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## ICAC advice helpful in universities' fight against fraud

The advice paper issued by the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) makes a helpful contribution to the ongoing efforts of universities to reduce and mitigate the risk of fraudulent behaviour in delivering international education, according to the Chief Executive of Universities Australia, Ms Belinda Robinson. She said universities have been continuously improving their systems and processes to limit any risks associated with international education.

"The [ICAC paper](#) acknowledges in the nearly three decades during which Australian universities have been heavily involved in delivering international education, they have continually improved practices," Ms Robinson said.

"Universities around the world are grappling with the same issues flagged by ICAC, but Australian universities have the advantage of statutory quality assurance regulation through TEQSA and the ESOS framework.

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"The problems raised are being steadily addressed by universities continually improving their systems and processes, including through those recommended in the ICAC paper."

Ms Robinson said that Australia's reputation as a world-leader in international education has been the result of our universities' determined commitment to delivering an education experience of uncompromising quality.

"Our strong track record of commitment to quality is absolutely the key reason international students choose to study in Australia in the first place," she said.

Results from the International Student Barometer Survey (2014) show that the top three reasons international students choose Australian universities are directly related to quality and reputational factors.

These factors were:

- Reputation of Australian qualifications (reported by 95 per cent of respondents);
- Reputation of students' institution (94 per cent); and
- Reputation of Australia's education system (93 per cent).

"Our universities can't earn or keep such an enviable reputation for quality unless they hold themselves to the highest and most demanding standards," Ms Robinson said. "Australian universities have rigorous checks and balances in place to ensure they are providing a quality, world-class educational experience - but as ICAC notes, this is an area of continual improvement."

### **ANU does well in “an inexact science”**

ANU has been rated in the top 10 in the world in four subjects, more than any other Australian university, in the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015.

ANU was rated seventh in the world for both agriculture and forestry, and for politics and international studies. ANU was rated ninth for history and 10th for Development Studies.

A further 10 ANU subjects were rated in the top 25 in the world, including earth and marine sciences, which rated 12th.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO said, “Rankings can be an inexact science and ratings can fluctuate, but the latest global subject rankings show ANU continues to lead the way for Australian university education and research.

"ANU is committed to national and international excellence and measures the quality of its education and research against the best in the world. The outstanding results are a testament to the world-class academics and researchers at ANU, and the high quality of our dedicated students."

The QS World University Rankings examined 36 disciplines at almost 900 universities around the world. They considered the opinion of more than 85,000 academics and analysed 17.3 million research papers.

Nationally, ANU topped the Australian rankings in nine subjects, including earth and marine sciences, modern languages, philosophy and sociology.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) led the global subject rankings in 11 subjects, followed by Harvard University with 10 top subjects.

## Shaping the future of international education

Austrade, the Australian Government's international education promotion agency, has completed a series of open workshops across Australia seeking input on future directions for Australia's international education and training sector. The workshops were part of the AIE 2025 Roadshow to help develop a long-term market plan, *Australian International Education (AIE) 2025*. They were open to all industry representatives and interested parties met in Darwin, Townsville, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart and via a "webinar" —an electronic seminar—on 28 April.

Austrade's General Manager, Education, John Anglely, said international education contributed \$17.6 billion to the national economy last year, making it Australia's fourth-biggest export, and this could grow considerably.

"To unlock the potential we are seeking creative and bold thinking to identify sustainable opportunities matching Australia's strengths and global trends," Mr Anglely said. "We need ongoing investment and innovation to recruit students to Australia and to build on opportunities to deliver Australian courses, skills and content in overseas countries, often with local partners," he said.

"As highlighted by Trade and Investment Minister, Andrew Robb, there is potential not only to double the number of students coming to Australia, but also to engage millions of people in their own countries in Australian education, training and skills, through offshore delivery, blended learning and digital technologies," Mr Anglely said.

Development of the plan will complement the *Draft National Strategy for International Education* launched by Minister for Education and Training, Christopher Pyne, on 1 April 2015. The plan aims to support a competitive, innovative and sustainable industry and generate jobs and prosperity for Australia and our partners around the world.

For information visit [www.austrade.gov.au/AIE2025](http://www.austrade.gov.au/AIE2025) or email [educationstrategy@austrade.gov.au](mailto:educationstrategy@austrade.gov.au) Twitter #AIE2025.

## Australia a popular for international students

A sharp increase in the number of international students over the corresponding period last year is testament to the ongoing work of universities in providing a high quality education and student experience, according to Universities Australia.

