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ANU Emeritus Faculty's 14th Annual General Meeting

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty, followed by the ANUEF Christmas Party, was held on Wednesday, 18 December 2013 in the Molony Room, Balmain Crescent, ANU.

The following members were declared committee members:

James Fox	Chair
Jan O'Connor	Secretary
Peter Scardoni	Treasurer
Prame Chopra	Assistant Treasurer
Brian Lees	East Coast Australia Project
Verna Rosling	East Coast Australia Project
Adrian Gibbs	Collegiality lunches
Liz Truswell	Assist collegiality lunches
Judith Caton	
Caroline Ifeka	
Shirley Pipitone	
Mike Rickard	
Di Riddell	
Colin Steele	

After the Treasurer's report and the audited financial statements for the year 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2013 were tabled, a motion was agreed that the membership fee for 2014 be set at \$25.

Diary Dates

There will be no collegial lunch on the first Wednesday of January.

January 15 at 4pm in the Molony Room, 24 Balmain Crescent, ANU, Colin Groves, Professor of Bioanthropology, ANU on "Georgia – yet another cradle of humankind?"

February 19 4pm Maureen Burdett "The World of Poetry – from the Cradle to the Grave"

February 26-27, [Higher Education Conference 2014](#) at the National Convention Centre Canberra.

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The Christmas party that followed the meeting spilled into the grounds adjacent to the Emeritus Faculty's premises where the Black Mountain Quintet (although it expands occasionally), led by ANUEF member Bob Burne, entertained members.

Chair's Report

Chair of ANUEF James J. Fox said in his report to the meeting, "Let me begin by reporting that ANU Emeritus Faculty has had a successful year in promoting our chief aims:

- 1) contributing to the intellectual and cultural life of the University,
- 2) enhancing the reputation of the University and its values and, in particular,
- 3) fostering collegiality among our members.

I want to thank and congratulate the members of our Committee who have worked hard to make this possible.

His report goes on:

This year we continued to maintain our established activities while attempting a number of innovations. At our Inaugural Emeritus Faculty Lecture, I was able to point out to the Vice-Chancellor that our Faculty is the largest Faculty on campus with well over two hundred and twenty members. Although for the moment, the term, 'faculty', is no longer in common use within the university, we in the Emeritus Faculty continue to hold to the values that it implies.

This year for the first time, we held a 'Research in Retirement Forum' at which a number of our members presented their current and continuing research. We plan to hold another such Forum early in the New Year. I hope in the coming year to be able to demonstrate to the rest of the university that our Faculty continues to be notably engaged in research and research publications. Therefore I propose to undertake a survey of members' research and publications that would cover the past three or possibly four years. It is my suspicion that the ANU Research Office is unaware of the extent of this research and its fundamental value and importance.

Our Premises: The Molony Building, 24 Balmain Crescent

We moved into these premises last year and were able to hold our AGM meeting here for the first time. This year we have been able to decorate the walls with art works provided from the ANU's art collection. This art work includes two stunning prints by Jörg Schmeisser, a former member of our august ANU fraternity.

We have also been able to enhance our meeting room with first-class computer and sound technology: a Hewlett Packard Ultrabook including wireless Keyboard and Mouse plus a Sony Blu-ray Home Theatre System that integrates with our 60in Digital TV to play audio CDs as well as Bluetooth audio streaming. Nik Fominas has been responsible for the installation and operation of this equipment and we are particularly grateful for his continuing support.

We have held discussions with the Academy of the Social Sciences about landscaping our joint premises. In consultation with Dr John Beaton, Executive Director of the Academy, Shirley Pipitone from our Emeritus Faculty Committee has drawn up an initial design sketch and has now drawn another distinguished member of our Faculty, Derek Wrigley, into this planning process. With the support of ANU Facilities and Services, we hope to proceed with these plans in the coming year.

Recognition of John Molony and Giles Pickford

The ANU Emeritus Faculty decided to honour both John Molony and Giles Pickford for their service to the Faculty from the time of its foundation.

