

Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

David Bevan ([01:04](#)):

Well, good morning, ladies and gentlemen, My name's David Bevan. It's my honour to host this panel discussion it's called a case to answer. before we start just a couple of housekeeping items, we'll have about 35 minutes and then we'll have about 10 minutes for the questions. And on top of that, not only is the festival of ideas. Oh, wonderful, wonderful institution. It is a hot mistress. So, questions at the end and then warm it up, moved out, let the next session come through. On Australia day in 1993 year old man from athletics here in the city magistrates. And he was charged with having personally having a part in the murder, all twenties and we're having been involved in the murder of more than 800 people had killed or taking part in. And part of the Nazi policy in Jewish people during the second world war in German, occupied at Yukon and other days, three legal proceedings with a test, the system to attach to this problem was played out in our local course [inaudible], but it was also played out across the media, around the world and in a Ukraine back.

David Bevan ([02:58](#)):

Eventually it was by a jury after a trial and was acquitted. And twenty-five years later for the first time we brought together the prosecution and the defense we have on my left here and I'm very pleased. The sidelines kind of went away from Sydney. Grinding was well, he was Australia's chief Nazi hunter. He was the head of the special investigation. So a big welcome to Graham Blewett. Okay. We have a, to have allies best nine [inaudible] justice, but he was the senior lawyer in the code defense team. And I've been in power. Can you say, what would you

Graeme Blewitt ([03:57](#)):

[Inaudible]

David Bevan ([03:57](#)):

Because there are some people who in the past, since the equivalent that have no idea that this actually out here in Adelaide, so just don't want to begin by asking each of you have big a case was living pack. Yep. Yep. I think I should eat that. It was huge because it combined lag weaknesses, scientific investigations, but normally speaking, you might be charged with a crime. This crime was committed in a year or 50 years before the trial, and that threw a whole sorts of problems, but throughout all sorts of fascinating facts, history cultural differences and it was easy.

David Bevan ([05:27](#)):

I think from the, from the prosecution's point of view, it wasn't as physical as it presented to the defense of the investigations had been underway for a number of years. And in Coleman [inaudible] prosecution started with an allegation on that prosecution approach to murder trial or a murder investigation times a number of people from the prosecution and the investigators point of view. It wasn't an overwhelming prospect in, from the other side of investigation. Point of view was not an operational level. Having said that it was certainly complex long and difficult. We had witnesses who walked from across the planet. We had [inaudible] survivors who was still living in Sydney in Ukraine. And then we had the Jewish survivors, the ones that we managed to get away from Holocaust in Israel north America and Canada.

when you and unconscious of the burden he would carrying on behalf of us, I think we were obviously aware that relatives killed almost a thousand people.

David Bevan ([07:19](#)):

Nazi people, Jews played this ability to sleep in a room. And then they went to Israel and the United States, Canada and other places, and one at a time to ensure that first of all, that they were dealt with with compassion. And that when we asked, we asked them to come to Australia and that the whole purpose of reading testify is to try to address part of the Romans committed 10 other [inaudible] to now I was [inaudible] because at the time [inaudible], and then I returned to the agency and they gave me a brief to continue to, to look at the past because I've been there from day one. But I got to know some of the witnesses, the one that sticks in my mind was Jen. Nick, can you tell us about Jen Quinn?

David Bevan ([08:39](#)):

Jack was he came on the ability to have sleep fled after the execution [inaudible] he came to Adelaide when, and after giving exhibits it's fairly fragile. And the next night after robbery, the senior investigator in charge spoke to Jack's life to see how Jack and he's watched it. She was his wife. And so we were feeling concerned that he, that is reacting in such a bad way. But reality was to the country. His wife said that all of the American life, he had kept her awake with winding and screaming with memories of messages that had occurred in the crime. And for the first time that he started, we have a sound sleep in these locks. [inaudible]

David Bevan ([09:57](#)):

Interesting that all of the Jewish traditions, all of them told mascara stories about the way that they treated us and that the day of the by the onset that is important tonight that some of them like Jack, because love, can you cranky all the Germans. And most of them who Skype with a young teenager and I lived in [inaudible] and it was below [inaudible] how much young boys lived out in that forest. So three years until the end of the more possible to imagine 90 away the states and Canada even [inaudible]. And [inaudible] just incredible and says everything today, dedication but old Jack critic, none of them save us all body image, do this. Adam talked about what were you crying? Policeman, who collaborate children's feet. I will talk to you about rumors about me, which is supposed to be the community of [inaudible] and no Jewish weakness ever saying, I saw you do this.

