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MEMBERS' BENEFITS

If you wish to take advantage of one or more of the benefits below, a letter giving proof of membership can be obtained from the Secretary giles.pickford@bigpond.com

1. Library borrowing rights for \$50 per annum which is far cheaper than what it costs ordinary members of Convocation.
2. The right to buy packs of one-day parking scratchies which entitle you to park all day in Visitor Parking spots at ANU for \$2 a day. Also, the right to apply for free parking for special events such as Conferring of Degrees Ceremonies and other high days. Ordinary members of the public are not entitled to these benefits. They have to park in designated areas and feed the metres.
3. The right to be posted ANU Reporter if you wish.
4. A place in the pages of the ANU Annual Report.
5. An ability to get staff discounts from PCTech.
6. The right to use University House library facilities.

If there are any other benefits that you would like us to pursue, please let us know.

WEB SITE

We have recently up-dated our web site www.anu.edu.au/emeritus. Please click on to it to check that all your details are correct. We are going to add a column for members who wish to display their own web page addresses. If you have your own web page, please send it to Gavin Byrne, our Web Site Officer at gfbyrne@pcug.org.au

Also, Gavin Byrne is grappling with the need (because of new privacy laws) to provide members with the opportunity to unsubscribe from our mailing lists. There are two of these lists in existence: EFMessages, which is used by the Committee to relay messages to members; and EFTalk which can be used by a member to talk to all other members. These list servers are still in the developmental stage.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Summer School for Science Teachers and The Summer School for Australian History Teachers were both highly successful. The organisers of both Schools are involved in discussions with the ANU about next year's program.

ANUEF LECTURE AND DINNER SERIES

Russell Doust, our Events Officer, has pleasure in announcing the following Lectures in the ANUEF Lecture Series for 2002. They are listed below:

- (a) 22 May - Tim Rowse (Senior Fellow in the History Program of RSSH) will talk about 'Nugget Coombs: the Cold War years'.
- (b) 19 June - ANUEF member Eric Fry, who was one of the first post-graduate students in RSSH, will speak about 'The Birth of a University: a personal history'.
- (c) 17 July – ANUEF Member Anthony J Proust will speak on 'Surgeon John White's Journal of a Voyage to New South Wales 1787-1788: a review'.
- (d) 21 August – Ian Grigg, Member of the ANU Council and Chair of the ANU Endowment for Excellence, will speak on 'The ANU Endowment for Excellence: an overview'.

All meetings are in the Stanner Room at 4.45 pm unless otherwise announced beforehand. Dinner in the Hall at University House is a good way to meet friends after the Lecture.

ANU RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

The Human Resources Division at ANU has included information about the ANUEF in their packages of advice to intending retirees. Also ANUEF representatives will be asked to participate in retirement seminars organised by Human Resources.

RAPLINK: AN EXAMPLE OF ANUEF WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY

ANUEF Member Elizabeth Murphy has provided the following story about a valued link between ANUEF and the Community.

'Soon after the ANUEF Annual General Meeting, two members, David Ingle (Dingle) Smith and Elizabeth Murphy had a chat about possible help for a community of farmers in Queensland. These farmers were having a bad time as a result of ground water depletion in their area, put down by them to the activities of a local industrial operation over many years. Dingle Smith had been working on the water and irrigation issue for some time. RAPlink, through Elizabeth Murphy, came into the case at the point where the community was feeling frustrated in its approaches to government officials, lawyers and industrial executives. RAPlink has now been able to set up a very useful link between the community and a barrister in Sydney, who has provided much-needed legal advice to them. As a result, they say, 'Our approach will now be made with more grace than it might have been.' At the same time, because many of the now ageing farmers have emotional and lifestyle problems to deal with, another link has been set up between the community and a social worker who is assembling a team to help address retirement and other social needs in the community.

This has been a successful linking assignment for RAPlink, and it wouldn't have happened without RAPlink's association with the ANUEF. RAPlink is grateful for the support of the ANUEF -- please continue to work with us in this way.'

ANUEF may also soon be working on a project with Volunteering ACT. More news about that later.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Wendy Brazil has accepted an invitation to be coopted to the Committee, with a special task being to assist with the development of the ANUEF database, to a point where the information can be incorporated into the web site. Also ANUEF Treasurer Peter Scardoni is happy to report that nearly 75% of members have renewed and that there is now well over \$1,000 in our bank.

The full membership of the committee can be viewed on the web site
www.anu.edu.au/emeritus

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