To honour John, we have established the John Molony Prize for '*the best PhD thesis, submitted in the School of History, as determined by a committee and informed by the examiners' reports.*' A committee of three ANU historians has met and awarded the 1st John Molony prize to Dr Chris O'Brien for his thesis: *Clockwork Climate? An Atmospheric History of Northern Australia*

To honour Giles Pickford for his work as Faculty Secretary since 1999, we have worked with the ANU E Press to publish a volume of his poems. We did this in partnership with the ANU Poets Lunch. The publication by Giles Pickford is entitled: *The Muse as I Hear Her* and is available free for download via the following web address:

<http://www.eview.anu.edu.au/muse/index.php>

The Molony Bust

The sculptor, Ante Dabro, created a bust of John Molony and donated it to the ANU Emeritus Faculty after it had been cast in the Sculpture Workshop of the School of Art by Nick Stranks. Ante Dabro, in fact, delivered it himself to the Molony Building where it awaits placement on a properly designed plinth. The Emeritus Faculty has been in discussion with Professor Jenny Corbett who chairs the university's Public Art Committee. The Public Art Committee provided the funds for the casting of the bronze and is now deliberating on the funding for a proper plinth. The bust will be located prominently in the landscaped area to be created in the coming year.

Collegial Lunches

Adrian Gibbs was in charge of organising collegial lunches this year. We decided early in the year to give a focus to these lunches by organising them around a discussion topic. Various members of our Faculty were called upon to lead these discussions.

A list of these lunch discussions is as follows:

- "Global Population Growth" TED talk by Hans Rosling
- "Francis; Bishop of Rome" John Molony
- "Health on a heating planet" Bryan Furnass
- "Who controls the world?" TED talk by James Glatffelder
- "Finding an Egress: a lighthearted look at the law" Fergus Thomson
- "What can the 'Social Media' do for us?" Tom Worthington.
- "How to Vote" Bob Douglas
- "The Election: the sequel" Bob Douglas and James Fox
- "The 2013 IgNobel Awards" Adrian Horridge and Jeff Wood
- "Australia Indonesia Relations" James Fox

ANU Emeritus Lectures and Discussions

This year we held a varied series of monthly lectures and discussions. The list of these lectures and discussions is as follows:

- February:** Brian Kennett: "Imaging the Dynamic Earth"
- March:** Tony Eggleton "The Climate Lies"
- May:** Roundtable Discussion: Margaret Harding, Andrew Leigh, Aleks Sladojevic: "How should we view the Gonski cuts?"
- July:** Book Launch: Kim Carr: "A Letter to Generation Next: Why Labor Introduced by Ian Young; Vote of thanks by Ian Chubb.
- August:** Derek Wrigley: "Fred Ward: designer extraordinary".
- September:** Frank Bongiorno: "Writing about the sex lives of Australians".
- October:** Inaugural ANUEF Annual Lecture. Simon Marginson: "Higher Education Futures in Australia". Introduced by James Fox; Vote of thanks by Ian Young. Also in October: David Williams: "Public Art, Sculpture and Design at ANU".
- November:** Larry Sitsky: "The forgotten/repressed Russian avant-garde 1900-1929".

Research in Retirement Forum

On 15 November, we held our first 'Research in Retirement Forum' at which seven members of our Faculty — Neville Fletcher, Eugene Gamaly, Ian Keen, Brian Lees, Margot Lyon, Alan Roberts, and Andrew Stewart — gave presentations on their current research. This gathering provided an excellent opportunity for members of the Faculty to acquaint themselves with the variety of research that continues to be carried out within our Faculty. The next 'Research in Retirement Forum' is being planned for the first part of next year.

Oral History Project

Peter Stewart is in charge of the ongoing oral history project associated with the Emeritus Faculty. To 2013, this project, initiated in 2008, has recorded interviews with 29 members of our Faculty. This year Peter interviewed the following additional members:

- Stephen Boyden (human ecologist and biohistorian);
- Scott Henderson (psychiatrist and epidemiologist); and
- Malcolm Whyte (clinical scientist and community health activist)

bringing the total number of interviews to 32. These interviews are available for viewing at http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/oral_history.html

ANU Emeriti Oral History Video Project

This year, in addition to our ongoing oral history project, the ANU Emeritus Faculty cooperated with Dr Paul Arthur of the History Department in organising members who were interviewed and eventually video-recorded by students as part of the ANU School of History Summer Scholar Program 2012-2013 that focused on training in biographical research.

