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## 'Blunt' views wanted by government

The Assistant Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham, addressing a recent Global Skills Forum, has called for ideas and "blunt" comment on national strategy for international education,

He described the sector as "a very important commitment by our government to make sure that we have a comprehensive, whole-of-government, whole-of-industry, when it comes to education approach to the international education sector worth \$17 billion in economic activity serving 130,000 jobs, 450,000 students in Australia, 110,000 studying in vocational education and training, tens of thousands in VET estimated to be about 50,000 studying Australian qualifications offshore.

"The demonstration is that the strategy needs to focus on the full spectrum of international education offering," he said.

"Of course we want more students coming to Australia, but we also want to make sure that Australian providers are well positioned to deliver their courses in market, in other countries within our region and around the world. We also want to make sure that Australian qualifications, where possible, are utilised or present the basis for transnational recognition and to make sure that Australian industry and businesses are well positioned when they're operating in other countries to be able to access the type of skills that they want. All of those are the key components or key ambitions of this draft national strategy."

### Diary Dates

The ANUEF monthly lecture on **August 19** will be at the experimental time of 3pm-4pm to determine if that timing is better for those who wish to get home in the light and before the worst of the traffic rush.

The speaker will be **Professor Susanne von Caemmerer**, Deputy Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis. Her topic is: "Photosynthesis innovations for food security"

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**Dates listed on pages 19-22**

He invited delegates to "Tell us what should be in there as part of the strategy to help make sure that the final document actually has substantial and meaningful items for us to develop an action in relation to VET because that's how we can make sure that the vocational sector is just as well recognised and regarded in international education as the universities sector..."

He emphasised that this does not mean that it comes at the expense of students coming to Australia.

He went on, "As a government, we are equally working to make sure that our qualifications, our standards, are recognised where they can be. So, we've developed and adopted approaches to the roll out of training courses and the benchmarking of training against Australian standards in countries like South Africa, Indonesia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and India.

"We're pursuing now, as a government, a new measure, a new APEC project, to develop regional occupation standards for the transport and logistics sector in China, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam. All of this is, of course, about setting Australian standards, Australian qualifications where they're relevant and applicable as a transnational benchmark that can therefore help with student mobility, with labour mobility and the mobility of capital in the businesses throughout our region and the mutual investment between different countries....

"The New Colombo Plan, being the signature government policy to encourage more Australian students and assist more Australian students to travel to China, to travel to Korea, to travel to Indonesia, to travel within our region and get those experiences. So, I can't emphasise strongly enough from the time in China and Korea as to how important it was to be able to say to their officials and to their educators 'we're interested in you as well' and our students are going in a two way arrangement; a very important message to demonstrate that we do recognise it as a partnership, not just as an economic opportunity.... That international education is more than an industry; it is more than an economic opportunity. That it is about strengthening our relationship within our region and around the world. That it is perhaps the most important aspect of our trade because it is about people to people connections and those connections strengthen the social ties between us and the rest of the world, the cultural ties, the community ties, the diplomatic ties and yes, of course, ultimately the economic and trade ties in the long term.

"So, it's more than what we get from the \$17 billion of economic activity, it is about strengthening our place in the world now and well in to the future because of the strength in the relationships that international students have with Australia and the Australian students they have studied alongside of have with the rest of the world as a result.

So please, let your ideas roll forth, be plentiful in your thoughts, be direct and blunt where it is appropriate and make sure that we have some great feedback to ensure the final strategy, the first of its kind, that is being developed and overseen by six ministers covering the portfolios of education, trade, foreign affairs, industry and trade and immigration demonstrating that whole of government approach and bringing together industry expertise and consulting widely like this has as part of its core, the VET sector that has so much to offer Australia."

In a joint statement with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, Senator Birmingham announced a new project mapping transport and logistic skills needs and competencies in the Asia Pacific region to boost global labour mobility, regional economic development and opportunities for Australian training providers to operate overseas.

**Foreign Minister Julie Bishop** said the Australian Government would provide \$259,000 towards the new project under the APEC Economic Diplomacy Fund. This funding will develop regional occupational standards validated by industry representatives from the transport and logistics sector in Australia, China, Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam.

“Transport and logistics are central to global supply chains which connect Australia to the region and the world,” Minister Bishop said.

“The APEC Transport and Logistics project will provide businesses operating within and across these economies with greater understanding and certainty of the core skills required and held by workers in these occupations.

“This will help lift the standards of skills training across the region, make it easier for workers trained to these high standards to receive mutual recognition in other countries, address skills shortages, and boost competitiveness and productivity in regional economies including Australia.

“Importantly, this project also provides opportunities for Australian providers to deliver high quality, industry-relevant training to more students overseas.”

Senator Birmingham told the Global Skills Forum, “The Government has released the *Draft Strategy for International Education* which seeks to harness the potential for global skills development with the support of business, education and training providers, and students.

“By 2030 the global labour force is predicted to grow to around 3.5 billion and there is growing demand for intermediate and technical levels skills, which Australia is well placed to support”.

### **If music be the food for students...**

ANU students **have been invited by the** ANU School of Music to participate in one of Australia's richest classic music performance competitions and help celebrate our 50th anniversary. The inaugural \$20,000 Whitworth Roach prize is open to any ANU full-time student, from any discipline, to perform a piece of classical music composed between 1615 and 1915. Students have to be in Canberra this September for the performance finals.

For more information, visit <http://music.anu.edu.au/50th/whitworthroach>.

### **New TEQSA chief appointed from UK**

Mr Anthony McClaran has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), Australia's independent national quality agency for the higher education, responsible for registering and assessing higher education providers against the Higher Education Standards Framework.

Mr McClaran joins TEQSA from the United Kingdom, where he is currently the CEO of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. Mr McClaran will commence his five year term with TEQSA on 12 October 2015.

He has previously led the UK's national agency for higher education admissions, the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, as well as the national agency for quality assurance, the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, through periods of significant change and external challenge.

The Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne, said, “The Government is committed to red tape reduction and quality enhancement in higher education. I look forward to working with Mr McClaran to ensure Australia's higher education providers deliver teaching, learning and research of the highest quality and institutions are not overburdened with red tape.”  
TEQSA's Chief Commissioner, Professor Nicholas Saunders AO, joined the Minister in welcoming Mr McClaran.

“I have great confidence that Mr McClaran is the right person to provide strategic operational leadership and vision in the management of TEQSA,” Professor Saunders said.

