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# **Emeritus Faculty**

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# Suddenly uranium becomes a committee 'star'

The strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources, currently being investigated by the House of Representatives Industry and Resources Committee, is likely to become of interest to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties given the somewhat ambiguous statements on Australia's uranium export policy.

Treaty interest was sparked by US President Bush's agreement for the US to provide India with "civilian" technology despite India refusing to become a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Australia's long-standing bipartisan policy has been that uranium will not be sold to any country that is not a signatory to the NPT.

Any changes are likely to provoke heated debate as well as parliamentary inquiries requiring a range of academic opinions.

The Prime Minister, John Howard, and the Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, have left room to accommodate a change in policy following India's agreement to have its civilian nuclear establishments inspected by the International Atomic Energy Agency – but not its military establishments.

Mr Downer said on March 3 there would be no change in Australia's policy on uranium exports "at this stage".

He said, "Our policy has been that we would only export uranium to countries that are signatories to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. We've done nothing to change that policy ... China is a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and that's why we're having a negotiation at the moment with China on exporting uranium.

"If we were to export uranium to India, that would constitute a significant shift in our policy. I mean, it would open up questions of whether we'd export uranium to countries like Israel and Pakistan as well, and I think it's probably easier for us to support the current policy.

"It's probably better for us to give all the support we can to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. And our view is we'd like India one day to sign that treaty, and we haven't withdrawn from that position."

In India, Mr Howard was less precise saying there was a need for more information about the US position.

In February, at a public hearing in Canberra representatives of Silex Systems Limited gave evidence about its research and development program at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre in Sydney. Silex is involved in the development and commercialisation of a laser-based enrichment technology called SILEX, which stands for Separation of Isotopes by Laser Excitation.

The Committee is conducting hearings to gather evidence for its inquiry into the development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia.

Submissions to the inquiry are available on the Committee's web site:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/uranium/subs.htm

For more information, contact the Inquiry Secretary on: **(02) 6277 4609** or by e-mail at ir.reps@aph.gov.au

# Teacher education and Sydney universities

The House of Representatives Education and Vocational Training Committee has heard evidence from the University of Sydney, Macquarie University and the University of Western Sydney at public hearings in March in relations to its inquiry into teacher education.

The Education Committee is examining the scope, suitability, organisation, resourcing and delivery of teacher training courses in Australia's public and private universities.

As well as hearing from the universities and teacher education students, the Committee heard from the NSW Government, the NSW Institute of Teachers, the Catholic Education Commission of NSW and the NSW Teacher Education Council. The Committee has heard also from Blind Citizens Australia.

The Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and Victorian Institute of Teaching appeared before the Committee in Canberra in February.

The Committee has already received more than 160 submissions

For more information, contact the committee secretariat on (**02**) **6277 4573** or for submissions visit the inquiry website at: <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm">http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm</a>.

# Inquiry into a sustainability charter

The House of Representatives Environment and Heritage Committee is conducting an inquiry into the potential development of a national Sustainability Charter for Australia.

The committee is seeking written submissions by **May 12 2006**, and will target the following areas:

- 1. The built environment:
- 2. Water:
- 3. Energy;
- 4. Transport; and,
- 5. Ecological footprint.

Last September the House of Representatives Standing Committee tabled the *Sustainable Cities* report. The committee called for the development of a Sustainability Charter based on measurable outcomes, over a certain period, with intermediate milestones.

Committee chair, Dr Mal Washer, said that the charter should be aspirational. It must provide targets for the Australian community to meet and, once those targets have been met they must be re-assessed so new targets can be put in place.

Submissions can be e-mailed to <a href="maileo:environment.reps@aph.gov.au">environment.reps@aph.gov.au</a> or sent to the Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage, House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

For more information, the terms of reference, a discussion paper and advice on making submissions, access:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/index.htm or phone the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4580 or e-mail environment.reps@aph.gov.au

# Hearing on drought assistance and carers

Federal Parliament's Public Accounts and Audit Committee is examining two Audit Reports

The first report to be reviewed is **No. 50**, **2004-05**, *Drought Assistance* (released on 2 June 2005). The audit looked at the administration and implementation of the drought assistance measures provided by the Australian Government in response to the drought which began in 2002–03 and has been particularly rare and severe.

