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## Earth Sciences shine

Vice Chancellor Brian Schmidt AC has congratulated Associate Professor Nerilie Abram from the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences and ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science who led a research project that found human activity has been causing global warming for almost two centuries. [Nerilie's study](#) found warming began during the early stages of the Industrial Revolution, much earlier than scientists had expected.

Meanwhile Associate Professor Vickie Bennett was a co-lead investigator on research that has found the [world's oldest fossils](#) revealing that diverse life forms thrived on Earth 3.7 billion years ago. The research on stromatolite fossils found in Greenland has provided new insights into early habitats of life on Earth.

"These are both great examples of truly outstanding research with important implications for scientists around the world. Well done Nerilie and Vickie," Professor Schmidt said in his recent blog.

"The Research School of Psychology (RSP) has celebrated its 65th Anniversary. RSP is rated in the top 30 out of thousands of Psychology Departments around the world on the QS World University Rankings. It also received the highest score of 5 for the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) Assessment by the Australian Research Council. This is a great testament to the strength of its researchers, staff and students. Happy Birthday!

"In other news, ANU has won more than \$750,000 in Australian Government grants to help students study overseas under [the New Colombo Plan in 2017](#). The University has been awarded \$552,000 to help fund scholarships for 121 students to travel and study in countries in the Indo-Pacific in 2017. Studying overseas is a great way to expand your knowledge of

other cultures and I encourage all students to consider an overseas exchange as part of their time at ANU.”

He encouraged people to register for the [ANU Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) Final](#) at Llewellyn Hall on **Wednesday 14 September** at 6pm. “It’s going to be a really great evening full of clever entertainment. Our judges on the night are Naomi Flutter, Dr Martin Parkinson and Emma Macdonald,” he said.

### **Incidents reported**

Professor Schmidt also reported in a recent blog that there have been “some incidents of derogatory and inappropriate material being circulated on campus and online. Posting photos of fellow students without consent is completely unacceptable, as is participating in inappropriate commentary on fellow students.

“Openness to new ideas and tolerance of difference is part of our culture and material that seeks to denigrate other people because of their religion, ethnicity, sexuality, religion or gender is not welcome on this campus. I encourage anyone affected by these issues to report it and take up the counselling and support services offered by the University.

“ANU is a campus that is welcoming and respectful of people from all different backgrounds, religions, sexualities and genders. I want everyone to feel safe here and look back at their time at ANU as some of the best of their lives.

“I am always so impressed by the number of awards members of our community receive,” he wrote. “... I had the pleasure of celebrating some of those achievements at the annual Alumni Recognition Reception. The reception was an opportunity to honour the accomplishments of some of our students and alumni, whose personal efforts have represented the University with such distinction.

“ANU is in no shortage of brilliant alumni, so I was pleased ... to launch the 2017 ANU Alumni Awards. These Awards recognise the contributions our graduates have made in fields such as leadership, philanthropy, innovation and the arts. I am delighted that in 2017 we have added two new categories, Indigenous Alumni of the Year and Young Indigenous Alumni of the Year. I encourage you to nominate alumni or students who inspire you for one of these awards.

“Earlier, ANU hosted the launch of a major new study examining the relationship between Australia and China. The Australia-China Joint Economic Report is a great collaboration between the East Asia Forum, in the Crawford School, and the China Centre for International Economic Exchanges. It outlines a new vision for bilateral ties and points to significant economic and social benefits through stronger engagement and cooperation. One recommendation is for a new Australia-China Commission, similar to the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, to promote academic, cultural, policy, government, business and community exchanges. ANU would be a natural partner for this Commission and I look forward to providing full institutional support to this exciting endeavour.”

### **Assault and harassment survey praised**

Universities Australia has acknowledged what it describes as a, “ground-breaking national university student survey on sexual assault and sexual harassment”. Launched recently, it is Australia’s first comprehensive national prevalence survey on university student experiences of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

It is a key part of an initiative by Australian universities to prevent and address sexual assault and harassment. Universities Australia has asked the Australian Human Rights Commission to conduct the survey, and is working closely with the Commission to implement it. The survey will provide universities with data to help improve their policies, procedures and support services.

“Our universities want to make it absolutely clear that we have a zero tolerance policy on sexual assault and sexual harassment,” said Universities Australia Chair Professor Barney Glover.