International student enrolment figures released on April 30 show an 11.5 per cent increase in the year to date March 2015 figures compared with the same period in 2014.

"The growth of 11.5 per cent is a positive acknowledgement of the work of universities and others to reinforce Australia as a reputable, high quality destination of choice for international students", the Chief Executive of Universities Australia, Ms Belinda Robinson said.

"It is also pleasing to see the increasing diversity of nations from which our students come to be educated. Double digit growth from Italy, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Taiwan among others, demonstrates that our universities' drive to diversify their student cohort is paying dividends.

"As the [Draft National Strategy for International Education](#) released by the Government earlier [last] month states, the market in international education services remains tremendously competitive. While our students give us consistently positive responses to benchmarking surveys we cannot be complacent," Ms Robinson concluded.

### **Dodgy providers will be fined**

For the first time Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) breaching standards could be issued with an immediate fine under the new infringement notice scheme which began last month.

Assistant Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham, said that up until now the national regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) could only write warning letters, or take regulatory action such as cancelling or suspending a provider's registration.

"The new scheme will come in to effect tomorrow, [April 2] and along with tough new standards and new laws to crack down on dodgy marketing practices by RTOs and third parties/brokers, will give ASQA a full suite of powers to act on rogue operators, something that didn't exist under Labor," Senator Birmingham said.

"Penalties for the fines range from a couple of thousand dollars to ten thousand for a single breach, and for multiple breaches there is the potential for the ultimate fine to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"ASQA can still take RTOs to court for serious breaches, including where an RTO breaches a condition of its registration, and can suspend or revoke registration of an RTO.

"New laws recently passed in the Senate require anyone, including brokers and other third parties, who are marketing a vocational education and training (VET) course to clearly identify which RTO is providing the qualification.

"The infringement notice scheme complements the new laws and allows ASQA to take action against an RTO, where they, or their marketing agent, fail to provide clear information to a prospective student about the qualification they are signing up for, where the training will be undertaken, how long the course will take, what support services are available and the costs associated with them.

"This includes any debt that may be incurred, when repayment is required and under what conditions, in line with the requirements of the government's tough new national Standards for RTOs 2015."

### **Vocational education attracts students**

New figures released by the Assistant Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham, show Australia's international vocational education and training (VET) student numbers are well up on this time last year. The Australian Government data reveals that

international VET student enrolments increased to almost 93,000 in the March 2015 quarter—a 15.5 per cent increase compared with the same period last year.

Senator Birmingham said the figures clearly show that Australia's international VET sector is of the highest quality. "The VET sector accounted for 22.5 per cent of all of Australia's international student enrolments during first three months of 2015," Senator Birmingham said.

"These figures clearly show that our already booming international VET sector continues to deliver the highest quality education and training, while providing a multi-million dollar economic benefit across Australia. Australia's VET system is considered to be among the world's best because it is based on well-defined standards, which is why we attract so many international students, and there are growing opportunities for Australian VET providers to deliver skills training in overseas markets.

"The Government's *Draft National Strategy for International Education*, which was released for consultation earlier this month, highlighted the critical role VET has on the overall spectrum of international education – Australia's fourth largest export.

International student statistics are available at: [www.internationaleducation.gov.au](http://www.internationaleducation.gov.au).

Written feedback on the *Draft National Strategy for International Education* can be submitted at: <https://submissions.education.gov.au/forms/draft-national-strategy-for-international-education-public-consultation/pages/form>.

## **Inquiry into work discrimination against elderly and disabled**

The Age and Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Susan Ryan AO, has launched *Willing to Work*, the Australian Human Rights Commission's national inquiry into employment discrimination against older Australians and those with a disability. In conducting this inquiry, the Commission will consult broadly across Australia, including with the community and with employers. The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry request the Commission to make recommendations on action or legislative change which the Government should take to address employment discrimination against older Australians and Australians with disability.

The Attorney General, Senator Brandis, said, "Employment discrimination against older workers or people with a disability potentially affects millions of Australians and also has a significant economic and social cost to the broader community. That is why I asked Commissioner Ryan to conduct this inquiry so the Government can work with the Commission to take practical steps to reduce this pointless discrimination. It is also important that the Commission focus its priorities on issues that affect the lives of everyday Australians."

The Commission's report is expected by July 2016.