This audit focused on Exceptional Circumstances (EC) assistance provided, including *prima facie* EC, and key aspects of the additional drought assistance measures. The ANAO found that Australian Government delivery of assistance was, on the whole, accurate and timely. However the ANAO highlighted some areas for improvement such as including assessment of the effectiveness of promotional and information approaches; improved administrative interactions between Australian and State and Territory Government agencies; and clearer arrangements for a lead agency.

The second report to be examined is **No. 58**, **2004-05**, *Helping Carers: the National Respite for Carers Program* (released on June 29, 2005). The Australian Government delivers carer-focused respite, information and counselling services under the National Respite for Carers Program (NRCP). The ANAO audit assessed the effectiveness of the Department of Health's administration of NRCP and commented on a range of issues, including program design, planning on the basis of need, funding, coordination,

performance monitoring, and compliance management.

The ANAO found that Health's administration of NRCP supported the delivery of respite, information and counselling services to carers. However, the ANAO identified opportunities for Health to improve the effectiveness of its administrative practices indicating that these had weakened as the program had grown. A more structured, integrated and planned approach to implementation and future expansion of NRCP was recommended. The Minister's publication in 2004 of A New Strategy for Community Care —The Way Forward, identified a number of areas where a more consistent and coordinated approach across all of Health's community care programs, including NRCP, was necessary. Health has already commenced the implementation of review initiatives and is well advanced with some.

The Committee will hold roundtable discussions with the agencies involved in the audits to follow-up on recommendations and changes made as a result of the audit findings.

For more information: contact the secretariat on telephone **(02) 6277 4615** or visit the Committee's website at <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/">www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/</a>

# Regional rail and road networks inquiry

The House of Representatives Transport and Regional Services Committee, inquiring into the operation of regional rail and road networks and the way those networks link to the ports, has held public hearings in Western Australia and Canberra.

The Committee is seeking the widest possible cross-section of views on the matters covered by the inquiry and is continuing to accept submissions. Nearly 140 submissions to the inquiry have been received so far. It expects to table its report later this year.

Committee Chair Paul Neville said that five centres in WA - Geraldton, Bunbury, Albany, Esperance and Perth - were chosen for the hearings because of the importance of the ports in the global and national freight networks. For WA that role is increasing, because the state expects its freight task to double within 20 years.

The Committee is interested also in discussing issues such as: the relative shares of the freight task being carried by road and rail; the transport arrangements for the grain harvest and the proposed Melbourne to Gladstone rail link. Of particular interest will be future plans for access to Newcastle and Port Kembla.

For more information, including the full terms of reference and copies of submissions, contact the Committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 2352** or visit the inquiry website at <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/trs/networks/index.htm">http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/trs/networks/index.htm</a>

Aviation security inquiry: The Federal Parliament's Public Accounts and Audit Committee has taken evidence at a final round of public hearings for its inquiry into aviation security in regional Western Australia.

For more information, contact the secretariat on telephone **(02) 6277 4615** or visit the Committee's website at <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm">http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/index.htm</a>

# Registration of overseas-trained professionals

The Federal Parliament's Migration Committee has heard from the Department of Health and Ageing, Engineers Australia and the Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulating Authorities as part of its inquiry into skills recognition, upgrading and licensing at a public hearing in Canberra.

Committee Chairman, Don Randall MP says there has been considerable concern about ongoing shortages of health and other professionals, and the assessment of overseas trained medical personnel. The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has indicated a number of areas where changes will be made, including a national assessment process for overseas qualified doctors.

The Committee is looking at skills recognition not only for migrants, but also for those who come to Australia outside the skilled migration system, such as temporary residents needing skills assessment and Australian citizens returning to Australia with overseas qualifications. In addition, the Committee is comparing Australia's overseas skills recognition arrangements with those of other major immigration countries and whether greater consistency in the recognition of qualifications might be achieved among Australian states and territories.

For more details on the inquiry access the Committee's website at <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm">http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/mig/index.htm</a> or call the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4560 e-mail <a href="mailto:iscm@aph.gov.au">iscm@aph.gov.au</a>.

# Committee asks, is Government assistance for families working?

The Standing Committee on Family and Human Services is inquiring into balancing work and family. At a recent public hearing it quizzed the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on government payments to Australian families.