“This survey will give us an even clearer picture of further work we need to do. University leaders are determined to use the survey results to keep improving our responses and the support we provide to students who have experienced sexual assault or harassment.”

The survey is supported by the National Union of Students (NUS) and the National Tertiary and Education Union (NTEU). NUS Women’s Officer Heidi La Paglia said these issues were clearly of concern to university students and the survey was an important piece of work.

“It’s great to see universities, the Australian Human Rights Commission, and university students and staff coming together to make university campuses safer,” she said. “The NTEU has long been an advocate for raising awareness for effective university policies and processes.

NTEU National President Jeannie Rea, said, “A unified approach that involves students, staff and university leaders, will have far greater reach in ensuring all students and staff feel safe on our campuses, and a national student survey will provide the foundation for that”.

The *Respect. Now. Always.* University student survey has two elements. The first is a national prevalence survey to provide robust quantitative data on the scale and nature of university student experiences of sexual assault and harassment.

Secondly, any university student who wishes to share their experiences can do so confidentially via the Australian Human Rights Commission website. These additional online submissions will provide qualitative data to inform further improvements in university policies and support services. All student responses will be “de-identified”, so that confidentiality and privacy are protected. Universities Australia has committed almost \$1 million to support the survey as key part of the *Respect. Now. Always.* campaign.

The prevalence survey will run at different times at each university to accommodate semester schedules, with the first survey to begin in mid-September. The survey results will be analysed and the findings reported by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The survey has been developed with input from experts including the Australian Human Rights Centre at UNSW, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Roy Morgan Research, and the Australian Human Rights Commission. Seed funding for the survey was provided by The Hunting Ground Australia Project.

The publicly available, de-identified data from the survey will inform the Australian Human Rights Centre’s research project Strengthening Australian university responses to sexual assault and harassment.

#### About *Respect Now. Always.*

In February 2016, Australia’s 39 universities came together with former Sex Discrimination

Commissioner Elizabeth Broderick to launch [the Respect. Now. Always. campaign](#). The campaign has three key elements: raising awareness of sexual assault and sexual harassment and lifting the profile of support services for students; obtaining prevalence data to guide further improvements in policies and services; and assisting universities to share resources and best practice across the sector.

## Researchers wanted for Greek projects

The ANU Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens is offering a scholarship for research in Greece during 2017. The scholarship, worth the equivalent of a return excursion airfare Canberra-Athens plus a contribution up to a maximum of \$4,000 towards living and research expenses, is supported by the Hellenic Club of Canberra.

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist a local scholar whose research requires a period in Greece. Areas of research are:

- The archaeology, history, and literature of Ancient Greece
- Byzantine archaeology, history, and literature
- Post-Byzantine Greece
- Modern Greek studies including history, literature, and art
- Areas of research providing assistance to the AIAA's research projects in Greece

Applicants, who must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia, must also be either students, graduates or staff of tertiary educational institutions in the Australian Capital Territory, or resident in the ACT for at least two years at the time of applying for the scholarship.

An applicant should normally possess a university degree at Honours level, or equivalent. More senior scholars are not excluded provided they can show that research time in Greece is essential to their studies.

The scholarship may be held for a minimum period of 2 months and a maximum of 12 months.

Conditions include:

The scholarship must be taken up in 2017.

The scholarship shall be paid in full before departure. When in Athens the recipient must reside in the Institute hostel, and pay the prescribed student rate.

Honours and post-graduate students must have a supervisor for their research on a formally approved topic and, if possible, an associate supervisor in Greece during their stay there.

The successful applicant shall undertake to acknowledge formally the assistance received from the ANU (Canberra) Friends, from the AAIA, and from the Hellenic Club of Canberra, in any resulting published work. If that publication is concerned in any way with the excavations conducted by the Institute the permission of the director must be obtained before the text is submitted for publication.

While the main purpose of the scholarship is to assist the recipient in conducting research in Greece, the Institute expects that the successful candidate will in turn assist the Institute by joining in its activities in Greece. While the successful candidate will be free, and indeed encouraged, to work in a way that best suits him or her, the recipient nevertheless is a representative of the Institute and of Australia in a foreign country and must refrain from

acting in a way which may offend the sensibilities of the host country and its people, or which may damage the good relations of the Institute with the authorities.

