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# Masters program with US university

The Australian National University (ANU) and Indiana University (IU) will offer a new dual-degree Masters program in Arts Administration and Museum and Heritage Studies from 2017 under a new deal to promote stronger links between the universities.

The new joint Masters program has been designed to provide students at the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), and students at the IU School of Public and Environmental Administration (SPEA), with opportunity to study within two distinct but related areas of cultural administration.

"Australian students will have the opportunity to augment their qualifications in museums and collections with a degree in arts administration, while students from Indiana will be able to add museum and heritage studies to their arts administration qualifications," Professor Schmidt said.

The dual Masters program will give students the opportunity to do internships in both the United States and Australia, with qualifications recognised by both Universities. Students will spend a year at each university.

The agreement was signed during Professor Schmidt's visit to Indiana and his talks with President McRobbie to promote stronger student and research cooperation with ANU. "Since the early 1990s, Indiana University and the ANU have had a strong partnership, which each of us has worked to strengthen and broaden in recent years," said President McRobbie, who received his PhD in logic in 1979 from ANU, an honorary doctorate in 2010 and was ANU alumnus of the year in 2015.

"Together, we share a deep commitment to education of the highest quality," he said.
"Through initiatives like this, we demonstrate how providing such an education is one of the

principal ways that we can deepen understanding and expand opportunities across hemispheres and improve the world for future generations."

The two universities already have strong ties, including regular student and academic exchanges.

The largest collaboration and one of IU's most active global partnership activities is the ANU-IU Pan Asia Institute, which is based in IU's School of Global and International Studies. Since 2010, the institute has brought together leading scholars and students from both institutions with mutual interests in Asia.

Other collaborations between IU and ANU include exchanges between ANU and IU's Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and between the ANU National Security College and the IU Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research.

During the visit to Indiana, Professor Schmidt delivered a public lecture on his Nobel-Prize winning research into the accelerating Universe.

Details of the new dual Masters program are available on ANU CASS website



ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt AC and Indiana University President Michael A McRobbie AO after signing off on the new dual Masters program in Bloomington during a high-level delegation from ANU to Indiana

## Honours and recognition

Professor Ariel Heryanto and Associate Professor Marc Oxenham have been elected as Fellows of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt said, "This is great achievement - congratulations to you both. Meanwhile former ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Chubb has been awarded the Australian Academy of Science's highest prize - the Academy Medal. Professor Chubb has dedicated his life to science and worked tirelessly to ensure science improves our nation."

ANU has officially signed an agreement with the Department of Immigration in a move that "further strengthens our resolve to help the nation's policy makers," Professor Schmidt said. "This MOU will allow the Department to have access to the University's broad expertise and research on issues from migration and population demographics through to cyber and national security.

"We are proud to be Australia's national university and I would like to see similar agreements made between ANU and other policy makers both in government and industry".

# **Busy month for ANUEF**

The last collegiate lunch of the year is on Wednesday, December 7, at noon for 12.30 start. As in past years the December lunch will celebrate the Nobel and IgNobel Prizes of the year.

Professor Peter Bouwknegt (RSPE) has accepted Erich Weigold's invitation to discuss **The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016** awarded to David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz "for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter".

Fyfe Bygrave (fyfelbygrave@grapevine.com.au) will lead discussion of the other four Nobels and Adrian Gibbs (Adrian\_j\_gibbs@hotmail.com) will summarise some of the ten IgNobels of 2016.

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the ANU Emeritus Faculty will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 5.00pm in the Molony Room, 24 Balmain Crescent ANU. Members who cannot attend can vote by proxy. The meeting will be followed by the ANUEF Christmas Party.