The Department has policy oversight of a family benefits system worth more than \$20 billion a year, including the Family Tax Benefit, Child Care Benefit and Maternity Payment. It has also funded research into fertility in Australia.

Submissions to the inquiry state that parents are feeling the pressure of child care costs, availability and flexibility, and need continued assistance to enable them to work."

For more information: contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4566, or e-mail <a href="mailto:fhs.reps@aph.gov.au">fhs.reps@aph.gov.au</a> or visit <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily/">http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily/</a>

# Call for new agriculture college

The Isolated Children's Parents'
Association of NSW (ICPA NSW) has appeared before the House of Representatives Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee to give evidence to its inquiry into rural skills training and research.

ICPA NSW is a voluntary parent body that lobbies for access to equal educational opportunities for geographically isolated students.

The ICPA submission (no. 18 on the committee's website) proposes that a senior residential college be established with the support of the Commonwealth and NSW Governments, and industry.

The association suggests the new college use the existing infrastructure at the Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture. The new college would provide services for students in years 11 and 12 who wish to pursue a career in agriculture without the restrictions of traditional school teachings. Further details about the inquiry, including terms of reference and submissions, are at the committee's website:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/ruralskills/ or by contacting the committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 4500** or e-mail Aff.reps@aph.gov.au.

#### **Copyright Report**

**Exceptions recommended under Australian US Free Trade Agreement** 

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs has published its report on the circumvention of access controls on copyright material under the Australia-USA Free Trade Agreement. The report, *Review of technological* protection measures exceptions, endorses a number of exceptions which were proposed to the Committee during its inquiry.

Under the AUSFTA, Australia is required to implement a liability scheme to prevent the unauthorised circumvention of technological protection measures (TPMs) placed on electronic copyright material by copyright owners to control access. In particular circumstances, exceptions to this liability scheme permitting TPM circumvention for non-infringing purposes will be granted.

Committee Chairman Peter Slipper said, "Many exceptions were put forward during the inquiry and the Committee has concluded that several are warranted, including exceptions relevant to important sectors of Australian society and the economy such as education, libraries and cultural organisations, the information technology industry, broadcasting, and government,".

The report recommends that region coding TPMs on copyright material (used on DVDs for example) should not come within the liability scheme.

The report also makes a number of other recommendations including the maintenance of exceptions currently permitted under the *Copyright Act* 1968, the requirement of a direct link between access control and copyright protection in the definition of technological protection measure or 'effective technological measure', and that the Government consider *ad hoc* requests for exceptions to the liability scheme.

A total of 37 recommendations are made in the unanimous report, which can be accessed at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca/protection/report.htm

For more information, including the full terms of reference, a background paper, and copies of submissions, call the committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 2358** or visit the inquiry website; or contact the Copyright Law Branch of the Attorney-General's Department on **(02) 6250 6324**.

# And for those sheltering in a Bermuda tax haven ...

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, held a public hearing on February 27 to examine an Agreement with the Government of Bermuda on the exchange of tax information.

Under the auspices of the OECD's Global Forum on Taxation, the Agreement aims to improve transparency and establish the effective exchange of tax information with Bermuda. In addition, the Agreement is designed to inhibit the use of tax havens and safeguard the interests of taxpayers through enhanced economic cooperation between Australia and Bermuda.

"This Agreement is a first for Australia and could create the impetus for similar agreements with low tax regime countries to discourage tax evasion and improve the integrity of the Australian Tax System. The Committee will review the Treaty and consider whether it should be ratified," Committee chair, Dr Andrew Southcott said.

The Committee also heard evidence in relation to six other treaties:

- Amendments (listing of basking shark) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild animals
- Agreements on the Promotion of Aviation Safety and Implementation procedures for airworthiness with the United States of America
- Protocol of Amendments to the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization
- Protocol amending the Agreement with New Zealand for the Avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income
- Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection

For more information, call Gillian Gould (Committee Secretary) on (02) 6277 4642

# Collaboration between ANUEF and University of the Third Age

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is an educational and cultural organisation of national and international reach that provides courses and activities, in a relaxed social environment, for older members of the community. The aim of U3A is to encourage activity in retirement through lifelong learning.