The emeriti who were interviewed were:

1. Desley Deacon interviewed by Katie Valentie;
2. James Fox interviewed by Nathan Gardner;
3. Adrian Horridge interviewed by Tamas Molnar;
4. John Mulvaney interviewed by Kathleen Jackson;
5. Marian Sawyer interviewed by Maanya Tandon; and
6. Deane Terrell interviewed by Taylor Hughson.

All of these interviews can be viewed at:

<http://historynet.anu.edu.au/summer-scholars-2012/anu-emeriti-oral-history-video-project>

The ANU eTexts Project

Adrian Gibbs is in charge of our *eTexts* project. This year saw the production of the Following Texts:

Ian Buckley "Origins of War in the context of International Trade";

Bryan Furnass "Health on a heating planet"; and

Adrian Gibbs "... look like the innocent flower, but be the serpent under it — Lady Macbeth"

ANU E Press Summations Series

I would like to call attention to the fact that the ANU E Press has established a publication series intended to allow senior academics at the ANU and in particular Emeritus Faculty "to re-address their own work and present the best of this work with retrospective insight". The Press is eager to receive manuscripts that present collected work of long-standing (including previous published papers) by ANU academics.

ANU Emeritus Faculty New Members

The following is a list of this year's new members:

Geoffrey Hope, Rosemary Jennings, Kurt Lambeck, Robert Dunstone, Ian Keen, Larry Saha, Geoffrey Lancaster, Stephen Langley, Susanne Powell, Jeremy Evans, Andrew Pawley, Janet O'Connor, Anthony Reid, David Williams, Andrew Schuller, Peter Bellwood, Barry Fordham, Irene Hansen, Prame Chopra, Terry Hull, Bronwyn Douglas, Campbell McKnight, and Yang Hi Choe-Wall

Deaths and Obituaries

John Armstrong, Peter Biskup, Martin Canny, Joyce Fildes, David Shaw, Darrell Tryon, Pat White, John Williams.

James Grieve, who is responsible for obituaries that appear in *Emeritus*, has so far arranged for the publication of obituaries for 1) Peter Biskup, 2) Darrell Tryon, and 3) Pat White. We are still looking for anyone who would be able to write an obituary for any of the other deceased members of our Faculty.

We are indebted to James Grieve who has been involved in organising obituaries for the Emeritus Faculty for many years. He will, however, be stepping down from his position and we will be looking for his replacement in the coming year. As a Faculty, we express our appreciation and thanks for his efforts.

ANU Emeritus Faculty Research

I include here a report from John Molony on the research carried out this year in the 'East Coast Project'. The project is exemplary in that it has been carried out for many years under the auspices of the Emeritus Faculty. I would urge other members of the Faculty to consider initiating other research projects that could well be supported through the Faculty.

East Coast Project

The nine members of the East Coast Project of the Emeritus Faculty have met regularly on a monthly basis throughout the year. Our main area of research is directed at the question of European contact with the East Coast of Australia. We do not address Dutch involvement. There is no evidence they or the Chinese visited the east coast before 1770.

This leaves the French, Spanish and Portuguese. There is no evidence that the French and Spanish visited the east coast before Cook. The Portuguese, by the first decades of the sixteenth century, had bases in India and Malacca and landings in Timor, a flourishing trade in spices, shipyards in India, appropriate vessels and highly competent masters. They also had an incentive to voyage south of Java in search of the so-called Isles of Gold.

The main evidence to substantiate the Portuguese claim is based on the Dieppe maps of the 1540s. We acknowledge that there has been much argumentation, some scholarly, refuting any claim to Portuguese priority. Indeed at a symposium at the National Library recently such arguments were presented.

It is our contention, based principally on the Dieppe maps, that the Portuguese charted our east coast in the 1520's. John Molony presented part of our evidence at the National Library symposium. We propose to publish the relevant material in the near future.

Once this section of our research is complete we will move to the next step which deals with the charting of the east coast of New Holland in 1770 by one of the greatest of all mariners, James Cook. A remarkable decision, stemming largely from our proposal, has already prompted the citizens of Cooktown to advertise for tenders for a statue of the Aboriginal 'little old man' on the spot where Cook was reconciled with the Guugu Yimithirr people in 1770.

