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ANU Executive Structure

Vice Chancellor Ian Chubb has outlined detail of the main responsibilities of the new Australian National University Executive.

He notified staff that some of the changes resulted from the move of Malcolm Gillies to another role. Others relate to changes to the suite called "University Community".

He said, "The main trigger for reconsidering the PVC (University Community) portfolio was the potential and sometimes real conflict between the part of the role that was the former Dean of Students, and the direct, or line responsibilities for various activities that related to the welfare of students.

"The office of PVC (University Community) and the Graduate Research School will be disestablished. Penny Oakes will become Dean of Students with responsibility for assisting (all) students to resolve grievances, supervising the new Equity and Diversity Office which, in line with its review, will not be required to resolve grievances, and overseeing the University's new grievance handling procedures as they relate to students.

He said that responsibilities for the University Community would rest with himself as Vice-Chancellor, Lawrence Cram, Robin Stanton, Mandy Thomas and Will Steffen.

"All members of the Executive will foster a sense of community within the University, so that the development of a strong community stays a mainstream activity. Between us we will also assume responsibility for specific activities already in train.

"Tim Beckett will take additional responsibilities: Student Counselling and Health, Disability Support, the Academic Skills and Learning Centre. Tim's position title will be Registrar - to indicate that student-related services are his responsibility - and the Division will be called the Division of Registrar and Student Services.

"Will Steffen will chair the new Student Finances Committee which replaces the former GSF committee.

"Lawrence Cram will take responsibility for undergraduate education and research commercialisation;

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Mandy Thomas for Higher Degree Research and research integrity; and Will Steffen for Postgraduate coursework and sponsored research. Mandy Thomas will also become Convener of the College of Arts and Social Sciences for a period, to allow Frank Jackson to concentrate on implementing the University's response to the review of the Research School of Social Sciences.

"All members of the Executive will work to consolidate our College structure and assist Colleges in planning. Will Steffen will work closely with the Colleges of Science, Engineering and Computer Science and Medicine and Health Sciences. Mandy Thomas will work with the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences, Asia and the Pacific, Business and Economics and Law. Will and Mandy will also work to ensure the development of inter-College and interdisciplinary links.

"Following further consultation, the functions of the Graduate Research School will be transferred to other areas in the University where there are natural links. This will be completed by the end of November."

External Review report

The University has received the report of an independent external review of the Research School of Social Sciences. The Report is available at http://info.anu.edu.au/OVC/About_this_Office/Current_Issues.asp

The Report acknowledges that social sciences research has been a key pillar of ANU since the University was founded in 1946, and has been essential in the development of Australia's research capability in the field. It also helps identify some of the quality research that has been done in the School.

Vice Chancellor Ian Chubb commented, "This Review gives us a rare opportunity take stock, and to move to guarantee the School's leadership in Australian social sciences into the future".

He and Professor Frank Jackson issued the following statement as a covering note to the Report:

"The Australian National University has received the report of an independent, external review of the Research School of Social Sciences.

"The review was commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Chubb, and the Director of the School, Professor Frank Jackson. The ANU Council has authorised the Vice-Chancellor to act on the Report.

"The Report was publicly released today [October 13]. It is in the form it was received from the Review Committee except for two tables in Appendix 2 from which the data were removed prior to public release because individuals could be identified.

"The Report of the review of RSSS provides a rare opportunity to rebuild a dynamic research school in the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences.

"The review group that concluded that 'the School has enabled work of considerable distinction in the past, and we believe that this can continue to be the case....It can help researchers to produce excellent work that stands up internationally for Australian capabilities and that contributes also to the solution of Australian and wider problems.'

"The report noted areas of high quality work in the School but also identified the need to strengthen performance in some areas and respond more flexibly to the highly competitive environment the School now finds itself in.

"The review group has drawn attention to some deficiencies in the operation and organisation of the School, and we will be taking the steps needed to rectify them.

"RSSS has served Australia well since its establishment. The review recommends that in the future it should play a leadership role in the social sciences, driven by overarching themes and distinguished by the

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combinations of foundational research that informs its inter-disciplinary approach to major current and emerging issues of global and national concern.

