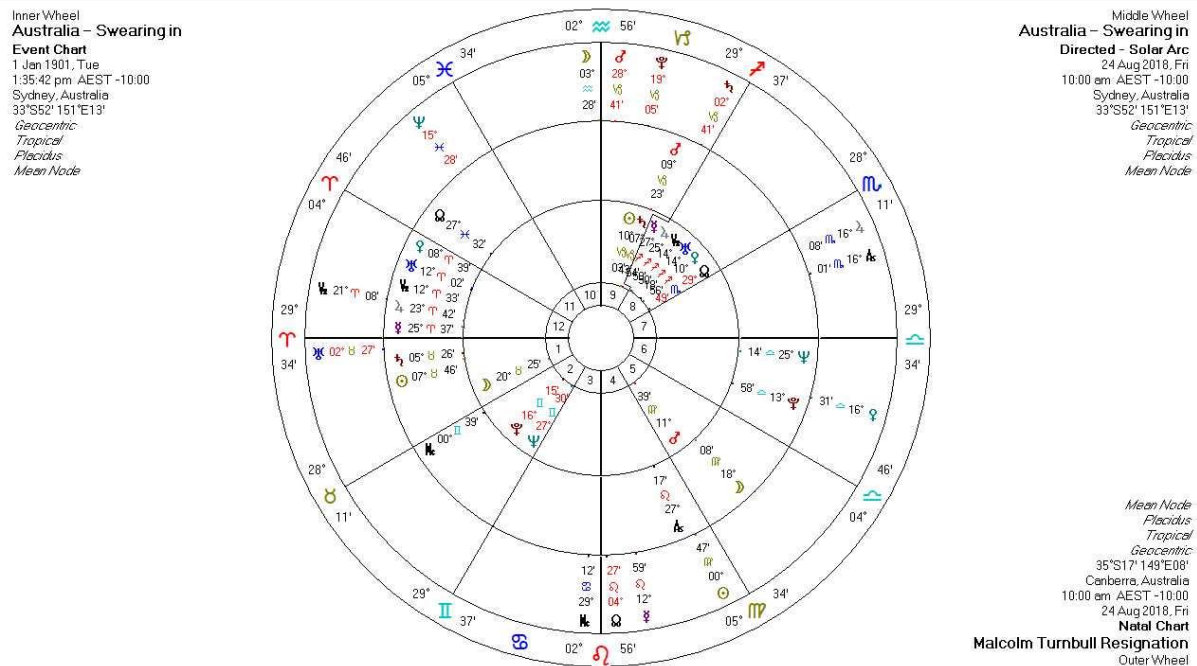
Power games in Canberra were very much captured, seen through the 1st January 1901 12:00 am chart set for Melbourne the very first moment of legal and constitutional independence from Great Britain through an Act of the British Parliament, celebrated with a New Year banquet at the Melbourne Town Hall (there were other celebrations that day too, in both Melbourne and Sydney).



On the day Malcolm Turnbull stepped down as Australian Prime Minister, Friday 24th August 2018, transit Pluto, planet of ultimate power, was **precisely** (2 min. orb!) quindecile that Midheaven. For quindecile fans it doesn't get any stronger than that – Pluto QD the MC – in big power struggles like this, "the game's up". SA Node squares 9th-house Neptune (dissolution in political environment; public disenchantment). SA Mars conjoins natal Sun (trouble stirred). The same Saturn Rx transit that triggered Malcolm Turnbull's Ascendant was triggering the Ascendant and MC of this Aussie chart too – Saturn retrogrades across the 4th house cusp, square Ascendant. Transit Neptune squares 9th-house Pluto, indicating potential for intrigue and betrayals politically.