We are grateful to the Emeritus Faculty, which has met our only financial request in the form of several books needed in the course of our research, and to other members of the Faculty who have granted us use of their personal material. My personal thanks go to all members of our team and especially to our hard working 'secretaries', Verna Rosling and Di Riddell.

John Molony, Chair, 29 November 2013

The Annual Kioloa Excursion

The annual weekend excursion to Kioloa on 22–24 November was, as usual, successful. The feedback from the people attending was positive in all respects. The self-catering worked very well and the talks were interesting and stimulating.

In conclusion, I would like to express my particular thanks to Bari Saha-Hall, our Secretary, for all her efforts during the past year. Bari has decided not to stand again for membership of the Committee in 2014.

University honours Aung San Suu Kyi



Aung San Suu Kyi at ANU

The Australian National University has bestowed its highest honour on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, conferring an honorary doctorate in a ceremony in Canberra recently.

Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts campaigning for political reform in Burma (formally known as Myanmar). Since then she has received more than 130 awards and honours, including the Companion of the Order of Australia (awarded in 1996) and the United States Congressional Gold Medal (in 2008).

ANU Chancellor, Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC, presented Daw Suu Kyi with the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, for her outstanding contributions in the service of society.

“Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s courage, dignity and steely determination have inspired not only her own people but countless others worldwide,” said Chancellor Evans. “Aung San Suu Kyi is a champion of a peaceful path to a better and more just world. We recognise you not only as the global icon for democracy you are, but also as a gritty, hands-on politician who brooks nothing — least of all linguistic authoritarianism.

“In welcoming you to the university, and in conferring upon you our highest honour, we also pay tribute to those many other Burmese who have fought, so courageously and so long, for peace and democracy.”

Speaking at the ceremony Daw Suu Kyi said that her country, Burma, was “struggling for a fair and just constitution. My people want to live in a country that allows us to fulfil our potential. These are not great demands but we need a political system that harmonises many different people and their aspirations.

“We, as a nation, want to live in peace and harmony and contribute what we can to the betterment of human kind. But, realising dreams is great, hard work. I hope and pray that Australia will be with us on this journey. I hope the world will help us realise our dreams. We are not at the end of the road, just the beginning.”

And as her country charts a new path in the face of massive political and social reform, Daw Suu Kyi also had some advice for how Australia could navigate the Asian century.

“I very much appreciate the ability of the people of Australia to accept the values of different ideals, peoples and cultures and put them together,” she said. “I’d like to congratulate you on what you have achieved and remind you that you don’t need to go all Asian. You are special because you are a unique combination of east and west and an example of genuine unity through diversity.”

“Please retain what makes you special. You don’t have to be like everyone else and everyone around you. Strike out on a road that is different, daring and challenging.”

Ms Suu Kyi has joins a list of leaders who have received honorary degrees from ANU, including the late [Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela](#), who received his Honorary Doctor of Laws in 2000.

Mandela remembered

Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO wrote to university colleagues on the death of Nelson Mandela, “Many of us were deeply saddened by the passing of Nelson Mandela late last week.” A memorial service arranged by the ANU and the South African High Commission was held in Llewellyn Hall on December 12 “To honour the life of this remarkable man”.

ANU appointments

Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO has informed colleagues that **Dr Michael Raupach** will take up the directorship of the ANU Climate Change Institute on 3 February 2014, for a five-year term.

Dr Raupach joins ANU from CSIRO, where he is a CSIRO Fellow and leads the Continental Biogeochemical Cycles research team in the Division of Marine and Atmospheric Research. He is an eminent scientist in the field of global and climate change, and holds Fellowships of the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and the American Geophysical Union. He was a contributing author of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (Working Group 1).

Dr Raupach replaces former Director, **Professor Will Steffen**, who retired from the ANU Climate Change Institute in 2012 and is currently a Councillor on the Climate Council.

The Vice-Chancellor announced, also, the appointment of **Professor Kieran Kirk** as the next Dean of the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment. Professor Kirk is currently the Director of the Research School of Biology and will begin his new role in April of next year.