"The Review recommends that the School should be evaluated in future with regard to relevance, excellence, impact, innovation and networking.

"We can face the future with confidence because of the performance of the School and we will follow up on the issues of performance, strategy and culture raised by the review."

Sydney gets US Study Centre

The Prime Minister, John Howard, announced that the University of Sydney had been awarded the location of the United States Study Centre, for which several universities had bid. He said the Commonwealth Government had supported "with \$25 million of taxpayers' money and I know will also be very generously supported by corporate Australia and corporate United States."

Reading matter

Among the many articles listed by the Federal Parliamentary Library for the information of members and senators is "JUDICIAL REVIEW - Kamvounias, Patty and Sally Varnham. Doctoral dreams destroyed: does *Griffith University v Tang* spell the end of judicial review of Australian university decisions? *Australia New Zealand Journal of Law & Education*, vol. 10, no.1, 2005: 5-21.

Dynasties

The ANUEF Committee agreed that the spouses and partners of deceased members should be offered full membership of the Faculty. As this matter is a By Law it will be put to the AGM in December.

OBITUARY

Ian Gordon Ross

5 July 1926 — 14 November 2006

Ian Gordon Ross was born on 5 July 1926 in Sydney, the son of Gordon Rowland Ross and Isabella Monica Ross. He lived in Alpha Road, Lane Cove, near a bush-clad valley running down to the Lane Cove River near its junction with the Parramatta River. This beautiful valley would have triggered Ian's lifelong passion for bushwalking.

He was educated at Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), and topped the State in the Leaving Certificate. At Shore, he encountered Alec Boden's just-published school chemistry text. (Boden was probably Australia's first and most successful industrial chemist entrepreneur, a major producer of DDT and text-book publisher.) Being Ian, young Ross contacted Alec Boden to discuss with him some inaccuracies and this encounter started a lifelong friendship and cooperation between them.

Ian studied science at Sydney University and was a research student, teaching fellow and temporary lecturer between 1947 and 1948. He completed a Masters degree in 1949 with Raymond J. W. Le Fevre. He was involved in teaching the huge post-war first-year classes, where a student was lucky to be able to see a lecturer at a distance but seldom heard him. He had a small lab/office in what was once the Bank Building and is now part of the Pharmacy Department.

Ian was a very keen bushwalker, hitchhiking with close friends to the Blue Mountains on many weekends. In 1948, one notorious long weekend walk from the Oberon-Kanangra road to Yerranderie (pre-Warragamba dam) resulted in the temporary 'loss' of one member, Diana Marmion Temple, large headlines in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and a lifelong friendship.

Between 1949 and 1952, Ian went to University College, London (on an ANU travelling scholarship) to complete a PhD (not then possible in Australia) with David P. Craig.

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This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship (1952-53) at Florida State University at Tallahassee with Michael Kasha.

In 1954 Ian returned to the University of Sydney to take up a lectureship in Chemistry. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 1957 and reader in 1964. In 1956, he was President of the Sydney University Men's Union; in 1965, he was President of the Sydney University Association of University Teachers and a member of committees of FAUSA (the then Federation of Australian University Staff Associations). Between 1964 and 1972 he was a member of the editorial committee of the *Current Affairs Bulletin*, published twice a week by the University of Sydney.

Opposite the campus there was a public house, the Lalla Rookh, that was heavily frequented in equal numbers by university staff and working men, from which originated many fables. Blue Singlet having an argument, turns round to Ian: 'What do you think?' Ian: 'Sorry, I wasn't listening.' Blue Singlet, with scorn: 'Oiy I know what you are—yer one of them THINKING bastards.' This pub became an extension of the Chemistry Department and Ian had a pewter drinking mug inscribed with the names of all his research students ending with an epitaph: 'The Lalla Rookh in City Rd at Codrington St was destroyed by vandals, 1966'. (It was in fact demolished to make way for another University Union.)