While in Greece the successful candidate will receive assistance from the Institute, and more particularly from the Deputy Director through the Athens office, on such matters as temporary residence in Greece, permission to use libraries and to study in museums, etc.

The Selection Committee is a sub-committee of the Executive Committee of the ANU (Canberra) Friends of the Institute.

To apply, candidates should submit three copies of the application, with the names of three referees who agree to write directly, and in confidence, to the Selection Committee about the applicant's research ability and personal qualifications. Applications are to be sent to:

The President

ANU (Canberra) FAAIA Selection Committee Centre for Classical Studies, SLLL  
AD Hope Building 14, ANU, Acton ACT 2601

The closing date for applications is **Friday 14 October 2016**.

For further information, email [Elizabeth.Minchin@anu.edu.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Minchin@anu.edu.au)

### **Almost nine out of ten university graduates in full-time employment**

The majority of university graduates find full-time employment within four months of finishing their degree; and almost nine out of ten have full-time jobs after three years, according to new statistics published last month.

The [Australia Graduate Survey](#) (AGS) shows that the three-year outlook for graduates finding fulltime jobs has risen from 76.2 per cent in 2012 to 88.5 per cent in 2015. The median starting salary for bachelor degree graduates has also increased to \$54,000.

The report also points out the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures show that only 3.4 per cent of bachelor degree graduates are unemployed – compared with 8.7 per cent for those without a post-school qualification.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said that the latest figures confirmed once again that a university education enhances employability.

“At a time of great economic change, one of the best investments people can make is to get a university education,” she said.

“We know that today’s young people are likely to have several careers over their working lives. Universities are equipping their graduates with the skills they need for a range of careers and to adapt to ever-changing job markets. This adaptability gives university graduates the edge in a competitive economy,” she said.

“There’s no doubt that global economic uncertainties and declining terms of trade have taken a toll on jobs growth, but this report shows that recovery in the job market is happening and we are seeing renewed growth in the graduate labour market.”

“It’s also great to see that graduate satisfaction remains at very high levels across the board.”

Highlights from the Australian Graduate Survey include:

- Eight in ten Indigenous graduates have found full-time employment within four months of finishing their degree, higher than the survey average;
- Graduate satisfaction remains high with 94 per cent of bachelor degree graduates satisfied with their higher education experience;
- In 2015, the median starting salary for bachelor degree graduates aged less than 25 and in their first full-time employment in Australia was \$54,000 (up from \$52,500 in 2014);
- The three-year full-time employment figure for 2012 survey respondents rose from 76.2 per cent in 2012 to 88.5 per cent in 2015.

The Grattan Institute's [Mapping Australian higher education 2016](#) report concluded that some STEM graduates were finding it hard to find work in the months immediately after graduation.

Ms Robinson cautioned against reading too much into the four-month figures, with full-time job rates significantly higher three years after graduation. "STEM degrees are also great generalist degrees which equip graduates with skills and knowledge needed in a wide range of workplaces," she said.

"The challenge ahead for Australia is not just to create jobs for STEM graduates - but also to boost STEM literacy for everyone as foundational skills for many new economy jobs."

### **Applicants shortlisted for new research**

Seven applicants have been shortlisted to deliver research aimed at boosting critical sectors of the economy, under the Federal Government's \$653 million Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program.

A media statement from the office of the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science Greg Hunt, says the CRC program is led by industry to develop important new technologies, products and services. The program works to help solve industry-identified problems through outcome-focussed collaborative research partnerships.

The shortlisted applicants have proposed research for finding solutions to critical issues in areas such as transport, agriculture, water security, cyber security and mental health.

The highly successful CRC program works to nurture partnerships between industry, research and the community to improve industry productivity and competitiveness.

The seven shortlisted CRC applicants are:

- CRC for High Performance Soils
- CRC for Honey Bee Products
- Cyber Security CRC
- Food Agility CRC
- Future Water CRC
- iMOVE CRC
- Innovation for Mental Wealth CRC.

In the next stage, the applicants will develop a business case and be interviewed by the CRC Advisory Committee, which will prepare funding recommendations to the Minister.

Applications are assessed against selection criteria including the ability to address key problems for industry. They must be industry-led and outcome-focussed, and demonstrate impacts for the CRC participants plus industry and the broader economy.

Successful applicants can receive funding for up to ten years, which can be used to support the costs of research salaries, student placements, commercialisation, and capital items such as equipment. Applicants must at least match the amount of grant funding sought through cash and/or in-kind contributions.