Further information on the inquiry is available on the Commission's website: <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/>

## **Final report released on the 2013 federal election**

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters has released its final report into the conduct of the 2013 federal election. The result of a thorough analysis of the events of the election, the report pays special attention to the events that led to the loss of 1,370 Senate

ballot papers in Western Australia, resulting in a costly and eventful re-run Senate election in WA.

The committee's report makes 24 recommendations relating to a range of matters including: ballot paper management; the structure, management, accountability and culture of the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC); election preparation; election day and the count; and election cycle issues.

Committee Chair, Tony Smith said, "The committee received over 200 submissions and extensive evidence from many parties during its inquiry. The committee has considered all the evidence and has targeted its recommendations to help ensure that future federal electoral processes can continue with confidence, integrity and security.

"The committee's recommendations complement the 2013 Keelty Report into the WA Senate election debacle, as well as taking into account the extensive reform work undertaken by the AEC since 2014. The report also builds on the committee's two interim reports on Senate voting practices and electronic voting options released in 2014."

The full report, along with the two interim reports, is available at [www.aph.gov.au/em](http://www.aph.gov.au/em)

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

### **Applications open for Australia-Germany research scheme**

International research collaboration will increase substantially with the official opening of applications for the Australia-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme. The new scheme, building on existing agreements with the Go8 and ATN universities, was established by a Memorandum of Understanding between Universities Australia and the German Academic Research Exchange (DAAD) in December 2014.

The scheme will fund travel and living costs, enabling Australian researchers to visit their German counterparts and German researchers to visit Australia. There is also a strong focus on supporting early career researchers. With a budget of €430 million a year the DAAD is the largest funding organisation in the world for international academic exchange.

"We are delighted to be expanding the opportunity to all Universities Australia members to take part in this research exchange with one of the world's research powerhouses," said Universities Australia Chief Executive, Belinda Robinson.

"By increasing our participation in research partnerships worldwide, we not only enhance Australia's research output, we also provide the opportunity for our researchers to collaborate on frontier research projects that lead to solutions to local issues.

"Germany is Europe's largest national economy and for many Australian universities, it is already one of the top priority countries for international research collaboration. This scheme will improve on established links and make way for new partnerships to develop," Ms Robinson said.

The DAAD President Professor Margret Wintermantel said that "the agreement is a breakthrough for academic relations between Germany and Australia. It sets the stage for far-reaching collaboration with all the universities in the country."

Thirty six of Australia's universities have chosen to participate in 2015 and have committed over AUD \$1.4 million in funding. The DAAD will provide a similar amount in euros for the successful German applicants.

The scheme is open to Australian researchers at participating Australian universities in all academic fields. Applications for funding under the Australia-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme close on 30 June, 2015.

### **Antiquities returned to Egypt**

Australia has returned a number of culturally significant antiquities to Egyptian authorities.

The return of antiquities to Egypt, in an official ceremony at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt last month, was the result of a shared commitment by the governments of Egypt and Australia to protect and preserve cultural objects. The antiquities date back to significant periods in Egyptian history and were exported from Egypt in breach of its national cultural laws.

This collection of antiquities includes many funerary objects such as a wooden hand belonging to an anthropoid coffin, small statuettes known as shabtis to serve the deceased in the afterlife, as well as a number of amulets to protect the deceased. A Coptic textile fragment and large saucer lamp were also among the relics returned to Egyptian authorities.

The items were seized from an auction house and private residence in Australia by the Ministry for the Arts and Australian Federal Police at the request of Egyptian authorities. In 2011 a collection of 122 ancient Egyptian and Greco-Roman artefacts, some dating from the fourth millennium BC, found in auction halls in Melbourne were returned to the Arab Republic of Egypt under the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986. Under that legislation, Australia can return illegally exported cultural heritage property to its country of origin if a foreign government makes a request.

More information about the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act is available on the Ministry for the Arts website.

### **Obituary**

**Michael Raupach**

**(1950-2015)**

**Builder of the global carbon budget**

This obituary for Mike Raupach was first published in *Nature Climate Change* and is reprinted here with the permission of the journal. The information on the article is:

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#### **Will Steffen writes:**

Mike Raupach is best known around the world for his leading role in advancing our knowledge of the global carbon cycle, a crucial step in addressing the climate change challenge. Mike was a founding co-chair of the Global Carbon Project, a network of the world's leading carbon cycle researchers that aims to understand humanity's role in changing the dynamics of the carbon cycle and to provide the insights needed to reduce our perturbation of the cycle.