His academic day began early, solving the *Sydney Morning Herald* cryptic crossword puzzle with researcher Lorraine Tonnet, moved to solving cryptic spectrograph photographic plates and ended late in smoky and alcoholic seminar circumstances. Ian's genetic make-up included a legendary powerful alcohol detoxification enzyme never matched by any student. Along with his research interest in Max Planck, it is recalled in a literary work by co-chemical bushwalker (later Nobel laureate Sir) John (Kappa) Cornforth:

*A physical fellow named Planck
Used to set up nine beers in a rank*

*and quantum by quantum
Proceed to decant 'em
Till under the table he sank.*

There is a thumbprint on the grating (the crucial, sensitive, ultra clean heart) of a 3-metre Jarrell Ash spectrograph that was assembled after Lalla Rookh one evening, which has been spoken of in awe by generations of students since. This large spectrograph (complete with thumbprint) entered a second-floor window on a crane at ANU in February 1968, when Ian took up the professorship and headship of the Department of Chemistry in the then School of General Studies.

Viola Stella Bartlett was the smiling welcoming face of Sydney University Men's Union—to the students 'the sheila with the purple hair'. She and Ian were married on 10 September 1975 and he took her from urban (e) Sydney to his lovely gentleman's bush estate on the heights above the Molonglo Gorge. He and Viola wine and dine and accommodated countless overseas scientific colleagues and their families.

Ian expanded physical chemistry at ANU and became world-renowned for his work on the fine detail of molecular spectroscopy aimed at unravelling the movement of energy at an atomic scale. He developed such a close relationship with overseas researchers that they exchanged students as post-docs with him, in the manner of European royal households exchanging marriageable daughters to cement alliances. The building of strong and lasting friendships with students and colleagues was a hallmark of Ian's style.

Ian wrote scientific papers with attitude, his personality oozing through in a manner contrary to traditional academic writing in the physical sciences. In due course, he moved more into administration, becoming Dean of the Faculty of Science, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor. This left less time for the Chemistry department, as recorded in a clerihow:

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*Ian Gordon Ross
was a helluva boss.
It was terrifying when he was there.
Which, thankfully,
was now rare. (Anon)*

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute (1960) and awarded that Institute's H. G. Smith Memorial Medal (1971); and in 1973 he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. At ANU, Ian Ross initiated a series of fundamental changes, among them the University's first engineering department in 1982, the Department of Systems Engineering, with a highly innovative engineering program. Another Ross creation was the Centre for Information Science Research. The building housing the Faculty of Engineering and Information Science now bears his name.

Ian Ross also recognised the need for outreach by the University and was instrumental in the inception of its commercial arm, Anutech. In government, he played a significant role in science and technology policy, being for example one of the longest serving members of the Australian Research Grants Committee and its Chairman for three years. He led government enquiries into Commonwealth laboratories and facilities (1982-83) and higher education libraries (1990). From 1990 until 1995, as Chair of the Physical Sciences Panel of the Cooperative Research Centres Committee, he led four rounds of assessments of new proposals. He still found time to be president of ANZAAS, the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (1984-86) and a member of the Canberra Development Board (1986-90).

This record of public service both inside and outside the University was formally recognised in 1994 by his appointment as an Officer in the Order of Australia.

Viola, his irrepressible wife, died in November 2005.

Ian Ross was the academic polymath, strong in research, teaching and administration, and the very best of company. After a short

illness, insisting as always that no fuss be made about him, he died peacefully on 14th November 2006.

Ben Selinger

**Iain Richard Wright
27 December 1944 – 4 September 2006**

Iain Wright was born in Edinburgh on 27th December 1944. His father, a Londoner, was away at war in France; his mother was a Scot, and Iain retained all his life a profound attachment to the culture and landscape of Scotland, especially the Cuillin mountains and his beloved Skye.

Iain and his younger sister, Sheila, grew up on the edge of Richmond Park. Like his father and grandfather, he attended (1953-64) the Latymer grammar school in North London; an outstanding scholar, he was the first in the family to go to university. At Cambridge he continued to excel, taking a double first in the English Tripos (1964-67), and then becoming successively Research Fellow, Fellow, Director of Studies in English, and (recently) Life Fellow, of Queens' College. His affection for the College was deep, open and abiding.