A 2012 study by the Allen Consulting Group found that the program will deliver a net economic benefit of \$7.5 billion over its life to 2017. Through the development of new products, processes, technologies, and services the program has been able to generate a return on investment of 3:1.

Final outcomes of the selection round are expected early next year with funding to commence by mid-2017.

For more information visit: <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/cooperative-research-centres-programme>

### **VC learns a few new words**

In a recent blog, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, congratulated The Australian National Dictionary Centre which launched the second edition of the Australian National Dictionary “adding an astounding 6,000 new Aussie words and phrases, including words from 100 Indigenous languages. The second edition is the first comprehensive update of the Australian National Dictionary since 1988. It now has definitions and the history of 16,000 words and phrases unique to Australia”.

Professor Schmidt went on, “I must confess that while I was unfamiliar with a number of the new terms, I'm told that people around the country over their 'babyccinos', 'chicko rolls' and 'dagwood dogs' have been testing and trying out their Aussie slang all week. There are some obvious classics like 'I don't know if I'm Arthur or Martha', 'your blood's worth bottling', 'carry on like a pork chop', and 'couldn't run a chook raffle'. The terms 'bogan', 'grey nomad' and 'chardonnay socialist' have been included as well. And if you're a 'Canberran' who's worn a pair of 'budgie smugglers' or made a 'captain's pick' you may just 'help keep the bastards honest'.

“I had to check the meaning of some of the lesser known terms like 'goose club', 'double-cut roll', 'yaffler' and please don't ask me about 'rurosexual'. If you want to know how well you speak Australian try the [New York Times Quiz](#).”



## **Books for Review**

### ***Unintended Consequences***

#### ***The impact of migration law and policy***



**Edited by:** Marianne Dickie, Dorota Gozdecka and Sudrishti Reich

**ISBN (print – rrp \$33.00):** 9781925022445 **ISBN (online - free):** 9781925022452

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/1981>

This book arose from an inaugural conference on Migration Law and Policy at the ANU College of Law. The conference brought together academics and practitioners from a diverse range of disciplines and practice. The book is based on a selection of the papers and presentations given during that conference. Each explores the unexpected, unwanted and sometimes tragic outcomes of migration law and policy, identifying ambiguities, uncertainties, and omissions affecting both temporary and permanent migrants. Together, the papers present a myriad of perspectives, providing a sense of urgency that focuses on the immediate and political consequences of an Australian migration milieu created without due consideration and exposing the daily reality under the migration program for individuals and for society as a whole.

### ***Partnership for Change: Australia–China Joint Economic Report***

**By:** East Asian Bureau of Economic Research & China Center for International Economic Exchanges

**ISBN (print rrp \$60.00):** 9781760460648 **ISBN (online free):** 9781760460655

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/2068>

The Australia–China Joint Economic Report is the first major independent joint study of the bilateral relationship and has the blessing of both national governments. The Report is an academic policy study by leading researchers in both Australia and China. It draws policy conclusions to guide the development of bilateral economic relations that include an Australia–China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership for Change, an Australia–China Commission, and an Australia–China Basic Treaty of Cooperation.



***Imaging Identity: Media, memory and portraiture in the digital age***

**Edited by:** Melinda Hinkson

**ISBN (print RRP \$38.00):** 9781760460402 **ISBN (online - free):** 9781760460419

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/1957>

*Imaging Identity* presents potent reflections on the human condition through the prism of portraiture. Taking digital imaging technologies and the dynamic and precarious dimensions of contemporary identity as critical reference points, these essays consider why portraits continue to have such galvanising appeal and perform fundamental work across so many social settings. This multidisciplinary enquiry brings together artists, art historians, art theorists and anthropologists working with a variety of media. Authors look beyond conventional ideas of the portrait to the wider cultural contexts, governmental practices and intimate experiences that shape relationships between persons and pictures. Their shared purpose centres on a commitment to understanding the power of images to draw people into their worlds. *Imaging Identity* tracks a fundamental symbiosis — to grapple with the workings of images is to understand something vital of what it is to be human.

***The Bionarrative: The story of life and hope for the future***

**By:** Stephen Boyden

**ISBN (print):** 9781760460501 **ISBN (online):** 9781760460518

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/1965>

This book is for the general reader interested in the human place in nature and the future of civilisation. It is based on the biohistorical approach to the study of human situations. This approach recognises human culture as a new and extremely important force in the biosphere.

