



THE OFFICIAL BOOK LAUNCH OF

Under the Radar

The First Female Radio Astronomer

By Professor Miller Goss and Dr Richard McGee

You and your guest are invited to the launch of *Under the Radar*, the biography of Ruby Payne-Scott (1912-1981) graduate of The University of Sydney's School of Physics and the world's first female radio astronomer.

Professor Miller Goss and Dr Richard McGee have written the fascinating story of Payne-Scott who, employed by the Radiophysics Laboratory of the then Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in 1941, was part of an Australian team that developed a means of measuring radio emissions from the sun - a breakthrough that would lead to the construction of sophisticated radio telescopes.

Forced to resign when it was found out she was secretly married (her pregnancy giving her away) Payne-Scott became a fierce advocate of women's rights and, as a member of the Communist Party of Australia, was also of interest to ASIO.

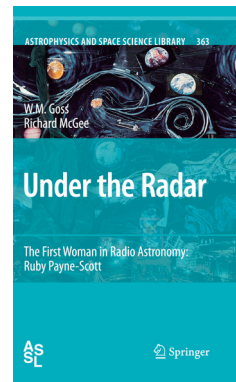
Ruby Payne-Scott's children are renowned contemporary artist, Fiona Hall and mathematician and ARC Federation Fellow, Professor Peter Hall. Miller Goss, Fiona Hall and Peter Hall will be part of the launch of *Under The Radar*.

Wednesday 25 November 2009

6pm – 8pm, The Great Hall. Free.

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