Iain's passion for the theatre began in his undergraduate years. In 1964 he joined the Cambridge University Players, a touring company based on the Bats, the Queens' College dramatic society, in which he was also a leading light. He was regarded as a fine actor, both vocally and physically, even by the high standards of Cambridge at the time; he played many leading roles including Troilus, Edgar and Hal, notably for the Players' summer tours to the Minack Theatre in Cornwall.

As a senior academic at Cambridge, Iain taught widely in the modern novel (including the Russian: he was proud of his reading ability in the language), Greek and Renaissance tragedy, seventeenth-century literature, modern drama, critical theory and - of course Scottish literature.

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He wrote principally on E. M. Forster and on modern criticism and cultural theory. He also became Senior Tutor at Queens', giving, as ever, a great deal of his time to administrative and pastoral work. He was Keeper of the Old Library and Archives (how he loved that library!). He also found time for the World University Service, of which he was UK Chairman from 1975-78 and International President from 1978-80. He was, from 1969 to 1973, editor of the *Cambridge Review*, attracting Noam Chomsky among others to its pages. Politically speaking, he was deeply affected by his first-hand witnessing of the events in Paris in 1968, and of the fall of Allende in Chile in 1973. He always remained a committed man of the left.

1982 was a turning point in Iain's life. He married Penelope Pollitt, and became the devoted stepfather of Madeleine and Davey. Penelope's and Iain's daughter, Catriona, was born that year. So was Iain's association with Canberra and the ANU, with a Visiting Fellowship at the Humanities Research Centre; he returned for visits to ANU, and to Melbourne and Adelaide Universities, in 1988.

In 1991 Iain arrived with his family to take up the ANU Chair in English. During his fifteen years in Canberra and at the University, Iain held numerous senior posts on campus, including staff representative on council, Head of English, Head of the School of Humanities and Deputy Dean of Arts. He even re-translated the university motto. As Secretary and Deputy President of the Cambridge-Australia Trust he did much to strengthen the links between his two homes.

As ever, Iain put most of his administrative effort into pastoral care and collegial encouragement. Meanwhile he continued his research on modern criticism and, in recent years, became a Shakespeare scholar of some note, with his new work on illusion and special effects in *Macbeth* and other Shakespearean theatre. His research and intellectual interests were diverse and wide-ranging, from the contemporary literary-cultural theorist Edward Said to the Welsh physician, playwright and musician, Matthew Gwinne, whose life Iain recently wrote for the *New Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*;

or from Forster, on whom he wrote an as-yet unpublished book-length study, to philosophical hermeneutics, a recent school of literary theory in which his is a respected name.

But it was as a teacher that Iain made his greatest contribution to the life of the University. As a lecturer, a tutor and a PhD supervisor, his enthusiasm, generosity, range of reference and use of new multi-media techniques, as well as his warmth and his occasionally wicked sense of humour, left an unforgettable impression on a generation of students. Many have spoken of how they find it impossible to believe that he is gone.

In his last few years, Iain found great happiness with Caroline. They had all too little time together. He died in Melbourne on 4 September 2006, leaving Caroline; Penelope and Catriona; Madeleine and Davey; two step-grandchildren, Harry and Leila; Caroline's daughters Jo, Olivia, Madeleine and Alexandra; his sister Sheila; and his many friends, colleagues and students. He left us much too soon. He will be sorely missed, and long remembered.

Simon Haines

PHILLIPA WEEKS 1953 – 2006

Phillipa Weeks spent much of her life being too young. She won her first major scholarship in 1963, a Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese Bursary to enter first year of high school as a boarder at Our Lady of Mercy College, Goulburn, but had to forfeit it because she was only 10. Six years later, having completed her schooling at Harden Catholic Primary School, Cootamundra Catholic High School (to year 10), and Cootamundra High School (to year 12), she won a prestigious National Undergraduate Scholarship (NUS) to attend the Australian National University at the age of only 16—too young even to have a drink, legally, at the University Union bar.