David Bevan ([11:44](#)):

That's very important method to bear in mind. It's also a lovely story about Jack [inaudible] needless to say the Bronx accent, because that's way they're English and his wife, Jack came up to me at the gym during the proceedings and said, tell me how much should we have to be outside for you? This was [inaudible] to be involved in because you already I never got any depression [inaudible], you know, to me, it was everybody invited, wanting to abuse, rape code. You see that history of the second world war, and here you can move and transport that into a corporate world that allow me who was fascinating to start being involved in a lot, even though the whole story, but it was a furry.

David Bevan ([13:14](#)):

We have this [inaudible] we had all sorts of fascinating stories do. [inaudible] I think we actually had a document in our original document was signed by him and having this sort of data presented to us with genocide [inaudible] documentation, for instance, German, the Mormons the school, the Jews and the [inaudible] office. And I found this just as mind-boggling, but at the same time we had the bear line, all

the [inaudible], just explain it. And what was the case against [inaudible] and his involvement with the wall? What happened? What's that background as it happened during that period of time after Eastern, after Russia vaped, the [inaudible] behind juveniles and when it ran short and what the norm is that they get the love, the Dov, and they shoot the Jews and all this.

David Bevan ([15:02](#)):

Now I love policeman who collaborated with the Germans and was alleged and used role as service shop or wherever you system. So that was his role. So he wasn't forced to do that well, but there is a tension a little bit in between, and it started with a fact and a fact that it could be food in coal. For instance, she had his story very well explained to the Conrad when he comes along and said, look, if you're a Forester working, you crying during the second world war, you're almost certainly carrying out the orders of the nasty occupiers well that's and start fat, but that this individual, and that's, that's the, that's the weak point and the negativities, the fascinating rules of nails, 90 watch, you can say very strict rules. You can't just call it a boss, but these stories, that sort of situation. Now, this tension between what does this, the goals and more on the story side was very graphic. For instance, as you know, most of the stories [inaudible] and we had not trouble great. It was a brilliant move. You can't say, you must say this comment, say the story.

David Bevan ([17:11](#)):

Also a lot of history here, as I say [inaudible]. So can I ask to say something on that? This is not a doubt that, that mark denied the way you would not challenge, but of course, the Holocaust, the happy [inaudible] extradition cases we chose not to act. And we chose to not to suggest that people like put this word pinions about the fact that they were crammed into collaboration with the occupying Germans was not any historical fact. It was the issue. Can you establish beyond reasonable doubt that it was this man next week pathway? The teaching was about, we had to keep inviting you back to the facts of this case and not the pretty page. is there were [inaudible] who did, in fact collaborate, they Russian masters. They be calling me by the Bobby punish sandals tonight. There was a meeting that you [inaudible] my understanding. Yeah,

Speaker 1 ([18:48](#)):

Yeah.

David Bevan ([18:50](#)):

Which I always thought was a great credit to the wine is to be managed on both the defense and the prosecution start crying. The history, messy life is messy, but we get to the 1980s. And then there's no doubt that hundreds of spending walk animals had made their way to Australia. But look, this is happening. It should have been dealt with after the war. We're now 30 years after the war, the power side, what do we do? Or passes legislation. So we will try these people in this country because we don't want to sit in the back of what is now the certainly [inaudible], we'll try them unrestrained more. And it haven't done that. You've got to solve. How can we make about this as professional as possible? The best thing is John, pull it off and thinking of the way the special investigation carried this out was the issue. Can you explain to people what happened when you went to the Saudi and the firearms and said, we need to dig them up? Absolutely. And just putting into context, the [inaudible] being charged, commencing the [inaudible] officials to allow us into the Saturday.

David Bevan ([20:14](#)):

We played with the not to [inaudible] when you hold up some [inaudible] execution to the place, I they're ready to play. Do you miss that feeling? And he took us in to wash them as then. And he told us that this occurred as [inaudible] and say, track some trials or any signs of a forest of pine trees. And he seen through the trees and he sort of looked around Dustin's miracles. And he told us, if you dig three minutes, you will find a box juice. So we made this and we came back to the Australian media compare and he said before, I wanted to confirm that they are in effect you.