The book discusses the evolution of life and the essential ecological processes on which all life, including human civilisation, depend. It describes the conditions of life and ecology of humans in the four ecological phases in human history, with emphasis on the impacts of human culture on biological systems.

It explains how, as cultures evolved, they often came to embrace not only factual information of good practical value, but also assumptions that are sheer nonsense, sometimes leading to activities that caused unnecessary human distress or damage to local ecosystems. These are examples of cultural maladaptation. There have been countless instances of cultural maladaptation in human history.

The days of the fourth ecological phase of human history, the Exponential Phase, are numbered. Cultural maladaptations are now on a massive scale, and business as usual will inevitably lead to the ecological collapse of civilisation.

The only hope for the survival of civilisation lies in radical changes in the worldviews and priorities of the prevailing cultures of the world, leading to a fifth ecological phase — a phase in which human society is truly sensitive to, in tune with and respectful of the processes of life. This is called a biosensitive society. The book concludes with discussion on the essential characteristics of a biosensitive society and on the means by which the necessary cultural transformation might come about.

***A National Asset: 50 Years of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre***

**Edited by:** [Desmond Ball](#) & Andrew Carr

**ISBN (print rrp \$45.00):** 9781760460563 **ISBN (online- free):** 9781760460570

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/2051>

This volume commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC). The Centre is Australia's largest body of scholars dedicated to the analysis of the use of armed force in its political context and one of the earliest generation of post-World War II research institutions on strategic affairs. The book features chapters replete with stories of university politics, internal SDSC activities, cooperation among people with different social and political values, and conflicts between others, as well as the Centre's public achievements. It also details the evolution of strategic studies in Australia and the contribution of academia and defence intellectuals to national defence policy.

***Better Than Welfare? Work and livelihoods for Indigenous Australians after CDEP***

**Edited by:** Kirrily Jordan

**ISBN (print – rrp \$40.00):** 9781760460273 **ISBN (online - free):** 9781760460280

**Citation URL:** <http://press.anu.edu.au/node/2019>

**Series:** [Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research \(CAEPR\)](#)

**Co publisher:** [Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research \(CAEPR\)](#)

The end of the very long-standing Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme in 2015 marked a critical juncture in Australian Indigenous policy history. For more than 30 years, CDEP had been among the biggest and most influential programs in the Indigenous affairs portfolio, employing many thousands of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. More recently, it had also become a focus of intense political contestation that culminated in its ultimate demise.

This book examines the consequences of its closure for Indigenous people, communities and organisations. The end of CDEP is first situated in its broader historical and political context: the debates over notions of 'self-determination' versus 'mainstreaming' and the enduring influence of concerns about 'passive welfare' and 'mutual obligation'. In this way, the focus on CDEP highlights more general trends in Indigenous policymaking, and questions whether the dominant government approach is on the right track.

Each chapter takes a different disciplinary approach to this question, variously focusing on the consequences of change for community and economic development, individual work habits and employment outcomes, and institutional capacity within the Indigenous sector. Across the case studies examined, the chapters suggest that the end of CDEP has heralded the emergence of a greater reliance on welfare rather than the increased employment outcomes the government had anticipated. Concluding that CDEP was 'better than welfare' in many ways, the book offers encouragement to policymakers to ensure that future reforms generate livelihood options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians that are, in turn, better than CDEP.

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## **Matters of possible interest**

**Access the websites to read more**

### **Clearer information needed to improve student choice**

<http://ministers.education.gov.au/birmingham/clearer-information-needed-improve-student-choice>

Clearer information and greater transparency are a step closer for Australians looking to go on to higher education after the Government's panel of education experts released the 82 submissions it had received into reforming higher education admissions processes. Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said the submissions to the Higher Education Standards Panel included a number of strong ideas and highlighted how important admissions reform was for future students.

### **National Library's secret room of banned publications**

Did you know that somewhere deep within the vast maze of the National Library's stacks, there is a locked room that requires special clearance to enter? Filled with locked steel cabinets, this secret room houses a collection of banned publications unavailable to Library readers and, indeed, most Library staff. Kirsten Gidney takes you there via

<https://www.nla.gov.au/blogs/behind-the-scenes/2016/08/24/restricted>

### **Next generation \$5 banknote enters circulation**

<http://www.rba.gov.au/media-releases/2016/mr-16-20.html>

### **2017 New Colombo Plan Mobility Grants**

[http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb\\_mr\\_160831a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D](http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb_mr_160831a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D)

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, and Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham, have announced the successful applicants for grants in 2017....