#### AGM Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Apologies
- 2. The Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on 16 December 2015 are attached. *Pages 4-5;* MOTION: that the Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on 16 December 2015 be confirmed.
- 3. The Annual Report from the Chair will be circulated to Members by email before the meeting. MOTION: that the Annual Report be received.
- 4. The Treasurer's Report and the audited financial statements for the year 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016 will be tabled at the meeting. It is proposed that there be no increase to the annual membership fee for 2017. MOTION: (i) that the annual financial statements for the year 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016 be adopted; (ii) that the annual membership fee for 2017 be set at \$25.
- 5. Report of the Returning Officer. MOTION: that the Returning Officer's Report be received.
- 6. Appointment of Auditor. MOTION: that Pauline Hore be re-appointed as Auditor and thanked for her pro-bono services.

#### 7. Other Business

Please confirm attendance by **December 8** with ANUEF Secreetary Jan O'Connor at jantancress@gmail.com

## ANU to share in \$14.7 million for defence technologies

The Australian National University is one of seven Australian organisations to receive a share of Government funding of \$14.7 million to develop and demonstrate innovative technologies to enhance Defence capability, as part of the Government's \$1.6 billion investment in defence innovation. The ANU's project is Precision Inertial Navigation with Cold Atoms, which aims to improve the performance of inertial navigational systems in GPS denied or degraded situations. This technology can be applied in the maritime, land and air domains.

Other Australian organisations to receive a share of the funding include:

**Tectonica Australia** will demonstrate a system that will enable an armoured vehicle crew to see and hear as though their vehicle is not there. Wearing virtual reality glasses with headphones, the user will see what is happening outside the vehicle and hear the direction of sounds relative to their head.

**BAE Systems** proposes developing a Decision Support System to significantly enhance battle space awareness in the maritime domain. The system aims to enable the war fighter at sea to make better decisions by combining the performance of available radars.

**RUAG Australia** proposes developing Laser Cladding technology to rapidly and readily repair corroded, worn and managed aircraft components. This will reduce the costs associated with aircraft maintenance and improve aircraft availability.

**University of Adelaide** aims to upgrade the overall performance of the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN), through a performance upgrade of its essential sub-systems. This will improve overall detection of targets.

**Agent Oriented Software Pty Ltd** proposes developing technology that acts as an adviser to intelligence analysts and operators that will augment their skills and provide an additional layer of certainty for the experienced operator.

**PMB Defence Engineering Pty Ltd** proposes to demonstrate a highly hydrodynamic mast for submarines to improve their stealth capability.

#### ARC Future Fellow recognised for pioneering needle-free immunisation

Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Professor Mark Kendall, a biomedical researcher at The University of Queensland, is the recipient of the <u>2016 CSL Young Florey Medal</u> for the creation of the 'Nanopatch'—a new method of vaccine delivery that will revolutionise treatment of disease, according to the Australian Research Council (ARC).

ARC Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ms Leanne Harvey, extended congratulations to Professor Kendall, who has received funding to support his research through the ARC's National Competitive Grants Programme (NCGP), and currently leads the Queensland Node of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Convergent Bio-Nano Science and Technology.

"Professor Kendall is responsible for the development of the Nanopatch, a breakthrough technology that delivers a vaccine directly to the body's immune system, as effectively, or better, than the traditional needle and syringe," said Ms Harvey. Vaccine is dry-coated to

the Nanopatch, a small square of silicon that sticks on the skin—like a postage stamp. This method of vaccine delivery has the added important advantages of being painless, requiring a fraction of the dose, and not needing refrigeration during transportation and storage.

Professor Kendall's research has been recognised and awarded nationally and internationally, with his research group receiving the Eureka Prize for Research by an Interdisciplinary Team in 2011 and also the 2011 Australian Innovation Challenge.

For more information about Professor Mark Kendall's work, visit the <u>Science in Public</u> website or the ARC website.

## Innovation and Science Australia & CRC Advisory Committee appointments

Dr Charles Day of the University of Melbourne has been appointed CEO of Innovation and Science Australia (ISA), following an extensive international search for a world-leading business, innovation and science strategist and practitioner.