He will replace **Professor Andrew Cockburn** who is retiring on completion of his term as Dean of the College and who will continue his research at the university as an Emeritus Professor.

Kieran Kirk has been with ANU since 1996, coming initially from the University of Oxford to head the then Faculty of Science's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Since then he has held a succession of senior leadership positions at the university, and he has been a member of the University Council.

His research is on the biology of the malaria parasite, with a focus on antimalarial drugs and drug-resistance. He has published over 130 papers, held multiple prestigious biomedical research Fellowships and been recognised by research awards from several scientific societies.

He is also widely recognised for his teaching and research supervision. He has won both university and national teaching awards and he delivered this year's ANU 'Last Lecture', an award voted on by students from across the university.

Master of University House required

Following the decision by **Professor Lawrence Cram**, Master of University House, to retire from the end of 2013, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young, is seeking expressions of interest from university staff or alumni for this position.

The Master of University House is a half-time position at professorial level (E1/E2). Those interested in the position can obtain a copy of the position description from Tegan Donald (tegan.donald@anu.edu.au). Expressions of interest will close on 17 January 2014.

Professor Young thanked Professor Cram "for the outstanding leadership he has shown over many years at ANU."

Have your say

Reform or Re-form

Parliamentary committees and other methods of examining change by an incoming government are being appointed and given courses of active inquiry. Most inquiries invite the general public as well as experts to make submissions and, possibly, to address the committees or other inquiries.

The Attorney-General, Senator George Brandis QC, has asked the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) to review Commonwealth legislation to identify provisions that "unreasonably encroach upon traditional rights, freedoms and privileges".

Senator Brandis said that the review will be one of the most comprehensive and important ever undertaken by the ALRC.

"This is a major instalment towards the commitment I made to restore the balance around the issue of human rights in Australia," said Senator Brandis. "I have asked the Commission to identify where traditional rights, freedoms and privileges are unnecessarily compromised within the legal structure of the Commonwealth. Where encroachments exist, the Commission will determine whether they are justified.

"For too long we have seen freedoms of the individual diminish and become devalued. The Coalition Government will strive to protect and restore them. Freedoms are some of the most

fundamental of all human rights. They underpin the principles of democracy and we cannot take them for granted. The Commission will focus in particular upon commercial and corporate regulation; environmental regulation; and workplace relations.”

The Attorney-General has asked the Commission to provide its report by 1 December 2014.

The proposed terms of reference states that “For the purposes of the inquiry ‘laws that encroach upon traditional rights, freedoms and privileges’ are to be understood as laws that:

- reverse or shift the burden of proof;
- deny procedural fairness to persons affected by the exercise of public power;
- exclude the right to claim the privilege of self-incrimination;
- abrogate legal professional privilege;
- apply strict or absolute liability to all physical elements of a criminal offence;
- interfere with freedom of speech;
- interfere with freedom of religion;
- interfere with vested property rights;
- interfere with freedom of association;
- interfere with freedom of movement;
- disregard common law protection of personal reputation;
- authorise the commission of a tort;
- inappropriately delegate legislative power to the Executive;
- give executive immunities a wide application;
- retrospectively change rights and obligations;
- retrospectively extend criminal law;
- alter criminal law practices based on the principle of a fair trial;
- permit an appeal from an acquittal; and
- restrict access to the courts.

In undertaking this reference, the Australian Law Reform Commission should identify and consult relevant stakeholders, including relevant Commonwealth departments and agencies, the Australian Human Rights Commission, and other key non-government stakeholders.

CSIRO moving back to Black Mountain

The federal parliament’s Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the CSIRO ACT Consolidation project at Black Mountain, Canberra. The CSIRO proposes to relocate staff and operations from three leased sites in the ACT to its Black Mountain site, and undertake demolition and refurbishment works to provide modern facilities at the Black Mountain site. This will provide significant financial savings to CSIRO and health and safety benefits to staff.

The project will be undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 construction is scheduled to commence in July 2014 and be completed by April 2016. Phase 2 construction is scheduled to commence in September 2017 and be completed by March 2019.

The estimated cost of the project is \$195.6 million.

The committee's Chair, Karen Andrews MP, said the committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in February 2014. Full details on the project are available on the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Submissions to the inquiry close on **Friday, 24 January 2014**.