## **Obituary**

### **Lawrence Walter (Laurie) Nichol**

**April 1935 – June 2015**

*By Peter Jeffrey*

Lawrence Walter (Laurie) Nichol, a former Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University, has died at the age of 80. Laurie's professional career as a scientist and university administrator started at the Australian National University as a Research Fellow in A. G. Ogston's Department of Physical Biochemistry in the John Curtin School of Medical Research in 1963 and culminated at the university 30 years later, as Vice-Chancellor.

Laurie Nichol originally trained as a high school teacher in Adelaide, where he was born in April 1935. He had spent a short time teaching in the SA education system before his awakened interest in science led him back to the University of Adelaide to complete an Honours degree in the Department of Physical and Inorganic Chemistry led by the newly appointed Professor D. O. Jordan. Jordan was an expert on the chemistry of the then novel DNA molecule, and his interest in biology had given the Department an excitingly biological bias, also reflected in some new staff appointments.

Laurie and his friend D J Winzor were enthused and began PhDs on the proteins urease and ovalbumin, respectively, under the supervision of J.M. Creeth. The work was to use new experimental techniques and the sophisticated theory of physical chemistry to characterise these rather mysterious giant biological molecules. Nichol and Winzor continued to collaborate and compete amiably in this field for the rest of their professional lives.

Laurie completed his PhD in 1961 and travelled to the US on a Fulbright Scholarship to work with celebrated American physical chemist Gerson Kegeles at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. Before international jet travel became routine it was common to travel to postdoctoral positions by sea, a fortunate choice for Laurie as he met his future wife, Rosemary, on the P&O boat, also bound for North America. It may have been the sight of Laurie's legs in a short Roman toga at a fancy dress ball on board that made up Rosemary's mind, as the pair eventually married back in Australia in 1963 and remained happily married for more than 50 years.

The sojourn in Kegeles' lab was also seminal for Laurie professionally as he spent a significant part of his time writing an influential review that summarised and classified what was then known about the interactions of proteins with each other. This research set the parameters for his future scientific interests, the analysis of interactions between similar and dissimilar macromolecules (including proteins and nucleic acids) and between proteins and small molecules. Subsequent appointments in Ogston's lab at the ANU, then as senior lecturer, later Reader in the Russell Grimwade School of Biochemistry at the University of Melbourne and back to the John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU, in 1971 as successor to Sandy Ogston as Head of Department consolidated Laurie's position as the most significant figure in this scientific field in the country.

His move into pure research at the Institute of Advanced Studies was a loss to academic teaching as he had been notably successful as a lecturer at the University of Melbourne, even being applauded at the conclusion of some of his lectures there. However, he continued to supervise PhD students throughout his career and his ex-students now occupy

senior academic positions in biological science faculties throughout Australia and overseas. Research carried out with students and colleagues resulted in over 100 publications in international journals and two books on interacting proteins. He received the David Syme Research prize in 1966, the Lemberg Medal of the Australian Biochemical Society in 1977 and held a DSc from the University of Adelaide. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute in 1971 and of the Australian Academy of Science in 1981.

During his research career at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, Laurie was to serve two terms (from 1980) as Chair of the Board of the Institute of Advanced Studies, the governing body of the research arm of the ANU. He discovered a flair and a liking for academic administration which led to appointment as Vice Chancellor of the University of New England in 1985 and effectively ended his research.

The move to Armidale gave new scope for Laurie's formidable organisational talents and also allowed Rosemary to utilise her warm personality and social gifts in presiding over what is surely the most splendid academic residence in Australia. Laurie's long and happy marriage had always provided a secure base and was a significant factor in enabling his brilliantly successful academic career which culminated in appointment in 1988 to one of the most prestigious academic positions in the country, Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University.

At the presentation of his portrait as Vice Chancellor by Brian Seidel, Laurie remarked that he saw the position as part of a succession and that his aim had been "to make the ANU one of the world's great universities". Since then the university has indeed been named several times among the top 50 universities in the world. In farewelling Laurie on his retirement in 1993, the Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Yeend, noted that his six years in the post had been momentous, with many challenges arising from Government Green and White papers that introduced radical changes to the tertiary education sector. In spite of this the University had made great strides on many fronts. The University Council thanked Professor Nichol for his valuable guidance, wise counsel and unfailing good humour and optimism during this difficult period.

On retirement from the ANU Laurie and Rosemary moved to an apartment in North Sydney where they were able to enjoy the cultural life of the city and indulge their mutual passion for travel. Laurie had a lifetime interest in the movies especially MGM musicals and was an enthusiastic retailer of their plots and casts. Other long interests were stamp collecting, art and Spanish. He often used to fill the long hours of international travel by learning Spanish verbs and he and Rosemary visited Spain often.

Laurie wore his academic distinction lightly and was an unpretentious and entertaining companion who enjoyed sneaking off for a drink occasionally for Friday afternoon bull sessions which were a fertile source of research ideas. A devoted family man, he managed to combine his busy career with a successful and happy family life and raised three sons, Scott, Stuart and David with Rosemary. Laurie passed away in Sydney after a short illness on June 29, 2015. He is survived by Rosemary and his three sons, two daughters-in-law and grandchildren Jack, Hannah, Angus, and Lucinda.

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## **Obituary**

**David P. Craig AO**

**23 December 1919 – 1 July 2015**

***By Professor Richard Welberry***

David P. Craig was one of Australia's most accomplished academics in the field of Theoretical Chemistry and published two books and many research papers in quantum chemistry and the chemistry of liquid and molecular crystals. His most important contributions were in the Electronic Theory of Aromatic Molecules, in Molecular Quantum Electrodynamics; in the Theory of the Spectra of Molecular Crystals; and in the Theory of Vibronic Interactions.

He was the recipient of many honours and awards including: Fellow of the Royal Society, 1968, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, 1969; Officer of the Order of Australia, 1985; Centenary Medal, 2001. President of the Australian Academy of Science 1990-1994; H.G. Smith Memorial Medal of the RACI, 1972; The Liversidge Research Lecturer, Royal Society of NSW, 1982; Russell Grimwade Lecturer, RACI, 1985; Leighton Memorial Medal, RACI, 1991.

David Parker Craig was born on December 23, 1919, at home in Roseville, Sydney. His parents, Mary and Andrew Craig, had grown up in Manchester, England. His father moved to Australia in 1911 on medical advice and his mother emigrated four years later to marry him. David's second name, Parker, was his mother's maiden name. David was the younger of Mary and Andrew's two children, but his older sister died soon after birth. As a child he was very close to his cousins, Drew and Peggy Harker, who were like a brother and sister to him. David attended Knox Grammar Primary and then Shore, where he excelled in science and languages. He was also an accomplished marksman in Shore's Army Cadet Corps.