ISA provides strategic, whole-of-government advice on all science, research and innovation matters. This includes guidance on the Government's \$10.1 billion investment in 2016–17 in innovation, science and research including measures through the National Innovation and Science Agenda.

Dr Day was previously Program Director for the University of Melbourne's Carlton Connect initiative, a STEM innovation precinct that co-locates researchers from across the University's academic disciplines with public and private sector organisations, increasing the innovation and impact of research outputs. He a member of the Murdoch Children's Research Institute board and on their Translation and Commercialisation Committee. He headed the University of Melbourne's technology commercialisation company, Melbourne Ventures, from 2004–10 and was a co-founder of the internationally recognised Melbourne Accelerator Program which supports start-ups at the University. Dr Day is a Rhodes Scholar and completed a PhD in the dynamics of jet engines at Oxford University.

The Federal Government has also made new appointments to both the ISA board and the Cooperative Research Centre Advisory Committee.

The three new ISA board appointments are:

- Professor Bronwyn Harch Executive Director of the Institute for Future Environments and Professor of Applied Statistics at the Queensland University of Technology. Professor Harch is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology Science and Engineering and specialises in applying statistical modelling of complex systems to agriculture and environmental systems.
- Dr Rufus Black Master of Ormond College, President of Museum Victoria and Deputy Chancellor of Victoria University. He is a Rhodes Scholar, co-founder of the new Wade Institute for Entrepreneurship and a Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute.
- Dr Bronte Adams AM Managing Director of Dandolo Partners International, a
  public sector-focused management consultancy firm that services clients in the
  innovation, industry, health, technology, science and research, start-up, cultural,
  and education sectors. Dr Adams is a Rhodes Scholar and was made a Member of
  the Order of Australia General Division for significant service to the community
  through executive roles in business, including publishing, health and industry

innovation.

The Government has also appointed two new members to the Cooperative Research Centre Advisory (CRC) Committee:

- Professor Christobel Saunders is internationally recognised as one of Australia's
  most prominent research-orientated cancer surgeons. Professor Saunders has
  contributed to many clinical aspects of breast cancer research including clinical
  trials of new treatments, psychosocial and health services research and is active in
  several areas of surgical oncology cancer research. Professor Saunders has been
  President of the Cancer Council of WA, and designed the state's Health Cancer
  Services Framework.
- Ms Kylie Sproston is an engineer with expertise in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and life sciences. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Bellberry Ltd, a private notfor-profit company which promotes and improves the welfare of research participants and the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of research.

The CRC Advisory Committee is a committee of ISA which was established to advise the Government on recommendations for funding for CRCs, the ongoing operation of the CRC Program and the ongoing progress and performance of individual CRCs.

Further information about Innovation and Science Australia is available at:

http://industry.gov.au/Innovation-and-Science-Australia

Further information about the CRC program is available at:

http://www.industry.gov.au/industry/IndustryInitiatives/IndustryResearchCollaboration/CRC/Pages/default.aspx

#### ARC welcomes Associate Professor Therese Jefferson

Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian Research Council (ARC), Ms Leanne Harvey, has announced that Associate Professor Therese Jefferson, from Curtin University of Technology, will soon commence in the role of ARC Executive Director (ED) for Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences (SBE).

Associate Professor Jefferson will replace Professor Marian Simms, who will complete her appointment at the ARC in December, moving to an honorary chair at Deakin University's Waurn Ponds Campus and continuing her adjunct professorship at the University of Canberra.

Ms Harvey has welcomed Associate Professor Jefferson, who will leave her position as a Research Fellow within the Curtin Business School to fulfil the ARC ED role. Associate Professor Jefferson will join the ARC in February 2017.

Ms Harvey said, "Associate Professor Jefferson's research expertise lies in the gendered aspects of employment, economic security and labour markets, with special interest in the economic well-being of people in later life and the use of mixed methodologies in economics."

