



Swedenborg Association of Australia
FRIDAY April 26th 2019 at 7.45pm
at the New Church, 2B Shirley Road, Roseville
\$5 members, \$7 non-members/concession.

**When Swedenborg Is Antiquated: How
Readers Interpret Difficult Texts**
Presented by special guest speaker
Roslyn Taylor (USA)



Readers of Swedenborg often struggle with apparently antiquated perspectives in his work that, when taken literally, discriminate against or negatively stereotype people based on race, gender, religion or other categories, or involve scientific explanations that are outdated. How do these perspectives line up with Swedenborg's otherwise inclusive attitudes and directives towards loving other people? How can one reconcile current science with arguments in Swedenborg built on eighteenth century understandings? You will hear about two initiatives intended to address "isms" or outdated attitudes that stand out in Swedenborgian texts, as well as current trends among Swedenborgian thinkers.



Roslyn Taylor holds a Diploma in Spiritual Christianity from the Australian New Church College, and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies from Bryn Athyn College's Theological School in the USA. As a spiritual leader, she facilitates the Home Church in Bryn Athyn, and serves in Swedenborgian/New Church congregations in the USA and Australasia when needed. She has

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