David enrolled at the University of Sydney in 1937 to undertake a Bachelor of Science. He won an Honours Degree in Chemistry in 1940 and went on to complete a Masters degree in 1941. It was in these years that he was introduced to the application of quantum mechanics to chemical bonding that led to his subsequent scientific career.

During this same period in Sydney he joined the Sydney University Regiment and was commissioned as a Lieutenant during his undergraduate years. He was also active in the Sydney University Film Society and its Bushwalking Club. Some years later he served a term as President of the Sydney University Union.

Although his scientific education placed him in a reserved occupation, David was determined to serve in the Army during World War II. Because of his military training, and through the intervention of senior officers in the Sydney University Regiment, he joined the Australian Infantry Force (AIF) as Aide-de-Camp to General Iven Mackay in 1942. Promoted to Captain, he served with Mackay in Australia and then New Guinea before leading his own unit in combat as part of the 61<sup>st</sup> Battalion. David respected Mackay deeply, and spoke often of their times together, but he said almost nothing about his experiences in combat. Everyone who knew him sensed that these wartime experiences gave him the confidence to lead and the unflappable temperament that he showed throughout the rest of his life.

After leaving the Army David returned to the University of Sydney as a Lecturer in Chemistry. It was during this time that he met Veronica (Ronie) Bryden-Brown. Ronie had been born in Sydney in 1925, and studied Arts and then Social Work at the University of Sydney.

In 1946 David joined an exodus of young Australian scholars to undertake PhD studies in England. He chose University College London (UCL), then a world leader in chemistry, having won a Turner and Newell Fellowship. For his PhD he worked on the theory of excited

states of benzene. On completion of his PhD in 1949 he was immediately appointed lecturer at University College. There he continued his pioneering work on the inclusion of configuration interaction in molecular orbital theory until 1952.

Ronia followed David to London in 1948 and in August they married in Reading. Ronia and David both came from close families, and they were determined to form one of their own. David's work required frequent travel overseas, and periodic moves between England and Australia, as his academic career blossomed into international prominence. This was only possible through Ronia's unstinting support and her ability to manage the household, which eventually included four children: Andrew, born in 1949, Hugh in 1952, Mary Louise in 1955 and Douglas in 1961.

In 1952 the family returned to Australia upon David's appointment as Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Sydney. Thirty-one at the time of his appointment, he became one of the youngest professors in the University's history. They stayed until 1956, when they moved back to England and UCL where David was appointed as Professor of Theoretical Chemistry. This time they stayed 11 years. During this time David's principal research interest was investigating the spectroscopic properties of molecular crystals and he also supervised experimental spectroscopy work.

In 1967 David, Ronia and their children returned to Australia and settled in Canberra on David's appointment as Foundation Professor of Physical and Theoretical Chemistry at the Research School of Chemistry. This was the result of long and sometimes clandestine negotiations, outlined in Stephen Foster and Margaret Varghese's *The Making of the ANU* (1996), surrounding the establishment of the Research School of Chemistry (RSC). With his fellow Australian Arthur Birch, and surrounded by a close-knit group of scholars, David stayed at the RSC for the rest of his career. He and Birch were very different characters, but were united by their intense pride in the institution that they did so much to create.

Outside chemistry David had many interests. Always technically-minded, he loved tinkering with cars and tending the family's home in O'Connor and holiday cottage on the South Coast. Most weekends, after a stint of chain sawing and burning off with his beloved dogs, he played tennis with a group of Canberra scientists and doctors led by his friends Max Day and Frank Fenner. He enjoyed music (played on his treasured QUAD loudspeakers), photography, movies, reading detective stories (sometimes in French) and Shakespeare, and more recently discovering the wonders of the Internet. Always modest, David spoke little of his own achievements. He was proud of his wife and family, and he valued his friendships highly.

He suffered the misfortune of outliving his oldest friends – his fellow chemists Bill Bevan, Allan Maccoll, Ron Nyholm, Ian Ross and Thiru Thirunamachandran, his cousin Peggy's husband and Melbourne engineer Chris Bennett, and the scientific equipment distributor Ben Selby, who long before had promoted him to Lance Corporal in the Sydney University Regiment. David immensely enjoyed his long retirement as an Emeritus Fellow in the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences at ANU, and spending time with Ronia and their large extended family. He is survived by Ronia, his children Andrew, Hugh, Mary Lou and Douglas, and their children.

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## **Obituary**

### **Vale Colin Plowman**

**20 February 1926 – 10 June 2015**

***by Des Ball and Giles Pickford***

Colin Plowman made a difference. He changed things that he touched. He was a good man, as well as a complicated man. He was not an easy man.

That is the core of Colin Plowman from our perspective. Here is the fabric of his eventful life.

Colin was born in his beloved Orange on 20 February, 1926. Colin would have added that this was the year that Spearfelt won the Melbourne Cup in 3 minutes, 22.7 seconds. Naos came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pantheon 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was three months before the General Strike of the British coal miners which shook the conservative government of Stanley Baldwin. It was between the wars. Three years after his birth the Great Depression would begin and cripple the world for the next ten years. Colin spoke often and with great affection of his mother who cared for him during this difficult time. He said that she used to say to him "Colin, you're not often right, but you were wrong that time".

Towards the end of the Second World War, 1944-45, Colin was to serve as an Aircrew Trainee in the RAAF. We remember his yarns about flying at night between Melbourne and the South Australian border, navigating by the lights of towns such as Keith. "We always turned back at Keith," he said.

At the age of sixteen Colin joined the Bank of New South Wales as a clerk. He told us that he was ordered by the manager of the Nevertire Branch to throw open the doors of the bank at 10am and then, facing north towards Bourke, he was to shout, "I declare this bank open". He was then to face south towards Nyngan and make the same declaration. It was only after a few days that he realised that it was all a joke, part of his initiation into Australia's oldest commercial institution.

He left the bank after five years to enrol at the age of 21 as a mature age, full-time student at the University of Sydney. Here, from 1947 to 1949, he studied for the degree of Bachelor of Economics, majoring in Economics and Government. He would return to his *alma mater* in 1953 to work for the Vice-Principal, W H Maze, as secretary to the Faculty of Agriculture and the University Buildings and Grounds Committee.

However, between graduation and his return to University life he spent four years, 1950-53, with the Joint Coal Board as a member of the administrative staff.