The 1:35:42 pm chart for 1st January 1901 in Sydney (known as the "Swearing-in" chart, when the interim Prime Minister and Governor General were sworn in, timed by astrologer Gwen Stoney)

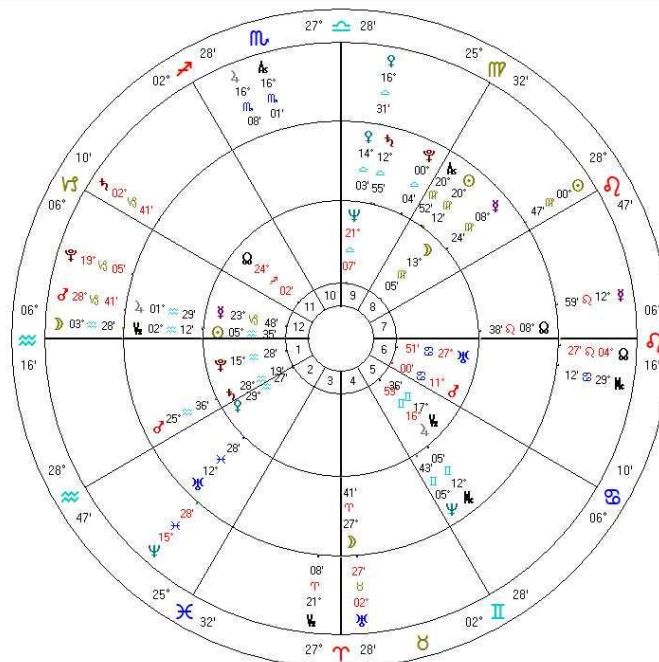
was also activated during the spill, with the total lunar eclipse of 27th July at 4.45 Aquarius close to the Midheaven, plus transits of Mars Rx square Ascendant and about to conjoin the MC, and Uranus square the MC, with transit Uranus to conjoin the Ascendant later in 2018 and station direct there, still square the MC, in early 2019 (continuing unsettlement in the people's view of where political leadership stands? – there's likely to be another federal election around May 2019).



The SA MC in this chart has recently concluded a quindecile with Uranus, ruler of the MC, and SA Pluto is quindecile the Ascendant – reflecting the intense upheaval, disruption and division through sudden incisive actions by the party in power and its leader, now deposed. “Bullying, betrayals, and backstabbing” is how one politician described current events and these are clearly suggested by hard aspects of Mars, Uranus and Pluto all activating the chart at once. On the day and approximate time of Malcolm Turnbull’s resignation, the daily Moon triggered the angles of this chart and the following one!

The earliest horoscope used for Australia is that of the start of British colonisation with the arrival of the First Fleet at Port Jackson on 26 January 1788 set for 5:23am (Ed Tamplin’s rectification), when the British flag was raised and formal possession was taken. This chart is also activated by current events, as the Swearing-in chart is, as both have angles (Ascendant and Midheaven) at late Cardinals and early Fixed signs, which dovetail closely with Malcolm Turnbull’s t-square of late Cardinals and early Fixed signs.

Inner Wheel
Australia – Sydney
Natal Chart
26 Jan 1788 NS, Sat
5:23 am LMT -10:04:52
Sydney, AUSTRALIA
33°S52' 151°E13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node



Middle Wheel
Australia – Sydney
Directed – Solar Arc
24 Aug 2018, Fri
10:00 am LMT -10:04:52
Sydney, AUSTRALIA
33°S52' 151°E13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node