Under Mike's leadership the GCP flourished. The annual carbon budget, which tracks changes in emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, and the strength of the marine and land carbon sinks, has become a landmark product of the GCP. It is backed up by a large body of state-of-the-art research in both the natural and social sciences, ranging from studies of the processes that control the natural carbon sinks to exploring the institutional and technical constraints slowing the transition towards decarbonised economies. Importantly, the GCP has analysed possible options for implementing a global carbon budget based on a blend of equity principles and achievability.

Born in South Australia, Mike received his PhD in 1976 from Flinders University, Adelaide, in the area of micrometeorology. He then undertook a postdoctoral position with the well-known micrometeorologist Alistair Thom at the University of Edinburgh. Mike returned to Australia in 1979 to take up a position with the CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization) Division of Environmental Mechanics in Canberra.

Mike's early career was focused on challenges much smaller than global in scale. He made major contributions to the study of the flow and transport of matter and energy through and above plant canopies. In particular, his work was part of the transition from using simple gradient-diffusion theory to describe canopy transport processes to embracing the physically more realistic turbulent transport of energy and matter. This required related research, to which Mike also made significant contributions, aimed at understanding turbulence as a coherent and organised process. This period in his career included quantification of CO<sub>2</sub> transport through and above plant canopies, a forerunner of his later research interests, albeit at much smaller scales.

The transition to focusing on larger scales, up to the global, came in the 1990s when Mike was appointed to the scientific steering committee of the Biospheric Aspects of the Hydrological Cycle (BAHC) core project of the IGBP (International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme). One of the most fundamental and important questions that the BAHC project addressed was: Does the land surface matter in climate and weather? Mike's research contributed much to addressing that question, through his work on turbulent fluxes near the land surface, boundary-layer budgeting and quantifying the water balance at broader scales.

His excellence in scientific research is not the only skill that enabled Mike to build such a brilliant career. He always had a warm and thoughtful way of collaborating with his colleagues. He showed respect and humility in interacting not only with his colleagues, but also with the policy world and the public. Mike's communications skills were legendary. He could distill the most complex ideas into crisp, understandable stories. His words were carefully chosen, and his spoken sentences often carried the grace and power of expertly crafted written prose. His touchstone, however, was always the science, and in that he was unfailingly rigorous and insightful.

Later in his career, this combination of skills – research excellence, communicating effectively to all audiences, and ability to assemble and gently steer groups of strong-minded scientists —put him in leadership positions in some very challenging projects. One of these, of course, was the Global Carbon Project. But in an Australian context, Mike was also very active in tackling some of the wicked problems that link the biophysical world with human societies, and was keenly interested in efforts to unify perspectives and research approaches from the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities.

He chaired the steering committee of the "Australia 2050" project of the Australian Academy of Science, an interdisciplinary project that explored possible future pathways for Australia over coming decades with a focus on sustainability and equity. In 2009-2010 he chaired the Expert Working Group on Challenges at the Intersection of Carbon, Energy and Water, reporting to the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council and the Office

of the Chief Scientist, Australia. Just before his death, Mike co-chaired the working group drafting the Australian Academy of Science booklet “*The Science of Climate Change: Questions and Answers*”.

His skills and achievements were widely recognised. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and the American Geophysical Union. He was also appointed to a CSIRO Fellowship.

I worked with Mike for nearly 35 years, from the early days in CSIRO to February 2014, when he succeeded me as executive director of the Climate Change Institute at the Australian National University. What I remember most about Mike was his uncanny ability to cut through the most complex of problems and distill them to their essence in understandable yet profoundly insightful ways, leaving one pondering “why couldn’t I think of that?” Above all, he was a wonderful human being and will be sorely missed by the Earth System research community and by all those who knew him and worked with him.

Mike passed away peacefully on 10 February, 2015, after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Hilary Talbot, and their three children, Tim, Anna and Alex.

### ***The Rothschild Prayer Book on view***

The *Rothschild Prayer Book*, an early 16th-century Book of Hours owned for many years by the Rothschild family, is on display at the National Library of Australia. It was produced during the last great flourishing of manuscript illumination. This Renaissance masterpiece includes paintings of unsurpassed beauty and refined execution by some of the most sought-after Flemish illuminators of the early sixteenth century.

Acquired for the Kerry Stokes Collection in January 2014, the *Rothschild Prayer Book* will be on public display in the National Library’s Treasures Gallery. A selection of the Library’s own medieval and Renaissance treasures will complement the *Rothschild Prayer Book*.