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And on 4 August 2006, she died of cancer at the age of only 53—far too young for a person whose outstanding achievements to that point, and whose remarkable impact on those around her, only underlined how much more she still had to give.

Phillipa was born in Sydney in 1953, the oldest of four children. The family moved to Harden when she was two, and later to Cootamundra. Her brilliant school record is nicely tracked by *The Cootamundra Herald*. The edition of 7 February 1969 notes on the front page—complete with photo—her appointment as School Captain at Cootamundra High. The edition of 9 January 1970 records her success in winning a Commonwealth Scholarship. The editions of 12 and 16 January 1970 congratulate her on being Cootamundra's top student—1st in the State in Modern History, 5th in French, and 16th in English—and applaud her success in being offered yet another scholarship, this time a Teachers' College Scholarship tenable in Sydney.

Interestingly, Phillipa decided to accept the Teachers' College Scholarship, and was in the course of moving to Sydney when she received an urgent telegram from the ANU Registrar, Colin Plowman. Somewhat belatedly, the telegram offered her the NUS that enticed her to change her mind and come to the ANU. An alert mind in the ANU administration had noticed that this young girl, who did not quite have the marks for an NUS despite her outstanding school results, had not sat the same number of subjects at the same level as the other successful applicants. The ANU contacted the school, which confirmed that it had been unable to offer some subjects at the highest level. To its great credit, the ANU promptly awarded Phillipa an NUS. *The Cootamundra Herald* of 30 January 1970 ran a front-page article on Phillipa's achievement, and devoted a full editorial to congratulating her, acknowledging her teachers and parents, and noting the pride of the people of the town and district.

The pride of the people of Cootamundra was not misplaced. Phillipa went on to graduate from the ANU in 1974 with a Bachelor of Arts,

with first class honours in history. In his autobiography, Professor Manning Clark, then Head of History at ANU, likened Phillipa to his former University of Melbourne students, Geoffrey Blainey and Ken Inglis, both of whom later achieved national prominence as Professors of History.

It looked like Phillipa might follow in their footsteps when she tutored in history at Flinders University of South Australia for the rest of 1974, and, indeed, she continued to tutor in history at ANU when she returned to Canberra in 1975 to join the Department of Foreign Affairs. In 1976, however, she turned to the law, embarking on a graduate-entry law degree at ANU. Her husband, Ian Hancock, also then an ANU historian, remarked recently that Phillipa's abandonment of a career in Foreign Affairs meant that, rather than have them wasted on the Russians, ANU was to become the lucky beneficiary of her considerable skills of tact and diplomacy.

Phillipa graduated with first class honours in law in 1979, and a swag of prizes, including the ACT Supreme Court Judges' Prize for the best honours result on graduation. Her talent, and her potential for an outstanding academic career, were quickly spotted, and she was recruited by Professor David Hambly and the Dean Don Greig, when she was but a student in Family Law in 1978, to teach that subject in 1979. As David Hambly observed at a memorial gathering held at the ANU on 31 August 2006, 'Phillipa accepted the invitation, and with her consummate discretion, continued as a student in the Family Law class with the secret knowledge that she would be the lecturer next year.'

A tenurable position in the Faculty of Law became available in 1982, and Phillipa found herself enmeshed in some controversy. The demands that the Faculty had made of her in relation to teaching and administration had delayed her acquisition of postgraduate qualifications. Moreover, the Faculty was looking for a specialist in property law, one of the few subjects which Phillipa had not been called upon to teach in her four years of temporary teaching appointments.

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Fortunately, the Selection Committee was persuaded to invest in Phillipa's potential, and, in fact, she completed her LLM in 1987, her thesis on trade union law winning the ANU's prestigious Crawford Prize. By force of the circumstances of her appointment, she also turned herself into a leading property lawyer, though the scholarship for which she is best known is her work in the area of labour law. She earned a reputation as one of Australia's leading labour lawyers, and that is one of the many communities mourning her loss.