For further information, including how to make a submission, the public hearing times, and copies of submissions when they become available, please visit the committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

Election post mortem

With this year's Senate election in WA still moot, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters has announced its inquiry into the conduct of the 2013 federal election. The Special Minister of State has asked the committee to conduct an inquiry with the following terms of reference:

Inquire into and report on all aspects of the conduct of the 2013 federal election and matters relating thereto.

Submissions are now invited and a detailed schedule of public hearings will be announced in the near future. It is the committee's intention to hold hearings in all capital cities as well as a number of rural and regional areas.

For information on the inquiry: contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 2374, email em@aph.gov.au or visit the committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/em>

ANU surveys foreign aid efficiency

Australia spends more than \$5 billion a year on foreign aid, but reforms are needed to improve aid effectiveness, according to the first ever survey of Australian aid workers and experts.

The 2013 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey – published by the Development Policy Centre at The Australian National University – takes the pulse of the sector from those who know the aid program best. The survey brings together responses from people familiar with and involved in the delivery of aid, including government and NGO officials, academics and consultants.

The 356 individuals surveyed think that the aid program is good and improving, but that there is an unfinished reform agenda. They are generally happy with the sectoral and geographic focus of the aid program, but they see room for improvement across the board when it comes to aid effectiveness.

Respondents were asked about seventeen factors that are known to influence aid effectiveness and support for aid. Only six of the seventeen received a 'pass mark' of at least three out of five.

The one factor that stood out from all the others was staff continuity. This was the only factor seen as a 'great weakness' in the management of the aid program by more than half of respondents. Of those who worked with a government aid manager, over half reported that the manager had been in place for less than a year.

"Rapid staff turnover undermines the consistency of effort and accumulation of expertise required to deliver effective aid," said Professor Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre and a panel member for the 2011 Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness.

Slow decision-making in the aid program also stood out — seen as a weakness by three-quarters of respondents.

Of interest, given the new Government's intention to more closely align foreign aid and diplomacy, aid stakeholders surveyed indicated that they thought strategic and commercial objectives were already considered to be more important for Australian aid than development goals.

"This survey is a first for Australia, and perhaps for the world," said Professor Howes. "It provides both an audit of aid reform efforts under Labor, and guidance for the Coalition. The message of the survey is that Labor put in place a good reform agenda for aid, but fell through on its implementation. The Coalition has said it wants more effective aid, and benchmarks to monitor aid effectiveness. This survey will provide a lot of guidance for these efforts.

"The richness of the data now available for analysis shows the value of asking those who the Australian Government entrusts to deliver the aid program for their informed views. It is remarkable how much agreement there is across such a diverse group on aid strengths and weaknesses."

The Development Policy Centre is a think tank for aid and development policy based at the Crawford School of Public Policy in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

A copy of the survey report is available at <https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/> or [here](#).

Unsteady Eddy's Lament

There are two kinds of vertigo: peripheral which is located in the inner ear, and central which is located in the cerebellum. I am enjoying the latter, writes **Giles Pickford**

I am getting nowhere slowly. Lack of confidence is the biggest hurdle.

When ambition and purpose are gone, then 'the peace that passeth all understanding' appears.

I used to run the 100 yards in eleven seconds. It now takes me twice as long to cross the road.

The fixed line phone rings but I don't answer. I know they will hang up before I get there.

The idea of having a shower suddenly becomes optional.

The grog, that old tart, has run off with a younger bloke.

When you tell your friends you've got vertigo they say it's the grog. You tell them you have been dry for weeks. They don't believe you.

Two Whiskeys are actually more fun than six. Clumsiness and forgetfulness increase. Driving is suicidal.

Rebel receives ANU's highest accolade

Professor Des Ball, the prize-winning economics student who was arrested for climbing a statue of King George V during an anti-Vietnam War rally, and the man who blew the lid on the secret military facility at Pine Gap has been awarded the Peter Baume Award from The Australian National University (ANU).

The prize is the university's most prestigious accolade and is named after former ANU Chancellor, Professor the Hon Peter Baume AC. It recognises ANU academics whose contributions to the economic, cultural, scientific or social development of Australia or the international community have demonstrated eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree.