U3A's courses, now more than 100 in the ACT, involve no examinations or awards, and provide a wide range of opportunities for its members – as learners or as presenters. The courses and activities cover, among others, literature, languages, current affairs, philosophy, belly dancing, art, music, film, and science. The ACT branch of U3A has more than 3,000 members, each paying a small annual membership fee (\$25 singles, \$40 couples) plus further small charges for participation in particular courses.

U3A's aims and activities have much in common with those of ANU Emeritus Faculty.

Following discussions between Alan Bellett (U3A representative and ANUEF member) and John Brook (U3A course presenter), and Giles Pickford and Peter Stewart (ANUEF committee representatives), it was agreed that because of the common interests and goals, the following arrangements between the two organisations be established:

- the two organisations place general information about their particular aims, strategies, and activities on each other's web sites: <a href="https://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/">www.u3acanberra.org.au</a>;
- (ii) through the websites, ANUEF alert appropriately qualified members of U3A to the benefits of membership of ANUEF;
- (iii) U3A alert members of ANUEF of its need for additional course presenters for new and existing courses taught by U3A;
- (iv) ANUEF members be alerted to courses taught by U3A, and informed of procedures for participation in these courses by way of the U3A course prospectus (via the website, or as hard copy, available in the Molony Room);

(v) ANUEF offer its committee room as a venue for appropriate U3A courses or meetings under similar conditions of access as now provided for other ANUEF affiliates (Association for Tertiary Education Management (ATEM), RAPLink, Nature and Society Forum, Country Education Foundation of Australia).

In addition to these specific arrangements, ANUEF proposes continuing collaboration between the two organisations, with the aim of generating further arrangements of mutual benefit to both organisations. The proposal has been adopted by ANUEF.

ANUEF members are especially encouraged to consider presenting courses within the U3A framework by contacting John Brook, phone **02 6253 1128**) or Alan Bellett **02 6292 8144**; pabellett@dodo.com.au

#### **Australian Science Festival**

# Colloquium and Forums on Climate change and Energy options and Strategies.

In collaboration with Australian Science Festival Ltd., (ASFLtd), the Emeritus Faculty is organising two forums and an energy colloquium for the August 17 and 18.

The first forum, on the evening of August 17 is on climate change issues and is primarily the responsibility of ASFLtd. The second forum, on August 18, will follow the colloquium on sustainable energy for Australia and will build on issues discussed during the colloquium.

Both forums will feature up to four speakers, each prominent in their individual fields and will be held in the National Convention Centre Theatre. We also hope to attract a moderator from the ABC in order to bring the proceedings to a wider audience.

The colloquium program will be devoted to the energy options suitable within Australia for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions including the strategic and socioeconomic issues involved in their introduction. It will feature 30 minute talks, including a question period, on each option covering not only basic information, but also issues related to each one's effectiveness in reducing greenhouse emissions, these in terms of relative quantity, socio-economic impacts, and the period before viability is achieved. The colloquium will be held in the National Museum Theatre.

The organisation is presently in the early stages, but as the program and speakers become finalised, relevant in formation will be placed on the ANUEF web site and as appropriate, in this newsletter.

For more information, e-mail john.sandeman@anu.edu.au

#### **CSIRO** welcomes new Chief Scientist

Chief Executive of the CSIRO Dr Geoff Garrett has welcomed the appointment of Dr Jim Peacock as the nation's new Chief Scientist.

Dr Garrett said the appointment of Dr Peacock, a former Chief of the Division of Plant Industry at CSIRO, was 'great news' for the science community and for the future of science in Australia.

For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1bg,..html">http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1bg,..html</a>

# New wheat has healthy potential

CSIRO has developed a new experimental wheat variety with the potential to provide benefits in the areas of bowel health, diabetes and obesity.

In a paper published on February 28 in the international science journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers working within the Food Futures Flagship describe how they used CSIRO-developed RNAi gene silencing techniques to suppress the expression of two starchbranching enzymes in an experimental wheat.

For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1bd,..html">http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1bd,..html</a>

# Vaccine in sight for hendra and nipah virus

CSIRO scientists are testing a new vaccine that shows promise in preventing infection by the deadly Hendra and Nipah viruses.