Ms Harvey has also thanked Professor Simms for her contribution to Australian research during her time as an ARC ED. Professor Simms commenced at the ARC in August 2011, coming from Deakin University as the former Head of the School of History, Heritage and Society, with previous senior appointments at Otago University (New Zealand) and The Australian National University.

ARC EDs are academics drawn from the higher education and research sectors. They are respected researchers in their fields, with extensive Australian and international research networks, who provide valuable expert advice and guidance across the ARC's core functions and specific discipline areas.

#### New director-general of National Library of Australia

Dr Marie-Louise Ayres has been appointed as Director General of the National Library of Australia for a five year term. She has served in senior management roles at the National Library since 2002. During this time, she has led the development of transformative digital services. Most recently, Dr Ayres has worked to increase the prominence of the National Library's collection by leading its online archive. Trove.

Dr Ayres appointment will commence on 2 March 2017. She will replace Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM, who has held the position since 2011.

For more information about the National Library of Australia visit www.nla.gov.au

## German and Australian researchers to share in \$2.5m for new projects

University researchers working on projects ranging from the use of robotics in surgery to song writing therapy for dementia sufferers will share in \$2.5 million under a program that fosters collaboration between Australia and Germany. Universities Australia announced the 72 successful projects under the Australia-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme. With 257 applications overall, this latest round attracted a record level of interest.

The Australian National University is partnered with the Laser Centre, Hannover, to research Enhanced Non-linear response of hybrid nanostructures; with the University of Cologne to work on a project called "SO-CHARMING: SOlving CHAllenging Radionuclide Measurements for INterstellar and Geological applications"; with Mainz University on optimising the creation of new superheavy elements; with GSI Helmholtz Centre, Darmstadt, for research on discovery and characterisation of long-lived states in exotic, short-lived nuclei; with Bielefeld University to examine "Socialbots and political actors?" - Autonomous communication technologies as tools and objects for digital sociology; and with Jena University to work on nonlinear and tunable dielectric metasurfaces

Combined with last year's round, the scheme has so far attracted more than \$6 million in grants for Australian researchers collaborating with their German counterparts. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Australian universities have contributed \$1.27 million and \$1.24 respectively to the 2017-2018 round.

The Australia-Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme is open to all Australian researchers at participating universities and has a specific focus on early career researchers. Each project team receives up to AUD \$25,000 for travel and living expenses to support their research work in Germany.

The DAAD is the largest funding organisation in the world supporting the international exchange of students and scholars. Since its foundation in 1925, it has provided funding for more than 1.9 million scholars in Germany and abroad.

Applications will open in April 2017 for projects funded in the 2018 and 2019 rounds.

The full list of successful projects can be found: <a href="http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/australia-germany-joint-research">http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/australia-germany-joint-research</a>

# Students front and centre in admissions transparency

The recommendations made by the Higher Education Standards panel will create a more transparent and coherent higher education admissions system that places prospective students squarely at the centre, according to Belinda Robinson, chief executive of the universities' peak body. She says the recommendations generally align with the positions advocated by Universities Australia.

"The panel's evidence-based recommendations are a measured and sensible way out of an increasingly complex and confusing admissions information mire. We congratulate the panel for its open approach to consultation and for the quality of its report.

"The panel's recommendations strike the right balance by strengthening information standardisation and consistency, while respecting the autonomy of universities to determine the mechanisms and criteria for student admissions.

"The university sector is unified in its acknowledgement of the need for greater transparency, consistency and clarity of information on university admissions policies, processes, procedures. We also acknowledge the need to improve information accessibility and comparability.

"The introduction of the demand driven system together with the decline in the proportion of those entering university straight from school has led to an increase in the number and variety of pathways into university.

"This has meant that the ATAR, while still important and relevant, is only one of a number of means by which universities assess aptitude. As the system has become more complex, the ability to make informed decisions has become more difficult," said Ms Robinson.