From 1954 onwards Colin lived and breathed the atmosphere of higher education. This was the ground of his being, and he would have a major impact on academia in two States and the Australian Capital Territory. But his influence would spread far beyond these borders, as we will show.

His career in higher education was a steady progress upwards from Graduate Assistant at the University of Sydney to Faculty Secretary and then Assistant Registrar at the University of Western Australia. He arrived in Canberra in 1959 to become Assistant Registrar of the Canberra University College, then Registrar of the School of General Studies ANU 1961, and then Academic Registrar 1968. In 1974, with a painful wrench expressed vividly in his correspondence with ANU, he left Canberra to become Registrar of UNSW, but he was back two years later as Assistant Vice-Chancellor of the ANU: a post that he would hold until his retirement aged 65, in 1991.

Beyond the confines of any one of these campuses, Colin's creative ability to see the future and do something about it was made plain for all to see.



One of his great and farsighted projects was to assist his friends Maurie Blank (Caulfield Institute of Technology), Don Paterson (Canberra College of Advanced Education), Dan Dunn (University of Western Australia) and Ding Bell and Paul Morgan (University of Melbourne) to conceive and give birth to the Australian Institute of Tertiary Education Administrators in 1976: an organisation whose aim was to improve levels of skill and understanding amongst the general staff. This project was opposed by some of limited vision, but they were no match for the men mentioned above. Colin's skill in winning arguments was more than valuable at this critical time.

His interest in training the next generation of university administrators developed further when the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee asked him to convene the first University Administrative Staff Course, in collaboration with Syd Derwent of UNSW in 1968.

Colin was always fascinated with the arts, particularly the dramatic arts. He was a member of the first ACT Arts Council and Chair of the Tau Theatre until it burnt down. He was appointed by Gough Whitlam as a consultant to the first Australian Council for the Arts in 1975. He created the ANU Arts Centre in collaboration with Val McKelvey and Di Riddell, and nurtured it through difficult times. His presence was felt at many performances at the ANU Arts Centre and at Repertory productions in Theatre Three. He had a huge impact on the ANU Drill Hall Gallery aided and abetted by Johanna Owens the founding curator.

Other Australia-wide roles included president of the Graduate Careers Council of Australia (1973) in association with Keith Gravell, a man whose face was even rosier than Colin's; and chair of the Council of the Australian College for Seniors, and the world-wide organisation Elder Hostel, in association with Barry Russell of the University of Wollongong.

In his retirement Colin became involved in smaller projects which were less demanding and more enjoyable. His lunch time presence at Chat's Café in the ANU School of Art was central to his and many other people's days. He also travelled widely with Des Ball in south-east Asia and with Giles Pickford in Europe, Australia and New Zealand. He maintained a presence at the ANU as a Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Continuing Education, collaborating with Peter Stewart and Maurie Weidemann in running an annual series of National Summer Schools for Science Teachers. He also worked with Don Anderson and Dick Johnson on various projects funded by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training.

His approach in these later years was always philosophical. On any given topic he would question and often adopt a contrary view. His friends and others would ask him where he stood on the issue, but like Socrates, he would say that where he stood was immaterial. The vital question for him was whether 'the other' in the conversation knew where they stood and why. In this way, which could at times be annoying, he helped to strengthen people in their minds and in their beliefs.

Colin had plenty of enemies, as is always the case for a person who was such an agent of change. But he had many close friends, and these people will join with his children Polly, Colin, Kerry and Amy in mourning him. His going leaves an unbridgeable gap in many people's lives.

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## **New Colombo Plan 2016 mobility grants announced**

More than 5450 Australian students will have the opportunity to live, study and undertake work placements in the region in 2016, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, and the Minister for Education and Training, Christopher Pyne, announced recently.

"The latest round of New Colombo Plan mobility grants will send Australian undergraduate students to 28 different locations in the Indo-Pacific," Minister Bishop said. "This will bring the total number of students funded by the New Colombo Plan to more than 10,000 in just the first three years of the program. As a result, 10,000 young Australians are learning more

about our immediate region and developing skills and understanding that provide new insights and perspectives for their future careers.

"In turn, Australia is investing in the next generation of leaders who will continue to build on our important relationships within our region," she said.

New Colombo Plan mobility grants are awarded to Australian universities, which then select undergraduate students to participate in study and work-based experiences in the Indo-Pacific region. Mobility projects are open to students from any discipline, and range from short-term study tours to semester-based study and internships.

Minister Pyne said, "The New Colombo Plan is increasing education links across the Indo-Pacific, a key ambition of Government reflected in its draft National Strategy for International Education,"

The mobility grant offers are scheduled to be made to Australian universities in early August, after which full details of projects to be funded will be published at [www.dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan](http://www.dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan)

The Australian Government has committed more than \$100 million in new funding over five years to implement the New Colombo Plan, which includes both the mobility grants program as well as a prestigious scholarships program.

### **Expanded New Colombo Plan to further student opportunities**

The three initiatives announced recently by the Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop to expand the New Colombo Plan (NCP) will further improve future prospects of students and deepen engagement between universities and business in our region.

The three NCP initiatives announced are:

- The Internship and Mentorship Network = an online portal that will connect NCP students with businesses offering mentorship and internship opportunities;
- The Mobility Partners Program - a program to cultivate partnerships between universities and business; and
- The Business Champions Initiative - an initiative to assist business to promote overseas study experiences to students.

"The New Colombo Plan is a magnificent program to improve the international experiences and connections of students, which is increasingly important for Australia as part of the globalisation trend," said Universities Australia Chair Professor Barney Glover in a speech at the announcement event.

Professor Glover noted the number of students studying offshore has been steadily growing over the last five years, such that Australia can now say that close to 15 per cent of a graduating class of bachelor degree students will have had some offshore study experience - twice as many as five years ago.

"The inclusion of internships and mentorships in the NCP model has enabled the participation of business and demonstrated a clear link between offshore study, work experience and enhanced graduate outcomes," said Universities Australia Deputy Chief Executive Anne-Marie Lansdown.

[Research conducted for Universities Australia](#) (Prospect Research, 2013) on attitudes of employers and opinion leaders towards overseas study observed that mobility programs add to students' capabilities and strengths. In particular, employers cited enhanced independence, a greater ability to build networks, a willingness to stretch boundaries and beneficial exposure to different societies and cultures as positive attributes of globally mobile students.

"The New Colombo Plan is only in its second year but its impact in driving Australian students toward study in the Indo-Pacific region has been immediately apparent - in fact China is now the most popular destination for short term study offshore," said Ms Lansdown.