### **Australia and India to continue shared strategic research**

<http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/hunt/media-releases/australia-and-india-continue-shared-strategic-research>

Australian researchers have more opportunities to work with their colleagues in one of the world's fastest growing economies through the Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF), with applications for collaborative research projects opening.

### **Seeing inside an ancient Australian Indigenous artefact non-invasively - ANSTO**

<http://www.ansto.gov.au/AboutANSTO/MediaCentre/News/ACS103501>

Nuclear techniques have allowed archaeologists to see into an embedded section of an ancient Australian Indigenous stone artefact non-invasively—suggesting important information about its origin.

## CSIRO-developed tech for energy-smart homes

<http://www.csiro.au/en/News/News-releases/2016/CSIRO-developed-tech-for-energy-smart-homes>

Renewable energy start-up Evergen has launched Australia's first intelligent home energy management system, with the technical backing of CSIRO.

## Scientists pinpoint beginning of current global warming trend

<http://www.antarctica.gov.au/news/2016/scientists-pinpoint-beginning-of-current-global-warming-trend>

## Make a date – or several

### Diary Dates on the website

ANUEF relies on '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. 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 when the required information is available, and the most immediate events will appear in *Emeritus*. So, please, check out the Events box on the ANUEF website, and report any errors to [anuef.events@gmail.com](mailto:anuef.events@gmail.com)

Unless otherwise stated, all events are in the Molony Room (see directions below). Collegiate lunch discussions are on the first Wednesday of the month (noon for 12.30 start), and public lectures (4 - 5pm) usually, but not always, on the third Wednesday of the month.

### Diary Dates

***“Nights at the Opera”*** is an ANU Emeritus Faculty Initiative featuring the films of the late Michael Grafton-Green and will be an exciting opportunity to view operas performed and recorded at the ANU School of Music between 1995 and 2004, and recently remastered to Blu-ray. Future dates and further information from Colleen Rae-Gerrard at [ribbonwood31@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ribbonwood31@optusnet.com.au)

**September 7** Collegiate Lunch 12.30 Dr Mark O'Connor "Why Shakespeare should be translated and staged in modern English"

**September 21** Lecture 4.00 pm Professor Ryszard Maleska - "Epigenetics and bees"

**October 5** Collegiate Lunch 12.30 Book Launch - Dr Judith Caton and Richard Hardwick 'Field guide to useful native plants from temperate Australia'

**October 19** Lecture 4.00 pm [Dr John Hart \(SPIR\)](#) "Political Science, Prediction and the U.S. Presidential Election"

**November 2** Collegiate Lecture 12.30 Professor Brian Schmidt "The State of the Universe"

**November 16** Lecture 4pm Professor Li Narangoa "Chinggis Khan and Women"

**December 7** Collegiate Lunch 12.30 - "Nobel-IgNobel Awards 2016" introduced again by Bygrave & Gibbs.

**December 14** AGM

See the Calendar on the ANUEF Website for Abstracts. All events in the Molony Room unless otherwise stated

### For those who missed it...

Dr Robert Ward (RSPHysSE) gave a lecture on August 17 titled "Gravitational Waves: The new astronomy".

Abstract: On September 14, 2015, the LIGO detectors recorded the first observation by humankind of gravitational waves. This occasion heralded a new era in astronomy: we now have an entirely new window to observe the universe. This first gravitational wave event was from the inspiral and merger of two black holes, and allowed us to witness the birth of a new, heavier black hole. These strange objects, described by Einstein's theory of general relativity, are made up of pure spacetime curvature. Their gravity is so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape from beyond their "event horizon." Dr Ward explained gravitational waves and the extraordinary technology developed to detect them, described what we have observed so far and gave some hints as to what we hope to learn about the universe with this new astronomical messenger.

### Meet the authors

For details of Colin Steele's "Meet the Authors" series go to

<http://www.anu.edu.au/events/anuthe-canberra-times-meet-the-author-series>

**September 12.** Anthony Albanese and Karen Middleton will be in conversation with Alex Sloan on Karen Middleton's revealing new biography: *Albanese: Telling It Straight*. Copland Lecture Theatre, 6pm.