Phillipa was appointed as a Professor of the ANU in 2001, giving the lie to the common belief in academic circles that you have to move sideways to move upwards. I had the honour of introducing her Inaugural Lecture, a kind of professorial inauguration ceremony, on 20 May 2002, coincidentally the same day on which East Timor was inaugurated as a free and independent nation. Phillipa spoke on 'Fairness at Work', a subject on which she was not only an incisive and insightful scholar, but also, in her capacity as Associate Dean and Head of School from 2000 to 2005, a masterful exponent.

Phillipa's scholarship made a significant contribution to our understanding of labour law, particularly in the areas of trade union security, freedom of association, and public sector employment. Her book on the last topic, co-edited with Marilyn Pittard of Monash University, will be published posthumously; checking the proofs was the last work-related thing she did before she died.

She also made a significant contribution as a teacher, and not just because of the clarity of her exposition or the sweep of her erudition. Generations of students attest to the personal interest she took in them, citing in particular her practice of writing personal notes of congratulation and encouragement; this in an era in which teachers of larger and larger classes are hard-pressed to know their students by name let alone have a meaningful relationship with them.

And if her contributions to scholarship and teaching were significant, her contributions to the university and the wider community were astonishing: Director of the Credit Union of Canberra, Member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal, Chair of the ACT Sex Industry Consultative Group, and a plethora of like offices and activities. Although quite ill, she was fittingly honoured for her service to the university community at an ANU graduation ceremony in December 2005, when a packed Llewellyn Hall rose to its feet as one and movingly paid tribute—a magical moment that will live in the memory of those present.

It is not these contributions, however—significant as they are—for which Phillipa Weeks will be primarily remembered. Every now and again, a person comes along with personal qualities that (if we assume, as we must, that they are capable of acquisition rather than simply part of our genetic inheritance) are truly inspirational. A mere catalogue cannot do Phillipa justice, but these are some of the values and qualities with which she was typically identified: grace, empathy, generosity, integrity, compassion, courtesy, kindness, modesty, collegiality, humanity, commitment, honesty, respect, wisdom, warmth, positiveness, unaffectedness, courage, gentleness—and yet, amidst these saintly characteristics, an indelible professionalism, even a certain toughness when the situation required it. She was, most of all, a refreshing and powerful antidote to cynicism, an awesome role model, and incontrovertible, though regrettable, evidence of the truth of the aphorism that it is indeed the good who die young.

It is not possible in a brief obituary to capture the richness and complexity of a human life. Readers interested in more perceptions of Phillipa will be pleased to know that the proceedings of the memorial gathering held at ANU are reproduced in volume 34 of the ANU College of Law's *Federal Law Review*, along with the eulogy delivered at Phillipa's funeral.

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The anecdotes related on those occasions reveal the human side of a saintly person: her prowess in the footy tipping; her forgetfulness that led her, on one occasion, to leave her lapel microphone on after a lecture and thus to broadcast her private conversation to the entire class; and her sometimes mischievous sense of humour. She was a wonderful colleague and a very special person, and is sorely missed.

A measure of the affection and esteem in which Phillipa was held is that, at the ANU College of Law Annual Alumni Dinner on 25 August 2006, a group of alumni spontaneously initiated some fund-raising for a scholarship in Phillipa's memory. Most likely, the scholarship will assist intending law students with a country or regional background not dissimilar from Phillipa's own formative experience in Harden and Cootamundra. Interested contributors to the fund should contact Michellé Mabile at the ANU College of Law on (02) 6125 4070.

Phillipa Weeks defined the spirit of collegiality that pervades the ANU College of Law. Her memory will continue to do so.

Professor Michael Coper
Robert Garran Professor and Dean
ANU College of Law

The energy debate

Apart from Iraq, the fall-out from the US Congressional elections – both there and here – the environment continues to dominate much domestic debate. From water or lack of it to the Kyoto Protocol, from exporting uranium to burying greenhouse gas emission parliamentarians and their committees are seeking opinions.

On October 30, representatives from the **University of New South Wales Centre for Energy and Environmental Markets** (CEEM) and from **BP Australia** attended a public hearing into the science and application of geosequestration by the House

of Representatives Science and Innovation Committee in Canberra.