"The addition of this new network and the involvement of so many of Australia's leading businesses is testament to their confidence in the program despite its still short life."

Universities Australia has been working closely with the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Australian Industry Group, Business Council of Australia and Australian Collaborative Education Network to develop and now implement the [National Strategy for Work Integrated Learning in University Education](#). The strategy aims to improve graduate employability by better linking employers, university students and graduates to improve our overall capacity to drive innovation and productivity. Today's announcement supports the strategy.

"In the future we will see more Australian graduates entering the workforce with direct experience and knowledge of international business practices," said Ms Lansdown.

### Researchers the key to productivity

According to Intellectual Property Australia businesses that engage in collaborative innovation with research organisations are 242% more likely to report increases in productivity

However, despite the clear advantages associated with collaborative innovation, Australia is falling behind. In 2014 Australia was ranked 81 out of 143 countries on how effectively we produce returns from research, ideas and institutions. Amongst the reasons identified for this was the insufficient transfer of knowledge between the research and business sectors.

IP Australia has developed **Source IP** as a digital marketplace for sharing information, indicating licensing preferences and facilitating contact for IP generated by the public research sector in Australia. **Source IP** is specifically aimed at making it easier for Australian businesses, including small business to access public sector innovation and technology and will strengthen the aims of Australian Government's Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda - particularly the focus on boosting collaboration between science and industry.

The site intends to achieve the following objectives for the public research sector:

- Drive innovation and commercialisation by enabling IP Rights holders to signal their patent licensing intent;

- Provide a single source of information to increase understanding of potential collaboration between interested parties to promote innovation and technology specialisation.

IP Australia is currently engaged with the full panel of Commonwealth and university publicly funded research organisations across Australia to prepare content for the **Source IP** marketplace, which is due for release late 2015.

For more information on **Source IP** contact: [SourceIP@ipaustalia.gov.au](mailto:SourceIP@ipaustalia.gov.au)

## Universities Australia reaffirms stand against racism

Universities Australia has joined with business and community leaders in condemning racism in all its forms, reaffirming its long standing commitment to the "[Racism: It Stops With Me](#)" campaign by the Human Rights Commission.

The peak body is an official partner of the "Racism: It Stops With Me" Human Rights Commission campaign to stamp out racism in any form in Australia.

The campaign is designed to ensure that Australians recognise that racism is totally unacceptable in our community and must not be tolerated. A statement in support of former Australian of the Year and Sydney Swans star Adam Goodes following his treatment at AFL matches was launched on July 31.

## An app for emergencies

The Minister for Justice, Michael Keenan, has launched the Microsoft Windows version of the *Emergency+* app for Smartphones, extending this potentially lifesaving app to virtually all Australian Smartphones.

The free *Emergency+* app allows a caller to Triple Zero to pinpoint their GPS location, providing certainty to the emergency services.

The minister said, "This project is a great example of the private sector and emergency service agencies working together to improve emergency response. Sometimes mobile phone users are not aware of their location – even on a city street - making it difficult for emergency call operators to accurately dispatch emergency services.

"The release of the Microsoft Windows version means that about 98 per cent of Australian Smartphone users can now use *Emergency+* to pinpoint their GPS location in emergencies, when every minute counts".

Since the launch of *Emergency+* in December 2013 it has been downloaded more than 270,000 times. It has directed emergency services to car accidents, a quad bike accident in remote Western Australia, and a woman who suffered a snake bite.

The minister acknowledged the work of the Triple Zero Awareness Working Group, NSW Fire and Rescue, NSW Police, and 360 Entertainment in developing *Emergency+*.

The app contains the emergency contact numbers for each state and territory and a short explanation of when to call non-emergency numbers such as the Police Assistance Line (131 444) and the SES national number (132 500). This helps reduce the number of non-urgent calls to Triple Zero (000).

*Emergency+* is available free of charge through the Windows, Google Play and Apple App Stores. Links to download the app can be found at [emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au](http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au)

The development of the app was funded by the Australian Government through a National Emergency Management Project grant.

## Roundtables and conversations

Education, business, industry and government representatives, debating the [Draft National Strategy for International Education](#) will continue their discussions at a roundtable on **13 August**, with the aim of finalising the national strategy by the end of the year.

The roundtables, which began in June, are being led by the new [Coordinating Council for International Education](#) - consisting of senior Government Ministers with an interest in international education and education and industry experts.

The roundtables are seen by the government as an important step in ensuring the strategy represents a shared national vision and places international education at the heart of Australia's economic and social prosperity.

For more information, see the Minister for Education and Training's media releases at:

- [Roundtable on international education – a shared vision for the future](#)
- [International education roundtable: next steps are set for Australia's largest services export](#)

## Academic appointed to Law Reform Commission

Emeritus Professor Anura Surindra (Suri) Ratnapala has been appointed as a part-time member of the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC).

Emeritus Professor Ratnapala will assist the ALRC Review of Commonwealth Laws for Consistency with Traditional Rights, Freedoms and Privileges - known as the Freedoms Inquiry - which concludes in December 2015. He has been appointed until the conclusion of the inquiry.

Attorney-General Senator George Brandis said, "With academic speciality in constitutional law, legal theory and history, and constitutional political economy, Emeritus Professor Ratnapala will bring invaluable knowledge and experience to the role."

Emeritus Professor Ratnapala was a legal academic at the T C Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland from 1986 until 2014. This followed 10 years of professional legal practice in Sri Lanka. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and in 2003 was awarded a Centenary of Australian Federation Medal for his contribution to Australian society through research in law and economics.

For more information about the ALRC visit [www.alrc.gov.au](http://www.alrc.gov.au)

## New support for job-relevant training

Expressions of interest are being invited from organisations to operate as skills service organisations as part of an overhaul of Australian qualifications. Assistant Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham said that skills service organisations will play a crucial role in ensuring training delivers the competencies that jobs will require in the future.

He said the Government was introducing a new model of training product development to ensure that training standards were based on the skills needed for real jobs in the workplace now and in the future.

From 1 January, 2016, skills service organisations will be independent bodies funded by the Australian Government to support industry reference committees to review and develop

training products for the vocational education and training (VET) system. New arrangements have been put in place to ensure a smooth transition from current Industry Skills Councils to skills service organisations.

Senator Birmingham said the new Australian Industry and Skills Committee, chaired by Mr John Pollaers, would schedule and commission skills service organisations to undertake work based upon the advice of industry reference committees.