Universities Australia has also welcomed the panel's comprehensive demolition of media claims of dramatic increases in the number of unprepared students being admitted into universities and escalating attrition rates.

The report notes that offers to students with ATARs below 50 represented just four per cent of offers in 2016 and less than 10 per cent of Year 12 offers were made to students with ATARs below 60.

"We also know that only around half of students with ATARs below 50 who receive offers actually accept them and fewer still go on to enrol," Ms Robinson said, and went on, "On attrition, the panel notes its correlation to 'the interconnected issues of intensity of study and mode of attendance, and the need to undertake paid employment while studying'.

The report states: "It needs to be emphasised that there is no crisis evident in the data" and goes on to make clear that across the sector, attrition rates have changed little over the last decade.

"Suggestions that attrition is reaching dangerous levels, or that widened access to universities is inevitably leading to lower completion rates are not based on facts," the report states.

UA commend the recommendations to the Government and would welcome the

opportunity to work with the Minister and the Department on their implementation.

## World high blood pressure affects 1.13 billion people

According to new research published in the *Lancet*, the number of people in the world with high blood pressure reached 1.13 billion, nearly doubling since 1975. The largest ever study of its kind, the research involved the World Health Organisation and hundreds of scientists throughout the world. The study incorporated blood pressure measurements from nearly 20 million people.

High blood pressure is no longer a disease of affluent countries. Today, the worst affected countries are those in sub-Saharan Africa – the same countries that continue to battle high child and maternal mortality, as well as HIV/AIDS

This study highlights the increasing importance of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors. As child mortality and fertility have fallen rapidly in recent decades, the proportion of older people has increased and the burdens of non-communicable diseases that affect older people have also increased.

Blood pressure is a leading risk factor for cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and strokes, and it is treatable.

The full report is available at:

http://who.int/cardiovascular\_diseases/publications/high-blood-pressure/en/

## GP-led trial to combat blindness in diabetics

Blindness among diabetics is the subject of a telehealth eye-screening trial in Perth. In what the CSIRO says is a world-first, technology developed by CSIRO will allow diabetics to have their eyes tested by a GP, removing unnecessary referrals to visit a specialist.

The move is aimed at tackling the number of people suffering from diabetic retinopathy (DR), a condition which often leads to blindness, but can usually be avoided by having regular eye checks. The trial will be the first time that GP-led diabetic retinopathy screening has taken place from a metro area anywhere in the world.

CSIRO trial leader Yogi Kanagasingam said one in three people with diabetes was also living with diabetic retinopathy.



"Vision loss or blindness caused by the condition can often be prevented through early detection and timely treatment," Professor Yogi Kanagasingam said. "GPs are the frontline

in managing chronic disease, such as diabetes. This is the first step in developing a DR screening system that will help GPs prioritise patients for treatment and surgery to prevent disease complications. If we can pick up early changes and provide the appropriate intervention, we can prevent blindness," he said.

During the trial, which will take place at the GP Superclinic @ Midland Railway Workshops in Perth, GPs will use CSIRO's Remote-I technology to capture high-resolution images of a patient's retina, before uploading them to a cloud-based system where they can be viewed by a specialist. CSIRO scientists will also process the retinal images using their 'Dr.Grader' software to grade the images for DR and alert the GP to patients who need referrals.

"This project will provide a breakthrough in the early detection and diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy in primary care, further breaking down the barriers in specialist access to services in the community," said Director at GP Superclinic @ Midland Railway Workshops Dr Amitha Preetham. "This tool provides a valuable adjunct in the delivery of our comprehensive one-stop diabetes services that already exist on site which includes GPs upskilled in diabetes, working alongside other specialists and allied health services to provide patient-centred health care. This array of services that we offer in the community prevents unnecessary hospital attendances.

"We are delighted to partner with the CSIRO in trialling this new innovative technology," she said.

# **Death of Dr Howard Bradbury**

Dr Howard Bradbury, who died recently, "... was a much loved member of the ANU community who dedicated much of his life to preventing Konzo," the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, said in his weekly blog.