The Committee's report will focus on the science and application of geosequestration technology in Australia, with particular reference to:

- The science underpinning geosequestration technology;
- The potential environmental and economic benefits and risks of such technology;
- The skill base in Australia to advance the science of geosequestration technology;
- Regulatory and approval issues governing geosequestration technology and trials; and
- How to best position Australian industry to capture possible market applications.

Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/scin/geosequestration/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4150 or emailing scin.reps@aph.gov.au

Australia-China Council

Emeritus Professor Mark S. Wainwright AM has been appointed as the new Chair of the Australia-China Council.

The Australia-China Council plays a crucial role in cross-cultural and education programs and enjoys strong ties with Australia's large, diverse and long-standing Chinese Community. Census figures for 2001 show that 557,000 Australians claim Chinese ancestry, the sixth largest ancestry grouping in Australia.

Professor Wainwright has been Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and International) and Vice Chancellor of the University of UNSW.

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The Australia-China Council's biggest single category of spending is currently scholarships and youth exchange programs. Other major initiatives include funding for Australian Studies in China, cultural exchanges and residency programs.

Uni women, work and child care

The House of Representatives Families Committee discussed salary sacrificing child care at a public hearing for its inquiry into balancing work and family in Canberra on November 1.

At an earlier hearing Professor Hilary Winchester, Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of South Australia, gave evidence on women's career progression in universities. She has conducted research on the barriers to female academic progression.

The level of senior female academic staff at the University of South Australia is 10 per cent higher than the national average.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, some 162,000 women would be working now if they could make suitable arrangements for child care".

The Committee has also explored taxation reform options to make it easier for employees to offer salary sacrificing for child care for ordinary Australians.

For more information about the inquiry: contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4566, email at fhs.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the inquiry's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/fhs/workandfamily/index.htm>.

HREOC on women's pay

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), the National Foundation for Australian Women (NFAW) and the Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL Australia) have released a new report on

women's wages and conditions in the Australian workforce.

The 'Women's Employment Status Key Indicators' report, commissioned by HREOC, NFAW and WEL, was based on research carried out by a national team at the Women in Social and Economic Research Unit at Curtin University's Technology's Graduate School of Business.

The report recommends a greater role in collecting data by the Office of the Employment Advocate, and stresses the need for on-going research by the Australian Fair Pay Commission given the high number of women working in minimum wage sectors.

The report is available at www.nfaw.org and on the HREOC's website at www.humanrights.gov.au

Same Sex: Same Entitlements

The last public hearing for the *Same-Sex: Same Entitlements National Inquiry* was held in Canberra on October 20.

The Inquiry is conducting an audit of Commonwealth, State and Territory laws to develop a full list of circumstances in which same-sex couples and their children may be denied financial and/or work-related benefits and entitlements that heterosexual couples enjoy. More than 350 submissions were received in response to the first discussion paper released when the National Inquiry was launched in April 2006. A second discussion paper and detailed research paper were released on September 28.

For details of Inquiry consultations, written summary of the testimonies and audio files see:

<http://www.humanrights.gov.au/samesex/hearings.html>

The second discussion paper is available at: http://www.humanrights.gov.au/samesex/discussion_paper2.html

All submissions are on the HREOC website: <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/samesex/submissions.html>

Australian defence roundtable

Strategic trends in Australia's region and the consequences for Australian defence were the focus of a public round table conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade (Defence Sub-Committee) on October 20 in Canberra. The ANU took part in the discussions on economic, social and strategic trends in the region which have the potential to impact Australia's defence capabilities.

Submissions received by the Committee and transcripts of the public hearing are available on the Committee's website. For more information, contact the Inquiry Secretary, Margot Kerley, on 02 6277 4629 or visit the committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/esstrends/index.htm>

University of the Third Age seeks course presenters from ANUEF

More information on U3A, including its current course offerings, can be found at the U3A website: www.u3acanberra.org.au

U3A is particularly keen to hear from Emeritus Faculty members who would like to present a course in their own area of interest or specialisation. Help would be given in formatting, presenting and scheduling such courses, and in selecting a venue.