The two closely related viruses thought to be harboured by flying foxes pose a significant human health risk.

For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1b2,..html">http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps-1b2,..html</a>

# **Canada tests Australia for students**

Canada's new one-stop *Study in Canada* web portal offers students and counsellors everything they need to know about education programs in Canada, education costs and visas. The portal, operational since March 2005, is aimed at coordinating information and services for the benefit of prospective and current international students. The project was developed and tested in four countries identified as having potential: Australia, Italy, South Korea, and Morocco.

The key product of the project is a multichannel website where students can access information and create a personalised profile on studying in Canada. Students can access general information on the Canadian education system, reasons to study in Canada, what to expect when living in Canada, scholarships, and working in Canada while a student. Students can also use the search engine to: 1) Find a program of study; 2) Calculate their education costs; and 3) Find out what visas they need.

Since the project's inception the education marketing team in Australia has been highlighting the new site and its advantages to students, high school careers advisors and exchange/study abroad advisers. The response of the Australian market has so far been very positive and the portal has been described by users as practical and user-friendly.

The Study in Canada portal is at: <a href="https://www.canada.org.au">www.canada.org.au</a> (click on the "Study in Canada" kangaroo icon).

The Faculty Research Program supports short-term research about Canada or aspects of Canada's bilateral relations with Australia and New Zealand, including interdisciplinary and comparative studies. The maximum value of this award is C\$5,800. The next deadline for this award is July 31.

The Faculty Enrichment Program assists individual academics in higher education institutions to develop and teach courses about Canada, including comparative courses where not less than 50% of the teaching time is spent on the Canadian portion. The maximum value of this award is C\$5,800. The next deadline for this award is July 31.

ACSANZ awards up to five grants each year to postgraduate students for short research trips to Canada. Research must be related to the student's thesis topic and be in Canadian Studies. The value of this award is A\$3,000. The next deadline for this award is September 30.

More information on the Canadian Studies Program is available online at: <a href="https://www.canada.org.au">www.canada.org.au</a>

# ACSANZ conference on globalisation, nations, cultures and borders

The Association for Canadian Studies in Australia and New Zealand (ACSANZ) is hosting its biennial conference at the University of Otago, in Dunedin, New Zealand, April 11-13, 2006, on the theme of "Canada and Australasia: globalization, nations, cultures, and borders".

ACSANZ is a multidisciplinary association and so encourages paper submissions across the humanities and the social sciences. Comparative research enabling Australians, Canadian and New Zealanders to learn from each other's experiences is particularly welcome. ACSANZ plans to include sessions on indigenous rights, on human rights and the "war on terror", and on Bills of Rights in Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

A session will also be featured on the globalization of media, literature, popular culture and cinema. Additionally, a special session may be held on mobility and migration.

For more information, contact Dr. David B. MacDonald, Chair, 2006 ACSANZ Conference Committee, Political Studies Department, University of Otago. E-mail: <a href="mailto:david.macdonald@stonebow.otago.ac.nz">david.macdonald@stonebow.otago.ac.nz</a> For more Information:

### **Conferences and lectures**

www.powerup.com.au/~acsanz.

A call for papers has been made by The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights, Deakin University, in conjunction with Borderlands Co-operative & the International Association of Community Development (local network) for presentation at the Community Development in a 'Global Risk Society' conference, to be held from April 19 to 22, 2006.

For further details, see the website <a href="https://www.deakin.edu.au/cchr/cd">www.deakin.edu.au/cchr/cd</a>
or contact the conference secretariat,
Anne O'Keefe, Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights, Deakin University, Geelong campus. Phone: 03 5227 2113 E-mail: <a href="mailto:anne.okeefe@deakin.edu.au">anne.okeefe@deakin.edu.au</a>

# **Next speaker in the ANUEF Lecture Series**

### March 15, 2006 at 5.15 pm.

John Sandeman on "What can we do about global warming?"

Global warming due to anthropogenic greenhouse gas emission is now fact, and climate change models are improving in their prediction of the future impacts of various emission scenarios. The speaker will briefly outline the predictions, discuss the available options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and make a case for urgent action on replacing coal and fossil oil with alternatives, indicating those options which provide immediate, as against longer term solutions.