David Bevan ([22:04](#)):

So having been given that task, all the [inaudible] said, this is what we want. As far as [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible]. He said, yes, the whole has done, in course in human rights, we have this. So this is the issue to further investigations. And we decided to do that. So the forest is cleared. The grind was almost no [inaudible]. The goal is to first for Australia to remind the prosecutions that occurred also after [inaudible] when the okay. [inaudible] [inaudible] On the fact of this. And it was also demonstrated initially found in the bride of Jim and manufacturing. So excluded [inaudible] it wasn't my Powell and the man that was that was the big ice had more than that.

David Bevan ([25:05](#)):

Yes. What was it like when [inaudible], you went in at different times, but what was sneaky like in 99 to 1993 or seriously? it wasn't old. It was [inaudible] pick [inaudible] [inaudible] the house wandering around Frey and [inaudible] cows, cows home peel off into their LABAs houses guys to have their animals smeared around at the [inaudible] [inaudible]. but they was appalling dragging the into houses. not the lack of human. [inaudible] it was very, very hard to go into these houses, but these people, many of them are roles. This is not minimum of story being told at the time that they were kept at a motel and a coward because it's because the whole thing is just about the world becoming more verbal kind of thing. With the traffic, the thing was just a complete culture shock, and we knew they're gathering evidence. They knew there was a moment where you told them the story when you brought home to you, what a middle-class time truth is, you can explain what happened. I'm saving 30 [inaudible] and I can't wait to see an old man. Who's the right age. [inaudible] On that in right fault. You know, let us do this on the road with possession was passed. And other day with another solicitor, we were, I mean, she had the

Speaker 1 ([27:34](#)):

Video camera, video camera.

David Bevan ([27:39](#)):

And I was asking these gentlemen about, well, he saying he started off saying, no, no, I saw them going past [inaudible] past. And I said, would you mind if I came that day, time and video through all the same video, I'm getting BS. And he said, you come back tomorrow, you come back tomorrow. I went back to the main site and stopped asking them when he saw over telling me that he thought he could see what you told me yesterday. And he said, no, of course not. And he said, you came back, coming back and he said, you must run the block. Or I told you, sorry, I'm asking you to do something different. And this was, this was the coach that the prosecution had. And that was, we were dealing with people who had been very much impoverish by the story and the value and very masterful paid to say whatever they thought somebody in authority wanted to hear and to regress yet. So with that person in authority, by giving her information that they thought would protect them from some of the action or the vaccine calls. That's why I say [inaudible] the for say whatever it needs. [inaudible]

Graeme Blewitt ([29:28](#)):

Yeah.

David Bevan ([29:29](#)):

Sort of right up there. We have an example of the 100% accuracy of the witnesses that will take you into a forest to say, great, is there and it's there. And if you have an hour or somebody assigned, when he thought the lawyer from Mandalay, one of the here, and this is ultimately the problem wasn't that the prosecution had, because you said it right at the beginning while this was the case times a thousand, it was a murder case. You had to prove beyond reasonable doubt that this man did this in this [inaudible] the time you had witnesses who would say yes, I recognized him in the court, but I couldn't say I saw him decently. And then you saw another witness who would say this, this and this, but I can't identify. And that ultimately over the course of three years, [inaudible] that material to the defense as part of the discovery and leave it up to the defense to [inaudible]. And that was just part of the strength of the [inaudible] forensic [inaudible]. So the defense to try and destroy the credibility to an extent that I did that. [inaudible] not that model on paper, the past play coach, when the charges were laid in 99, look extremely strong. He said was, he was a very famous prosecution and all sorts of publicity surrounding. It was not so much that, oh, this is costing you too much. [inaudible]

David Bevan ([32:09](#)):

