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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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Committee invites members to look at the following web site and to suggest if there are any Emeritus Professors there, with known addresses, who could be approached by the Chair. The web site is:

<http://www.anu.edu.au/cabs/general/emeritus.html>

Membership is open to a wide range of people other than Emeritus Professors and members are encouraged to think of nominating suitable candidates. The membership guidelines are published on the web site – www.anu.edu.au/emeritus so is the list of current members, so please look it up to see who is missing from our membership and who would make a valuable contribution. Any suggestions should be sent to the Secretary giles.pickford@bigpond.com

OUR USEFULNESS TO ANU

The ANU is beginning to understand and take advantage of the assistance that we offer to our University.

Policy in the developmental stages has been referred to us for comment, notably the proposed policy on intellectual property, technology transfer and related matters. The ANUEF submission on this paper was put together by Adrian Gibbs after a consultation process with the members.

Fenner Hall has contacted ANUEF about tutoring help. We have an agreement with the NTEU that we will not volunteer for work which should be performed by paid staff. However, the Fenner Hall tutoring falls outside that definition and would not be performed at all without volunteer support.

The Human Resources Division has asked us to assist in counselling sessions for staff contemplating retirement. We have given our consent to this idea, but so far our services have not yet been used.

A number of our members have contributed to the ANU Endowment for Excellence, either through major gifts, bequests, or the Annual Giving Program. This is a useful way for members to make a major impact on the life of the ANU.

Our two summer schools are our biggest contribution to the ANU's outreach programs. Other such work includes our assistance to RAPLink which gives academic guidance and support to rural and remote communities experiencing problems of all kinds. Our members are involved in many other one-to-one links with community groups, bringing assistance to them in many small ways.

ANUEF made a submission to the Nelson Enquiry - 'Higher Education at the Cross-Roads', which is highly supportive of the role of the ANU in Higher Education and Research in Australia. Our Chair, John Molony, has been invited to address the Reference Group. He is also seeking an audience with the Minister and some members of the Faculty.

Those of our members who wish to do so can make application for membership of one of the National Institutes in the ANU. These programs offer another avenue for ANUEF members to take part in the intellectual life of the University.

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 remind members that the website has a column for the URL of their home pages. If you would like yours incorporated, please advise the Faculty office so that it can be included in the next update: address – giles.pickford@bigpond.com

Our new Committee Member Wendy Brazil (coopted to fill a casual vacancy) has volunteered to do the data entry work which it is anticipated will place the data from the 2001 questionnaire into a form suitable for converting into a html document that can be incorporated into the ANUEF web site. This will considerably increase the usefulness of the site for ANU staff who are searching the site looking for members who can assist in ANU projects.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Summer School for Science Teachers and The Summer School for Australian History Teachers are in the developmental stages. The former, managed by the CCE, has been promised support by the Chancery and by the ACT Government. The latter, managed by the HRC, looks like receiving Chancery and HRC support. More news about these programs will be forthcoming later in the year.

ANUEF LECTURE AND DINNER SERIES

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

August 21, 4.30 pm – 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'.

September 18, 4.45 pm: Dean of Arts, Adam Shoemaker will speak on "Living Treasures: Rediscovering the Faculty of Arts"

October 16, 4.45 pm: Dr David Jenkins, renowned parasitologist, will speak on "Human behaviour and parasite transmission".

November 20, 5.15 pm: Giles Pickford, will speak on "The Principle of

Subsidiarity, and Love, as Manifest in the Birth of an Organisation": the organisation in question being the Association for Tertiary Education Management Inc.

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

ANUEF thanks Russell Doust for taking on this task and accomplishing it so well over the last two years. Due to Russell's increasing involvement with the Friends of the National Library, he will not be nominating for the Committee in 2003 and therefore we are looking for an Events Officer for next year.

COMMITTEE NEWS AND AGM

Our Committee member Anthony Proust, elected at the 2001 AGM, had to resign in June. He was replaced, as mentioned above, by the cooption of Wendy Brazil.

On **4 December at 5.00 pm** (during an eclipse of the Sun) we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at University House. Please put the date in your diaries and start thinking about nominating for one of the twelve positions. Nominations will be sought by the Returning Officer, Dick Johnson, early in November.

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

Giles Pickford

Secretary

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