John Sandeman was a member of the staff of the Department of Physics, ANU from 1966. He retired as Head in December 1993 and is now a Visiting Fellow. He is Chairman of the Council of the National Science Summer School since 1998 and was awarded the OAM in 2004 for services to education and the National Youth Science Forum.

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If you would like to give a talk please contact Giles Pickford, ANUEF Secretary & Events Tel: 0411 186 199

E-mail: giles.pickford@bigpond.com

### **New committee members**

Adrienne Brooks, who graduated in Arts and then Law at ANU, has been co-opted to fill a vacancy on the ANUEF committee. She taught in the ANU Faculty of Law and later went to UNSW where she became a Professor of Law. She has recently retired to Canberra.

Angela Giblin was appointed to fill the other vacancy. Angela was until recently Head of Voice at the ANU School of Music.

**Committee Portfolios:** The Committee has agreed to allocate the following portfolios amongst the Committee members:

John Molony - Chair
Adrian Brooks - To be decided
Angela Giblin - Excursions
Barry Ninham - Outreach
Di Riddell - Membership Officer
Giles Pickford - Secretary & Events
Ian Mathews - Media
John Grant - ANU Civic Interface
John Sandeman - Relations with ACT
Government and Business
Nik Fominas - IT and Web Site
Peter Scardoni - Treasurer
Peter Stewart - Deputy Chair & The Future

# **Second Emeritus Faculty**

After contacting the ANUEF Secretary a couple of years ago, the University of New South Wales has created Australia's second Emeritus Faculty.

The ANUEF Committee, lead by Barry Ninham, will be endeavouring to sow similar seed around Australia with the aim one day of creating a Federation of Emeritus Faculties of which ANUEF will be a founding member.

### **Membership Renewal**

Di Riddell, the Membership Officer, is in the process of contacting all members concerning the renewal of membership for 2006. The cost has been held at \$20 and we hope you all renew again. The membership currently stands at 127 and we would not want it to get any less than that.

# Welcome neighbours

ANUEF premises are well used as well as being shared with a number of other organisations. Users include:

- ANU Emeritus Faculty (The Chair uses the premises five days a week, and we hold all our meetings and the ANUEF Lecture Series here)
- The Association for Tertiary Education Management (Treasurer uses the premises five days a week and the Secretary one day a week)
- The Country Education Foundation of Australia (The CEO uses the premises five days a week)
- RAPlink (This group holds its regular meetings in the meeting room)
- The Nature and Society Forum (This group holds its regular meetings in the meeting room)
- The Meningans (This group, which raises funds for an ANU rugby scholarship, holds its regular meetings in the meeting room)
- U3A (This group will be using the meeting room for its small classes from January next year)

For more information about use of the Molony Room contact Giles Pickford 0411 186 199 e-mail giles.pickford@bigpond.com

### "Expanding Horizons"

The Council for Humanities and Social Sciences "Expanding Horizons" is on Tuesday-Wednesday March 28-29. It targets early-career researchers and professionals, and the theme is multi-disciplinary collaborations. The program includes individual meetings with MPs and lunch at the National Press Club.

Registrations, especially from those who have completed a research degree in the previous four or so years, are invited from all disciplines - the humanities, arts and social sciences, science, technology, engineering and medicine. Registration, a draft program and tips on meeting MPs have been posted on web site: www.chass.org.au

#### **ANUEF Members' Benefits**

- 1 Library borrowing rights for \$50 per annum
- 2. Parking: the right to buy (i) A staff parking permit at the student rate, or (ii) Packs of one-day parking scratchies which entitle you to park all day in permit parking spots at ANU for a few dollars a day, and (iii) The right to park in the designated parking areas in the Fellows Lane Cottage car park, and in adjacent car parking spots if you display your membership card on the dash board.

Also, the right to apply for free parking for special events such as Conferring of Degrees Ceremonies and other high days.

- 3. The right to be posted ANU Reporter.
- 4. Staff discounts from PCTech.
- **5**. The right to use University House Library.
- **6.** \$2 tickets to concerts given by the Canberra School of Music. This does not apply to concerts provided by outside organisations in Llewellyn Hall.

If there are any other benefits that members would like ANUEF to pursue, please contact. Giles Pickford, ANUEF Secretary & Events Tel: 0411 186 199

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