“Widespread consultations about the way training products are currently developed and delivered supported the key role of industry leadership and raised concerns about training packages being changed ‘for change’s sake’, rather than in response to industry priorities,” Senator Birmingham said. “The Australian Government’s new model will ensure resources are allocated to develop and renew training products based on in-depth analysis of Australia’s workforce skills demands and industry needs.”

Online Expression of Interest applications will close on 24 August 2015.

The Department of Education and Training will conduct a number of information sessions for potential applicants. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to register and attend a session.

To register visit - [www.education.gov.au/skills-service-organisations](http://www.education.gov.au/skills-service-organisations)

### **Agreement with China signed**

Australia and China have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen collaboration on quality assurance, and will work to develop a further agreement to boost vocational education and training (VET) skills collaboration.

Speaking from Huawei’s Research and Development facility on a recent visit to Beijing Assistant Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham said the agreement signed between the Australian Skills Quality Authority and the China Education Association for International Exchange, was an important step forward in the Australia-China VET relationship.

Senator Birmingham said, “In 2013, more than 35,000 people enrolled with Australian VET providers in China, which represents 72 per cent of total offshore enrolment numbers. Over 30 million students undertake formal VET in China, where the State Council has set the goal of increasing total VET student numbers to 38.3 million by 2020 to ensure a highly skilled workforce to support productivity and growth.

“Australia and China have much to gain from greater collaboration, as the quality of training on offer is central to meeting the needs of industry, supporting graduate employment outcomes, and raising the status of VET in both countries.”

“Huawei is a truly global company, with cutting edge technology and a commitment to upskilling its current and future workforce. “A demonstration of this commitment is a \$30 million training centre in Sydney to train Australians on the latest technology, including students studying higher education or VET as part of its *Seeds for the Future* initiative.”



## UA partners with Canada in global research

Universities Australia has signed an agreement with Canadian organisation, [Mitacs](#), which will allow Australian undergraduate students to participate in an elite research internship program in Canada for the first time.

The Mitacs Globalink Research Internship (GRI) is a competitive initiative already available to undergraduate students from Brazil, China, France, India, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Vietnam. The program attracts several thousands of applications each year. The Universities Australia agreement will add Australia to the list of Mitacs partner countries.

From June to September each year, top-ranked Australian applicants will participate in a 12 week research internship under the supervision of a Canadian university faculty. Students are provided with professional skills training and gain valuable knowledge about Canadian industry and innovation. Interns interested in returning to Canada for graduate studies will be eligible for a Globalink graduate fellowship.

The official signing ceremony was held at the Australian Canadian Economic Leadership Forum in Vancouver on 7 July.

Universities Australia Chief Executive, Belinda Robinson, said the signing marks the first ever Australia- Canada undergraduate research partnership.

"We are delighted that nine Australian universities have agreed to participate in this exciting program in 2015-2016. Successful candidates are likely to be those interested in pursuing a career in research and building long-lasting connections between Australia and Canada," Ms Robinson said.

"By formalising this partnership between Canada and Australia, we are encouraging the exchange of research knowledge and innovation between our two countries", said Dr Alejandro Adem, Mitacs CEO and Scientific Director.

"The agreement with Universities Australia will provide new opportunities for Canadian faculty and universities to benefit from students' international perspectives, while demonstrating the scope of hands-on Canadian research opportunities available," he said.

The following Australian universities have agreed to support one or more students in the pilot program:

- The University of Sydney
- Monash University
- Queensland University of Technology
- James Cook University
- University of Wollongong
- The University of Western Australia
- Macquarie University
- The University of Queensland
- University of Tasmania

Further information about the Global Research Internship is available here:  
<https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/globalink/globalink-research-internship>

## Cultural appointments

Mr Rupert Myer AO has been reappointed as Chair of the Australia Council Board. Ms Gabrielle Trainor has been reappointed as Chair of the National Film and Sound Archive Board and Mr Wayne Denning will take up the role of Deputy Chair. Mr David Jones has been appointed Chair of the National Museum of Australia Council. The terms of these appointments are for three years.

Mr Neil Peplow has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS); and Mr Michael Loebenstein will continue as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA) for another three years.

## Have your say

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

## Public hearings on Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill

Parliament's Intelligence and Security committee has held public hearings for its inquiry into the Citizenship Amendment (Allegiance to Australia) Bill 2015.

A wide range of government and non-government organisations were represented at the August 4 and 5 hearings in Canberra as well as the Commonwealth Ombudsman and Australian Human Rights Commission.

Among those who have made submissions (which are available online, see link below) are several academics who may be known to ANUEF members:

Ms Janine Truter, **Professor Ben Saul**, **Dr John Tomlinson**, Ms Jenny Rae, Mr Michael Evans, Mr Bruce Baer Arnold, Mr Paul McMahon, Australian Defence Association, Executive Council of Australian Jewry, **Professor Anne Twomey**, Human Rights Committee of the Law Society of NSW, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA), Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Lawyers Alliance, **Professor Helen Irving**, **Dr Rayner Thwaites**, Ms Shipra Chordia, Ms Sangeetha Pillai, **Professor George Williams AO**, Blueprint for Free Speech, Mr Robert Hayward, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, Joint media organisations, Refugee Council of Australia, **Dr Alice Hill**, UNICEF Australia, NSW Society of Labor Lawyers, Law Council of Australia, Muslim Legal Network (NSW), Pirate Party Australia, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Councils for civil liberties across Australia, Mr John Ryan, Islamic Council of Queensland, Commonwealth Ombudsman, **Professor Kim Rubenstein**, Immigration Advice & Rights Centre, Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Human Rights Law Centre, Migration Law Program, **ANU College of Law**, Amnesty International .

The Bill seeks to implement powers for the cessation of the Australian citizenship of dual citizens in the following circumstances:

- if a person acts inconsistently with their allegiance to Australia by engaging in specified terrorist-related conduct (proposed section 33AA)
- if a person fights for, or is in the service of, a declared terrorist organisation (proposed section 35)
- if a person is convicted of a specified terrorism related offence as prescribed in the Criminal Code (proposed section 35A).



The amendments would apply to a person regardless of how they became an Australian citizen, but would only apply to dual citizens who would not be rendered stateless if their Australian citizenship were to cease.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Dan Tehan MP, said “The Committee will consider the appropriateness of the regime proposed in the Bill and its application to countering threats to national security. In doing so, the question of retrospective application of proposed section 35A will be examined. The Committee will also focus on safeguards and accountability mechanisms.”

The committee has received 42 written submissions to date from a range of sources and has been asked to report by 21 August 2015.