**September 13** - Award-winning writer and commentator, Don Watson will be in conversation with Professor Bates Gill, on Watson's new *Quarterly Essay* on *The US Election*. Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 3, 6pm.

**September 19**, Australian author Graeme Simsion, will follow his two global best-selling *Rosie Project* books with his new novel *The Best of Adam Sharp*. Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 2, 6.30pm. This will feature, on Simsion's request, a five minute presentation by a "new writer", ANU's Rosanna Stevens (also ANU 3 minutes thesis winner 2014)

**September 23.** Eat, Drink and be Literary: Chris Uhlmann and Steve Lewis with their latest book *The Shadow Game*. University House Great Hall, University House, 6.15 for 7.00pm.

**October 3.** Hannah Kent in conversation with Professor Jen Webb on Kent's new novel, *The Good People*. Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 2, 6.30pm.

**October 8.** Eat, Drink and be Literary, Tim Winton with his new book, *The Boy Behind the Curtain*. Commonwealth Club (University House unavailable), 7 for 7.30pm. This is bookable on ANU Events (nearly 2/3rds booked as of 14 August).

**October 21.** Meet the Chef Dinner, Silvia Colluca with her new cook book *La Dolce Vita*. Great Hall, University House, 6.15 for 7.00pm.

**October 27.** John Blaxland and Rhys Crawley, with their new book *The Secret Cold War. The Official History of ASIO. 1975 – 1989*. Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 2, 6.30pm.

**November 4.** Meet the Chef Dinner, Stephanie Alexander in conversation with Marion Halligan on Alexander's new book, *The Cook's Table*. Great Hall, University House, 6.15 for 7.00pm.

**Wednesday, November 9.** Eat, Drink and be Literary, Julia Baird in conversation with Alex Sloan on Julia's new book *Victoria the Queen: The Woman who made the Modern World*. Great Hall, University House, 6.15 for 7.00pm.

**November 22** Stan Grant with his new *Quarterly Essay* on indigenous futures. Llewellyn Hall, 6.00pm(?)

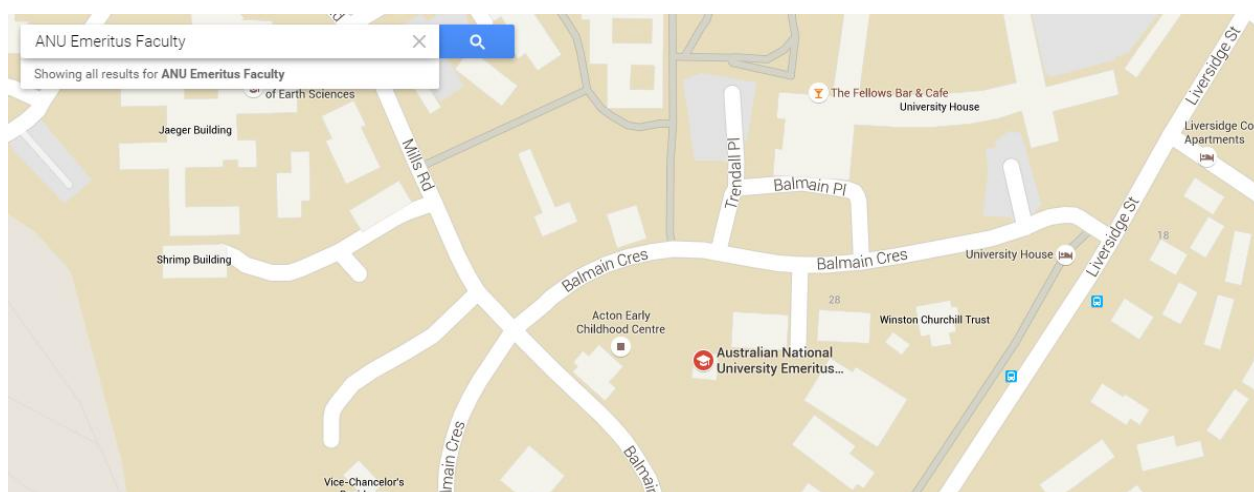
**Thursday, December 1.** Troy Bramston with his new book on Paul Keating. TBC.

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## 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>



## 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: 6247 3341

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.

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