Stuff that, the feeling and what's interesting is that I think often correct me if I'm wrong, but often the property managers [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] and where did we say be suspicious that the weightings were [inaudible] [inaudible] getting, well, I think we're getting some sort of witness fee. And so I would go by Allergan, but in Sydney they unfortunately would be rude, more cows, the community, the way Thursday, Wednesday, I find myself thinking more and more we'll the last year or two as we come out to address for 25 years since the war prosecutions, rather than asking the question, did he do it? The more profound question for me has been what separated Adeline in the 1990s from Jenna and occupied Ukraine in the 1940s and the conclusion I'm coming to. And I'll be interested in your thoughts on this is the very things that led to the critical or suspect war are the things that separate grant. Well, I think one of the things that [inaudible] didn't have in the formal side, I guess the rule of law, I agree with the basis that [inaudible] does it externally as efficiently, but after I finished [inaudible] humanity before the company in the name is [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] experience for the citizen in mostly the nationalism, we, the messenger, no real reason. Other than that, I thought it was [inaudible].

David Bevan ([35:50](#)):

So the crimes committed and we say my experiences horrible, but it was punished. I think that's probably as a, as a human [inaudible] what we learned and what

Speaker 1 ([36:41](#)):

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David Bevan ([36:42](#)):

Before the gym [inaudible]. So that takes a man exhibit [inaudible] mom, just to find [inaudible] [inaudible] yes, sir. [inaudible] And he just did a normative Grimes and mind games to the boy more crimes happening. And then do do this [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] on obviously from that, is that dangerous income [inaudible] and competent [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] if you went on, we now

have a permanent international criminal court it's existence. So in theory, they're refugees, [inaudible] ICC Amazon Australia. When they pass that you have the expertise to guide, et cetera. Mostly I think when I was very much enforced, first of all, in the most impossible to bring, despite all the difficulties.

David Bevan ([40:25](#)):

So I was very comfortable. It was possible. And the experience you get here [inaudible] and when I arrived, I was told that the world was watching then any chance to be there was pressure on us. [inaudible] Yeah. So [inaudible] how did you trust him? Well, first of all, trust the Denver issue, their professional capacity. We had a couple of interpreters or translators we found out [inaudible] [inaudible] yeah. [inaudible] [inaudible] Yeah, mark [inaudible] book resolved. Bookshop [inaudible] is and one of these [inaudible] what was your position? How did you say yourself? Well, what happened for me? [inaudible] What happened was the partway through the hearings. I had an opportunity to start doing off the recording with Brian and with the channel man ballroom [inaudible]

David Bevan ([43:30](#)):

Senior on the ground police officer [inaudible] was arrested, then your witnesses so well, and it was clear that there were these tremendous stories going on behind the scenes. What was it, a hearing in the courtroom? And so I said, well, how about capturing the monitor before? And because they ain't gonna come in handy, but it's all fish fish, [inaudible] book and a video model, a very targeted for the city. And so, so that was how I gathered the material sitting in the courtroom, but also talking to parents hotties off the record, waiting for that day. But the challenge that I had was that the ball was on the true world, correct recording, or a wall, like a movie script, where you can combine several characters together, simplify for the big screen. So it's, it is what it is. And the challenge that I had was that it wasn't my job to retry items.

David Bevan ([44:41](#)):

And that I don't think is what some publishers were looking for. When I sent him the manuscript that they wanted, some big expos, I say, ah, the court system stuffed up didn't it really was guilty. And what I put you in the position to do that, it didn't happen all the time. It would be incredibly arrogant to say, now I can read from this man, I'll get it. I'm not the best thing that I could do was to say, this is how I'm involved in all of that. It's going to entitle this an antique daytime hearing needs, and even the drama, as well as what was going on in terms of the legal machinations human needs. And it deserves to be respected and have an amendment for warranties returning to my earlier point, the main on the kind of horrible convinced that the charges were properly alive, but the prosecution and the investigations incredibly professional, there was a case to answer, but the defense was an offense of professionals and taper tape. And when we brought the two together, we ended up with a result. We had given all the circumstances. That doesn't mean it wasn't Weiss. In fact, what that means is an incredible freedom to the way we do things in this country. And it's something precious and we shouldn't lose it. I think we opened the people who were sitting on the side of the bed and a great deal because what they had to do and you shouldn't be, so that's have to go on.

Graeme Blewitt ([46:32](#)):

Thank you very much. [inaudible]

David Bevan ([46:42](#)):

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Thank you very much.

Speaker 1 ([50:08](#)):

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