Further information about the inquiry, and copies of submissions, can be accessed via the committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjicis> or contact the Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 2360 or email [citizenship.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:citizenship.reps@aph.gov.au)

The Bill and Explanatory Memorandum can be accessed via [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Bills\\_Legislation](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation).

## **Submissions on the Register of Environmental Organisations**

The House of Representatives Environment Committee continued its public hearings in Hobart on 21 July 2015 as part of its inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Among representatives from environmental organisations and other interested parties to appear before the committee were: the Bob Brown Foundation; Environment Tasmania; Tasmanian Land Conservancy; Tasmanian National Parks Association; Landcare Tasmania; Tasmanian Conservation Trust; Tarkine National Coalition; Markets for Change and Mr Ian Sauer

Submissions to the inquiry, including those from the organisations appearing at this hearing, are available at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Environment/REO/Submissions](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Environment/REO/Submissions).

## **Electoral education inquiry continues**

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters has conducted school visits in regional and rural parts of South Australia, and held a public hearing in Adelaide as part of its inquiry into electoral education.

It also held a half day hearing on electoral education services currently delivered to students and teachers across South Australia, including the Electoral Commission of South Australia, Professor Clement Macintyre, and Katie Silva, President of Humanities and Social Sciences South Australia.

The Committee has also held public hearings in Canberra as part of its inquiry into campaigning at polling places. The committee heard evidence from the Australian Electoral Commission in relation to campaign activities in the vicinity of polling places, with particular reference to:

- distribution of how-to-vote cards
- campaigning by organisations other than political parties
- allegations in relation to the conduct of, and material disseminated by, campaigners at state and federal elections that are intended or likely to mislead or intimidate electors

Prominent Canberra institutions including the Australian War Memorial, Parliamentary Education Office, Museum of Australian Democracy, and the AEC's National Electoral Education Centre also discussed electoral and civic education programs currently offered to students visiting the nation's capital.

Submissions to the committee for the inquiry are still open. Further public hearings will be scheduled and advertised in the near future.

Submissions to the committee for the inquiry remain open. Further public hearings will be scheduled and advertised 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)

## Looking for a job?

The Australian Government is seeking a Student Identifiers Registrar, a statutory office holder, playing an important role in overseeing the implementation and management of the Unique Student Identifier (USI) Scheme.

Assistant Minister for Education and Training Senator Simon Birmingham said the Student Identifiers Registrar was responsible for protecting the privacy of students under the USI Scheme, and would work closely with stakeholders including students, employers, training providers and Commonwealth, state and territory governments.

"The Student Identifiers Registrar role is critical to the success of the USI scheme and to realising its benefits for students, employers, training providers and taxpayers," he said.

"There are approximately three million vocational education and training (VET) students in Australia, and already more than two and a half million have created their USI account," Senator Birmingham said. "The USI Scheme will, for the first time, provide VET students with a single, reliable, secure, online record of their individual training accomplishments.

"From the first half of next year, students will be able to start seeing their records of training undertaken since 1 January 2015, with the benefits growing over time. The USI Scheme will enable students to find their records and provide evidence of their job-readiness to an employer. It will also help students demonstrate their prior learning when seeking to upgrade their qualifications, and stop them from having to re-do training they have already done, but can't prove."

For more information about the USI scheme visit: [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au). More information about the Student Identifiers Registrar role is available at [www.education.gov.au](http://www.education.gov.au)

## Older Australians willing to work: an inquiry

Earlier this year, the Human Rights Commission launched *Willing to Work: National Inquiry into Employment Discrimination Against Older Australians and Australians with Disability*. The National Inquiry is now open for submissions and conducting consultations. The submissions period opened on 26 June and **closes on Friday, 4 December 2015**.

To make a submission, visit: <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/willing-work-how-make-submission>.

The call for submissions follows our release of two Issues Papers.

- [Issues Paper: Employment discrimination against older Australians](#)
- [Issues Paper: Employment discrimination against Australians with disability](#)

Consultations are being conducted in every capital city and some regional centres. Consultations will take place from July to November 2015. For details access <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/willing-work-consultations> for a list of consultation locations and dates.

For further information visit the [Willing to Work](#) website.

## Make a date – or several

The ANUEF monthly lecture on **August 19** will be at the experimental time of 3pm-4pm to determine if that timing is better for those who wish to get home in the light and before the worst of the traffic rush.

The speaker will be **Professor Susanne von Caemmerer**, Deputy Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Translational Photosynthesis. Her topic is: "Photosynthesis innovations for food security"

**Abstract** To meet the challenge of increasing crop yield for a burgeoning world population, it has become apparent that photosynthetic efficiency and capacity must be increased per unit leaf area to improve yield potential. Recent advances in photosynthesis research and new molecular tools available for genetic engineering are being used to formulate new strategies for enhancement of photosynthesis. For example, high yields from C4 crops have stimulated considerable interest in the C4 photosynthetic pathway which is characterised by high photosynthetic rates, high nitrogen and water use efficiency relative to plants with the C3 photosynthetic pathway. I will describe the work of the international C4 Rice Consortium to identify and engineer genes necessary to install C4 photosynthesis in rice to greatly improve the yield of this crop.

### Three special lectures

There will then be a special series of three lectures entitled "Science and Cultural Transformation"; organised by the Department of Applied Mathematics, and hosted by the ANU Emeritus Faculty. The lecturer is **Fr. Louis Caruana, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University** in Rome. All three lectures will be at 3pm in the Molony Room on Fridays:

#### **Friday, August 14** "*Galileo and the Jesuits*"

**Abstract:** Only a few years after Galileo's death, the Jesuit scholar Cornaeus, in his important 1657 textbook, was already exploring what Aristotle would have said had he had been alive then. This approach throws light on the interesting, perhaps even tragic, attitude that Jesuit researchers had to adopt after Galileo's discoveries. The Jesuits, even as they became increasingly convinced that Aristotelian cosmology needed serious revision, received an official mandate from their superiors to defend it at all costs. They could not therefore be engaged in spectacular new discoveries but adopted instead the indispensable task of exhausting all the potential of Aristotelian cosmology to expose the fact that a change was really needed. In this paper, I show how they did this primarily by building intellectual bridges to ensure coherence between three regions of the cosmological imagination of the time.