Professor Ball received the prize from ANU Chancellor Professor Gareth Evans AC QC in the Great Hall, University House on November 13.

The award recognises Professor Ball's incredible contribution to the field of strategic and defence studies during his almost 50-year career at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific — 25 of which have been spent as Special Professor.

During his remarkable career Professor Ball has worked on Australia's signal intelligence, advised former US President Jimmy Carter on the potential for all-out nuclear conflict during the Cold War, exposed Australia's secret history of cracking diplomatic cables, and examined first-hand Southeast Asia's 'shadow wars'.

He's also been a 'person of interest' for ASIO; measured Australia's rivers, mountains, and more to understand the nitty-gritty of defending the continent from invasion; and last year had a book of essays released in his honour with contributions from former Australian ministers Alexander Downer and Kim Beazley.

ANU Chancellor Gareth Evans described Professor Ball as the university's "living national treasure".

"For almost half a century on this campus, Professor Desmond Ball has led the way in his unceasing efforts to understand the nature of defence and security," he said "In honouring him with the Peter Baume Award, the university's highest accolade, we pay tribute to one of Australia's greatest minds, a servant of the ideals to which we aspire."

Portrait Gallery honours university teachers

Australia's best university teachers have been recognised at the 2013 Australian Awards for University Teaching at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. Among them was Dr Carol Hayes of the ANU

The thirteen teachers honoured at the awards come from universities all around Australia and from disciplines as diverse as dental studies, business, construction, languages, medical science and architecture. The programs range from specialised medical treatment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to enhancing students' learning in laboratories.

Professor John Croucher, from Macquarie University, was awarded the Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year for his continuing innovations in the field of numeracy skills.

Senator Scott Ryan, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education, said, "Maintaining quality in tertiary education is our number one priority and with these

exceptional teachers and programs we will continue to expand our international education reputation.”

Further details on the award winners are available at: www.olt.gov.au

‘ANZACS’ on the home front, too

A new book by military historian **Professor Joan Beaumont** in the ANU Strategic and Defence Studies Centre questions the way in which the nation remembers the First World War.

Broken Nation: Australians in the Great War challenges traditional views of World War I by painting a picture of the war, not just from the perspective of the men who fought in it, but from the home front where the majority of Australians remained.

The book was launched recently at the National Museum of Australia by former Air Chief Marshall Angus Houston, Chair of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board and former Chief of the Defence Force.

Speaking before the launch, Professor Beaumont said as we approach the Centenary of Anzac, 2015, it was important to rethink the legend.

“The Great War is, for many Australians, the event that defined our nation” said Professor Beaumont. “The larrikin diggers, trench warfare, and the landing at Gallipoli have become the stuff of the Anzac ‘legend’ and there is no lack of literature that continuously thrusts these stories to the forefront of our collective memory.

“But, should such a defining national experience be remembered this way? Given that it was the first ‘total war’, in which civilians’ support for the war was as important as morale on the battlefield, why do we not remember also the efforts and sacrifices of the majority? Why have we forgotten the deep divisions that the war produced at home, and the fact that 1914–18 was a time of industrial and political turmoil unrivalled in Australian history?

“If we owe anything to the generation that fought and died in World War I — and the rhetoric of the centenary anniversaries will almost certainly suggest that we do — it is to try and remember the war as they saw it.

“We may find their values, especially loyalty to the British Empire, incomprehensible, but it was these that made them willing to accept casualties on a scale which today’s democratic Australia would find intolerable.

“The Great War was also a war fought by the families at home. Their resilience in the face of hardship, their stoic acceptance of enormous casualty lists and their belief that their cause was just, made the war effort possible.

“In the book I also look at the wider Australian experience of war, from the ferocious debates over conscription to the disillusioning Paris peace conference and the devastating ‘Spanish’ flu the soldiers brought home.

“We witness the fear and courage of tens of thousands of soldiers, grapple with the strategic nightmares confronting the commanders, and come to understand the impact on Australians at home and at the front of death on an unprecedented scale.”

A new look at the battles of 1943

Dr Peter Dean, from the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific's Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, says in his recently launched book that key campaigns in 1943 proved to be Australia's finest hour. They are recounted in, *Australia 1943: The Liberation of New Guinea*, which was launched at the Australian War Memorial by its director, Dr Brendan Nelson.