A free public lecture by art historian Margaret Manion on May 22 at 6pm will explain the *Rothschild Prayer Book*’s significance in the context of the history of Books of Hours. Erica Persak, Executive Administrator of the Kerry Stokes Collection, will then explore its provenance and history, from the world of 1500 through to its 2014 acquisition.

### **Have your say**

**Parliamentary Committees welcome submissions from members of the public, especially those with knowledge of the wide range of topics investigated in parliamentary inquiries. Committees set deadlines for submissions but are flexible.**

### **Community discuss parliamentary petitions**

The sale of energy drinks to children and the future governance of Norfolk Island were on the agenda for a public hearing with petitioners on 29 April .when the House of Representatives Petitions Committee met in Sydney.

Every year Australians petition the Parliament on matters ranging from personal grievances, local community concerns, to national and international issues. The Petitions Committee’s primary role is to scrutinise the many petitions received annually, to check that they comply

with the rules of the House. This includes that they state the reasons for petitioning the House, contain a request for action by the House and refer to a matter that is within the Commonwealth's legislative or administrative responsibilities.

During the hearing on April 29 the Committee also discussed petitions on Australian Defence Force pay, developments in Middle Head, the Unicorn Foundation's cancer support telephone service, China's actions in the South China Sea and Holroyd Community Aid. The Committee does not make recommendations on, or implement, any actions requested in petitions but may refer presented petitions to the relevant government Minister for a response.

Since the Committee's establishment in 2008 and the introduction of the ministerial response process, the number of responses to petitions received has increased to the point where almost every petition receives a response. When received, responses are considered by the Committee, presented to the House by the Chair, sent to the principal petitioner and loaded to the [Committee's website](#).

For background information please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 2152

Full details on the petitions process are available on the [Committee's website](#).

## **Law, justice and the economic development of women and girls**

Women's economic development, law and justice and the effectiveness of Australian aid programs were all on the agenda for a public hearing, conducted as part of the parliamentary inquiry into the human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean-Asia Pacific region.

The Human Rights sub-committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade is holding two days of hearings in Canberra on May 6 and 7. Witnesses scheduled to participate include:

Dr Jeni Klugman, a fellow at the Kennedy School of Government's Women in Public Policy Program at Harvard University (formerly Director of Gender and Development at the World Bank Group); The Hon Diana Bryant AO, Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia; and The former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, the Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC.

Other witnesses include the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Dr Anke Hoeffler from the Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University and other expert witnesses who will address issues including:

- Violence and conflict
- Forced work and Slavery
- Microfinance
- Children and legal rights

The inquiry commenced in February 2014 and has already heard evidence from many expert organisations and individuals. The complete public hearing program and further information on the inquiry is available on the committee's website at: [www.apf.gov.au/jfact](http://www.apf.gov.au/jfact)

For inquiries, contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4318.

## Feed-back wanted on amendments to pre-nuptial agreements

The Attorney-General, Senator George Brandis, has released an exposure draft of proposed legislative amendments to the binding financial agreement provisions of the Family Law Act 1975. The Australian Government is seeking feedback on this exposure draft which aims to address uncertainty in the use of these agreements.

Binding Financial Agreements are out-of-court, private agreements between people that outline how property and other financial matters will be dealt with in the event of the breakdown of a marriage or de facto relationship. These are colloquially known as pre-nuptial agreements.

The proposed amendments seek to remove existing uncertainties around requirements for entering, interpreting and enforcing agreements. They would also make changes to the coverage of spousal maintenance matters in agreements and introduce a statement of principles to outline their binding nature. The amendments will reinforce that the provisions are intended to offer certainty to parties. The aim of the proposed amendments is to ensure that prospective, current or former parties to a marriage or de facto relationship can take responsibility for resolving their financial and maintenance matters without involving a court.

The exposure draft and consultation paper are available on the [Attorney-General's Department website](#). [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au) or phone 02 6141 6666

## Deadline set for New Colombo Plan applications

ANU students, Nick Horton, Rebecca Wardell and Emma Roberts, have been awarded scholarships to study in Japan, Singapore and Indonesia under the Australian government's New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program. The deadline for Round One applications is **Sunday 17 May 2015**.

The Australian Government has now announced the 2016 NCP Scholarship Program, and ANU can nominate 10 candidates to enter the selection process.