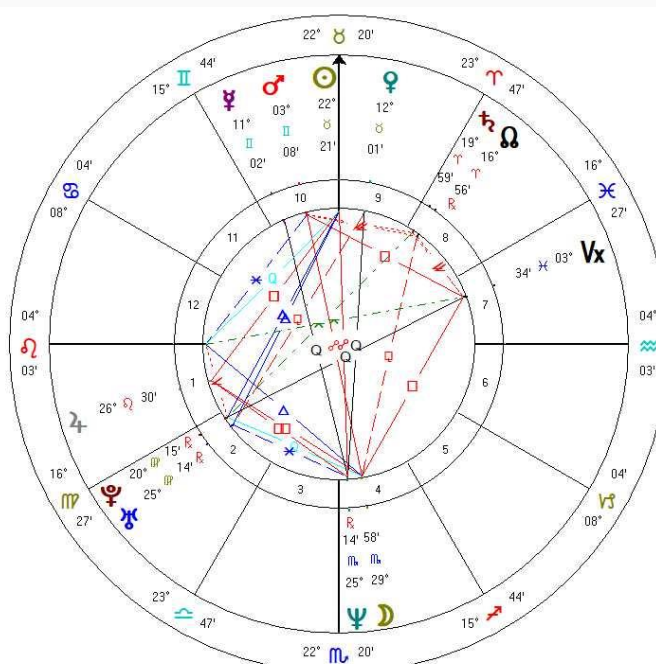
Mean Node
Placidus
Tropical
Geocentric
35°S17' 149°E08'
Canberra, Australia
10:00 am AEST -10:00
24 Aug 2018, Fri
Natal Chart
Malcolm Turnbull Resignation
Outer Wheel

The total lunar eclipse at 4.45 Aquarius of 27th July 2018 (closely conjunct the Lunar Node, transit Mars Rx and square transit Uranus) fell on this chart's Ascendant-Sun conjunction, marking a precursor to the tension and warlike atmosphere of the leadership spill, in which bullying to gain voting support for the candidates standing, was reported. At this time the double-whammy of (change-orientated) natal Uranus square MC was activated by Solar Arc Moon, and by Solar Arc natal Uranus=MC is now beginning to activate natal Moon suggesting a prominent change of direction for the party in power.

Transits of Uranus (square Sun-Ascendant), Neptune (square Jupiter) and Pluto (conjunct Mercury) continuing into 2019 to this chart suggest ongoing intrigue and uncertainty, and the need for new perspectives to work towards success. Politics continue to be a tricky business – not for the faint-hearted!

Newbie Prime Minister Scott Morrison's birth data is on Astrodatbank – 13th May 1968 in Sydney, but the time is not known. Using a Sun conjunct MC chart though, it's interesting to see that the 4.45 Aquarius total lunar eclipse of late July 2018 fell across the Ascendant-Descendant axis. Eclipses can act as dynamic catalysts for change and growth – and often the Sun at the MC chart can offer information about the person in career terms.

Scott Morrison
Natal Chart
 13 May 1968, Mon
 11:51:20 am AEST -10:00
 Sydney, AUSTRALIA
 33°55'15" S 151°13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node



The large Q glyph in Somo's chart stands for quincunx, a 165 degree aspect which suggests, psychologically, a strong tendency to obsession, compulsion, a driving motivation, an anchored preoccupation that won't go away, regarding that planetary symbolism. Many successful people have this aspect in their charts as it's a sign of someone who won't quit easily, in the area of that symbolism. In Somo's horoscope, Neptune quincunx both Mercury and Venus is interesting - as a Sun Taurean (Venus in Taurus too) he seems very straightforward and grounded, but his Neptune quincunx Mercury and Venus, as well as a Fixed t-square of Sun, Jupiter and Neptune reflect his passionate religious beliefs, as well as perhaps a code of personal behaviour inspired by a very strong sense of idealism. We don't know whether his Moon sign is Scorpio or Sagittarius yet, but either would add to this mix of someone of great intensity, who does nothing by halves.

Jupiter is transiting his Fixed t-square at present, due to oppose his Sun next month, October. Jupiter symbolises a sense of abundance and expansion, also of course politics. SA Venus has now reached the Aries Point - potential for public projection - so natal Venus, apart from disposing his Sun, is possibly very significant in his natal - as in this chart, maybe an angular ruler.

Jill Amery

Jill Amery (SA), began studying in 1988 with the Faculty of Astrological Studies in London, later completing Noel Tyl's Master Certification course with honours. She is currently moderator of his student e-group. With an interest in rectification, her primary focus is humanistic and geo-political astrology.

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