Although the 1943 campaigns in New Guinea were the largest military operations ever conducted by Australian forces, according to Dr Dean it is the epic struggle along the Kokoda Trail in 1942, along with the fall of Singapore and the subsequent prisoner-of-war experience, which dominates Australian memory of the Pacific War.

Dr Dean said his new book seeks to set the record straight, through a collection of essays by leading military historians marking the 70th anniversary of the 1943 campaigns in New Guinea.

"By January 1943, Australia had emerged from the shadow of war in a strong position," he says. "The victories in 1942 at Kokoda, Guadalcanal, Buna, Gona and Sanananda had secured the northern coastlines of Papua and Australia. Australian forces were now poised for a full scale offensive to liberate New Guinea from the Japanese, the largest and most complicated operations in their history."

Australia 1943 is the first detailed single-volume study of Australia's military operations in the Pacific during 1943.

Sack one, lose four?

Geoff Davies, a scientist, has just released an eBook, with what he calls a confronting title, ***Sack the Economists*** (<http://sacktheeconomists.com>).

He goes on, "The book is not a rant, it is a concisely argued case that there are many fundamental flaws in mainstream economics, and that is why, for example, most economists completely failed to anticipate the financial crash of 2007-8. There are also modern ideas and knowledge that can yield much more stable and benign market economies that do not trash the planet.

"Yes, I am a scientist writing about economics. I've been doing it for about 15 years now. I published *Economia* in 2004 (<http://betternature.wordpress.com/mybooks/otherbooks/economia/>). You can see more about this side of my work at <http://betternature.wordpress.com>.

"If you have an interest in the new book, you can see more at the web site: <http://sacktheeconomists.com>. If you don't, but you know someone who might, please pass the word along. If you just like the idea, by all means use your modern and/or old-fashioned social networking to spread the word. If you have no interest, I'm sorry and I will not bother you further.

For more information from Geoff Davies email him on geoffd@netspeed.com.au

Oxford scholarships

Two outstanding Australian scholars will study at Oxford University as recipients of the 2014 Sir Zelman Cowen Scholarships. Announcing the scholarships at the Sydney Opera House, the Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne, congratulated Chelsea Tabart from New South

Wales and James Kwiecinski from Victoria on receiving the scholarships under the auspices of the General Sir John Monash Foundation.

Chelsea Tabart has a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a University Medal from the University of Sydney, as well as a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland. She was Vice-President of the Sydney University Fine Arts Society, and worked at King & Wood Mallesons and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre. Chelsea will use her scholarship to study for a Masters in Public Policy and the Bachelor of Common Laws at Oxford University. Her focus is on strategic litigation to address rights and justice issues.

James Kwiecinski has a Bachelor of Science with straight High Distinctions from Monash University. He is active in science teaching and communication and has taught in Ghana. He is a musician, and speaks German and Latin. His honours study addresses chaotic phenomena in the classical and quantum domains, and his PhD study will focus on self-assembly and self-organisation theory, with applications in biotechnology and nanoscience. James will study for a DPhil in Theoretical Physics, also at Oxford University.

Further information on the General Sir John Monash Foundation and the Sir Zelman Cowen Scholarships can be found at: <http://monashawards.org/>

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More Diary Dates (continued from page 1)

March 19 “Half a century of health care in Canberra - a personal saga” Bryan Furnass

Collegiate lunches on February 5, March 5 and April 2

ANUEF Room Bookings

Requests for booking the Molony Room should be addressed to Judith Caton via email, and these will be forwarded to the committee for approval, and then entered into the diary. A return email will be sent to the organisation confirming the booking. The diary is held in the office. Conditions for the use of the premises will be emailed to users and a copy is on the ANUEF website. Contact Judith Caton on judith.caton@anu.edu.au

What's On at the ANU?

What's On at ANU is a fortnightly email for staff and students that aims to highlight many of the interesting, enlightening and engaging public lectures, seminars and events happening around the university. All of these events are open to the public. Please check if reservations are needed.

For more information on any of the events listed, or to see a calendar of upcoming events, go to <http://billboard.anu.edu.au/events.asp>

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