#### **Friday, August 21** "*Science, religion and common sense*"

**Abstract:** Some philosophers distinguish between science and religion by saying that science is an extended and enhanced version of common sense while religion is not. They argue that the grounding of science on common sense is what science has and what religion lacks as regards justification. I show that such arguments are misguided not because science is not an extended and enhanced version of common sense, but because they

assume a very restricted, and thus inadequate, view of common sense. I argue that science and religion are not competing extensions of common sense, but extensions of different dimensions of common sense. Science is an extension of the descriptive and explanatory dimension. Religion is an extension of the dimension of common sense that is associated with the concept of person.

#### **Friday, September 4 "Science, humanism and religion"**

Abstract: According to humanism, we should respect the central role of the human person as the source of culture and creativity. In various forms, humanism has been with us for centuries, but in the last centuries, it has been associated with the rise of science and secularism. Its apparent antireligious element has not succeeding in blocking various attempts at articulating a Christian version of it that highlights the compatibility between the Biblical message, the work of the Church, and the genuine positive values of antiquity. In this paper, I explore these various positions, evaluate their role in current thinking, and argue that an authentic humanism remains inaccessible. It remains unreachable because, in spite of the immense benefits of the current dominant scientific paradigm, which is mainly mathematical and Darwinian, some adverse effects on culture are becoming increasingly evident. They require urgent attention. I show how university education needs ! to redisc over its vocation of being a teacher of virtue. Hence, today's emphasis on the transfer of knowledge needs to be supplemented by the teaching of wisdom. I explore and justify this proposal by considering two possible objections and then draw out its practical consequences on an international level.

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Fr Louis Caruana, S.J., obtained his PhD from the University of Cambridge, and is now Dean of Philosophy at the Gregorian University, Rome, and Research Associate of Heythrop College, University of London, where he used to be Reader. His published books and research papers deal with points of interaction between philosophy of science, metaphysics, and philosophy of religion.

### **Diary Dates on the website**

ANUEF now relies on the new 'Google Calendar' for events listing on the ANUEF website (<http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/>). We will only email information directly to you for special events, or when there is a late change. The Events Calendar on our website will be updated whenever new information becomes available. Thus, to summarise, all monthly collegiate lunches and public lectures (including abstracts) will be advertised on our website, the public lectures will also be advertised on the ANU Events billboard, and the most immediate events will appear in *Emeritus*. So, please, go check out the new Events box on the ANUEF website, and report any errors to [adrian\\_j\\_gibbs@hotmail.com](mailto:adrian_j_gibbs@hotmail.com).

Our thanks to Nik Fominas for wiring us to 'Google Calendar'.

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.

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| <b>Aug 19</b>  | Susanne von Caemmerer on plants                                 |
| <b>Sept 2</b>  | Caroline Ifeka on 'Boko Haram Verities'                         |
| <b>Sept 16</b> | David Horner "Telling the Secrets: writing the history of ASIO" |
| <b>Oct 21</b>  | Stephen Bygraves on "Zero Carbon Australia"                     |

- Nov 18** Nerilie Abram RSES ' Best Australian Science Writing for 2014'
- Dec 2** Nobels and IgNobels
- Dec 3** Poets' Lunch (noon until 5pm)

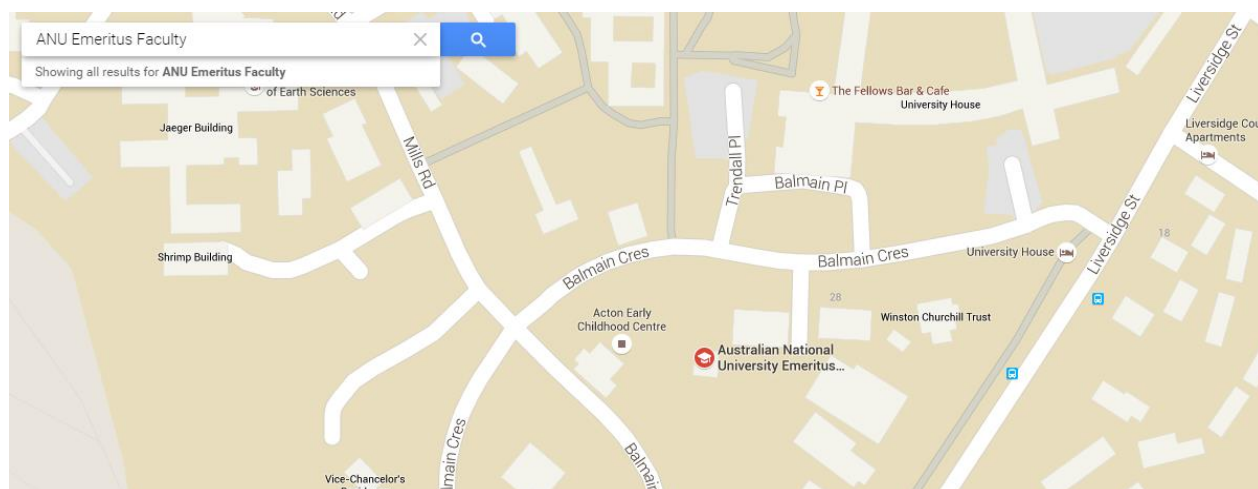
Unless otherwise stated, all ANUEF Events are in the Molony Room (Building 1c <http://www.anu.edu.au/maps#search=1c&show=11413>). Collegiate lunch discussions are on the first Wednesday of the month (noon for 12.30 start), and public lectures (4 - 5pm) on the third Wednesday of the month. All public lectures also advertised on the ANU Events board.

### Finding the Molony Room

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>



### Meet the authors

**11 August**, Parliament House lecture theatre, Christopher Pyne, Minister for Education and Leader of the House of Representatives, will talk about his new book, *A Letter to My Children*, on his career in politics. 7 for 7.15pm. Bookings at ANU Events or 6125 8415.

**17 August**, award-winning journalist, Andrew Fowler, *A War on Journalism*, arguing the public's right to know against Government surveillance and mainstream media dominance, Manning Clark Theatre 2, ANU, 6.30pm. Bookings at ANU Events or 6125 8415

**August 27**, Chris Bowen

**September 17** Tim Flannery

**September 23** George Megalogenis

**September 30.** David Marr on Bill Shorten

**October 30** University House literary dinner Kerry O'Brien

**November 3.** Peter Garrett

**November 5,** University House literary dinner with Matthew Evans

**November 23,** University House literary dinner with Annabel Crabb

Other authors to be scheduled include Andrew Leigh, Peter Doherty

Bookings: ANU Events or 6125 8451

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Supporters of **ANU Archives** can find updated news on the ANU website at  
<http://www.archives.anu.edu.au/news-and-events-1>

### 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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