- The NCP will award 100 prestigious scholarships for undergraduate study lasting between one semester and one year.
- The scholarships are for Australian students going to one of 38 countries in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The full list of eligible destinations can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/student-experience/ncp-scholarships-2016>; under 'Application guidelines'.
- The scholarship will cover tuition fees (where relevant); travel to and from destination; insurance; and a living stipend, up to \$67,000.
- To be eligible, applicants must be Australian citizens enrolled in at least the second year of undergraduate degree, and be aged between 18 and 28 as of 1 January 2016.
- They must have achieved a minimum 70% graded average at the time of application.
- Proposed study in the country must be approved to be counted towards a degree.
- Applicants do not need to have any relevant language skills
- The NCP scholarship will provide additional benefits to help build language skills
- Applicants are encouraged to include a plan to secure an internship or mentorship in their destination country but need not have arranged an internship before departure.

- The scholarships are for study programs commencing between 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016.

More information can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/student-experience/ncp-scholarships-2016> or contact [exchange.info@anu.edu.au](mailto:exchange.info@anu.edu.au) with any questions you may have.

ANU Students' success stories: <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/news-events/all-stories/students-win-scholarships-new-colombo-plan>

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## Emeritus Faculty Oral History Project

An interview with Professor Cedric Mims (medical microbiologist and writer) is now available on the ANU Emeritus Faculty website: [www.anu.edu.au/emeritus](http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus). Go to Oral History Project on the Emeritus Faculty homepage. Cedric's entry contains text synopsis, downloadable audio file, and jpg photo.

## More Diary Dates

ANUEF Events Update - Unless otherwise stated, all are in the Molony Room (see directions below), and collegiate lunch discussions are on the first Wednesday of the month (noon for 12.30 start), and public lectures (4 - 5pm) on the third Wednesday of the month. The Annual Lecture which will be in the Finkel Theatre of JCSMR.

- May 6** Don Anderson will be telling the collegiate lunch (Noon for 12.30) to "Just turn the tap: the invention of a new beehive".
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- July 1** **The Research in Retirement Symposium** will be a morning of brief and lively reports (and updates) of the past, present or future research of ANUEF members, and will finish with a collegiate lunch before the committee meets in the afternoon—contributors please start planning your offerings.
- July 15** Chennupati Jagadish on Nanoparticles—title TBA
- Aug 19** Susanne von Caemmerer on plants - title TBA
- Sept 2** Caroline Ifeka on 'Boko Haram Verities'
- Sept 16** David Horner "Telling the Secrets: writing the history of ASIO"
- Oct 21** Stephen Bygraves on "Zero Carbon Australia"
- Nov 18** Nerilie Abram RSES ' Best Australian Science Writing for 2014'—title TBA
- Dec 2** Nobels and IgNobels
- Dec 3** Poets' Lunch (noon until 5pm)

## Meet the authors

**May 20** Christina Lamb - Manning Clark 1 – 6.30pm  
Multi-award winning British foreign correspondent, and best-selling author, Christina Lamb, will be speaking in Manning Clark 1 on her ground-breaking and authoritative new book, *I Farewell Kabul: From Afghanistan to a more Dangerous World*

**May 26** Xue Xinran – China in the World Auditorium – 6.00pm  
Best-selling Chinese author, Xue Xinran, will be speaking on her new book, *Buy Me the Sky*, an exploration of the social effects of China's One Child policy.

Bookings: ANU Events or 6125 8451

The Molony Room is on the south side of Balmain Crescent almost opposite University House. It is building 1c on <http://campusmap.anu.edu.au/displaymap.asp?grid=cd32>, set back between No 22 Balmain Crescent, which is the Acton Early Childhood Centre, and No 26 Balmain Crescent, which is the Academy of the Social Sciences. There are four free car parking spaces reserved for ANUEF members visiting the Molony Room, they are in the Balmain Lane Car Park immediately south of the Molony Room. The room is marked on: <https://maps.google.com.au/maps?q=ANU+Emeritus+Faculty&hl=en&ll=-35.284925,149.117078&spn=0.003402,0.006947&sll=-31.203405,135.703125&sspn=59.04012,113.818359&t=h&hq=ANU+Emeritus+Faculty&z=17>

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## Arrangements for ANUEF Room Bookings

Requests for booking the Molony Room should be addressed to Secretary of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Jan O'Connor at [jantancress@gmail.com](mailto:jantancress@gmail.com) or Tel: 62473341  
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.

## 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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