If you would like to explore this possibility further, please contact either Alan Bellett (a member of both U3A and Emeritus Faculty - 02 6292 8144; pabellett@dodo.com.au) or John Brook (U3A course coordinator – 02 6253 1128).

CSIRO wins US royalties case

CSIRO has won a court case in the US in its battle to be paid royalties for its Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) technology. CSIRO was granted a US patent for this technology in 1996. The US Federal Court of the Eastern District of Texas, Judge Davis granted summary judgment in favour of CSIRO in regard to the patent's validity. He also granted summary judgment that the defendant, BuffaloTechnology, had infringed

CSIRO's patent. Read more at:

<http://www.csiro.au/csiro/content/standard/ps2gw...html>

Welcome neighbours

ANUEF premises are well used as well as being shared with a number of other organisations. For more information about use of the Molony Room contact Giles Pickford 0411 186 199
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Check the ANUEF website

To check on the latest developments go to www.anu.edu.au/emeritus

CDs of the Energy Colloquium can now be ordered. A downloadable form is available on the right of the home page.

Our ANUEF Emerging Artist, **Lene Lunde** of North Norway, has postponed her talk until next year. So our event on December 13 will now consist of the Christmas Party only, starting at 5pm, not 4pm.

Tentative dates in next year's diary can also be seen by clicking on "Events" in the top menu bar. Scroll down to the end to see them all.

The Notice of the AGM on **December 6**, and a call for nominations to the Committee, has been posted to all members. Members are encouraged to nominate. We self-nominate in the ANUEF. You do not need movers and seconders to nominate.

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Diary dates

Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 5–7pm
(Note: this event clashes with the ANUEF Annual General Meeting) Vice Chancellor's summer reception for Alumni and Friends of The Australian National University at the School of Art, Australian National University
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in conjunction with a preview of the Graduating Students' Art Exhibition, with the opportunity to purchase their works. RSVP by Friday 1 December with your name, contact number/address and the names and number attending. Register online:

www.anu.edu.au/alumni/events

E: alumni@anu.edu.au F: 6125 9698 T: 6125 7812

Post: Alumni Relations Office – attention Canberra event, Building 3, I Block, The Australian National University, Canberra ACT 0200.

December 13: ANUEF Christmas Party.

February 21, 2007 Angela Giblin on *"Schubert: wanted dead or alive"*

March 21, 2007 First of two lectures from Derek Wrigley *Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through retrofitting of existing houses*

Illustrated descriptions of what Derek Wrigley and Pete Gorton have managed to achieve with their own houses in Mawson and Swinger Hill, showing how greater degrees of self-reliance can be achieved in existing houses.

Derek Wrigley, OAM, FRAIA, ARIBA, LFDIA, DA (Manchester) is a solar architectural consultant and industrial designer. He was ANU University Architect until retirement in 1977. He conducted private research into proving the feasibility of reflecting free warmth and cheerfulness of sunlight into the *southern* side of houses together with creating a near self-reliant house. He wrote, illustrated and self-published his book *"Making your home sustainable"* 2004. He designed and is currently promoting the EcoSolar self-reliant house,

Pete Gorton is a Project Manager, and is President of the ANZ Solar Energy Society, ACT Branch. He is organising the 44th Annual Conference of ANZSES at ANU in September

March 28 *Could new houses be self-reliant?* Derek Wrigley will describe his researches into a house design which holds the promise of creating more energy than it consumes

and which depends more on utilising natural rather than artificial energies. He is finding that a rational low-energy house does not fit effectively on today's irrational subdivisions. The possibility of creating a distributive (reversed) electrical supply system which could well reduce the need for coal fired power stations will be discussed.

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1. Library borrowing rights (including access to e-journals) for \$50 per annum which is far cheaper than what it costs ordinary members of Convocation.
2. 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.

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3. The right to be posted ANU Reporter if you wish.
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 5. The right to use University House Library facilities.
 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 you would like us to pursue, please let us know.
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