Konzo, a neurological disease causing irreversible paralysis of the legs, was the focus of this year's ANU Giving Day campaign. Dr Bradbury recently went through some surgery from which he never fully recovered. Konzo was Dr Bradbury's life's work, and during this year's <u>Giving Day campaign</u> he was able to do a tour of the call centre to see the campaign in action.

"Dr Bradbury leaves an amazing legacy at ANU which includes his daughters Joanne and Annette who work here as well. He was a remarkable man and will be sadly missed by many here at the University," Professor Schmidt said.

#### **High Commissioner to Malta**

ANU graduate Ms Julienne Hince has been appointed Australia's High Commissioner to Malta. Ms Hince will also have non-resident accreditation to Tunisia.

Ms Hince is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently Director, South America and Council on Australia-Latin America Relations Section, DFAT. She was Deputy Director of the DFAT Victorian State Office and Director of the DFAT Northern Territory Office. She has served overseas as Deputy Head of Mission, Athens, with earlier postings in Bangladesh and Germany.

Ms Hince holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne. She replaces Ms Jane Lambert MA who has been High Commissioner to Malta since 2013 and who graduated from both Curtin University and the ANU..

#### International education earns \$20.3 billion for Australia

The education of international students generated a record **\$20.3 billion** in export income for Australia in 2015-16 – up 8 per cent from the previous 12 months, according to new data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics which confirms that universities and other tertiary institutions generated \$13.7 billion of that income in 2015-16.

International education remains Australia's third largest export – just behind iron ore and coal. International education supports more than 130,700 Australian jobs and sustains Australian living standards.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson comments, "Not only is international education a core component of Australia's economy, it contributes profoundly to Australia's relationships with the world.

"Australia is a destination of choice for international students because of the quality of the world-class education on offer here, the outstanding student experience and our rich cultural diversity. From great brains to great beaches, Australia has it all," Ms Robinson said.

"Over the past 50 years, Australian universities have been the vanguard of Australia's engagement with our region. The people-to-people links forged through international education create the country-to-country ties that help us all to prosper. Through the exchange of students on a grand scale, we're forging relationships that underpin our future diplomacy, trade, business links, cultural insight, and personal connections."

More than 320,000 students from 130 countries are currently studying in Australia's universities. Previous data has shown the contribution that international students make to the economy and jobs in every Australian State and Territory.

# Contribution of international education to employment and state/territory income, 2014-15

State or Territory	Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs	Proportion of State employment	Economic contribution (direct & indirect)	Proportion of State gross product
New South Wales	46,903	1.50%	\$6.2bn	1.2%
Victoria	39,169	1.60%	\$5.1bn	1.4%
Queensland	21,474	1.10%	\$2.7bn	0.9%
South Australia	8,430	1.30%	\$1.1bn	1.1%
Western Australia	9,984	0.90%	\$1.4bn	0.5%
Tasmania	1,474	0.80%	\$184m	0.7%
NT	444	0.40%	\$66m	0.3%

Australia	130,737	1.30%	\$17.1bn	1.1%
ACT	2,859	1.60%	\$404m	1.2%

Source: Deloitte Access Economics.

Note: These figures include the contribution associated with visiting friends and relatives. After accounting for the fact that some inputs to the goods and services consumed by international students and their visitors are imported, international education was estimated to contribute \$17.1 billion to Australia's GDP in 2014-15.

Deloitte has estimated the spillover benefits to regional economies of international students studying in capital cities. For example, expenditure by international students in Melbourne contributed \$888 million in indirect value added in regional Victoria and supported 5,478 regional Victorian jobs. International students also make a significant direct contribution to many regional communities, with at least 5% of international students living and studying in regional areas.

The ABS data can be found here: <u>International Trade: Supplementary Information</u>,

## **Higher Education Conference: Gen Next**

What does the next generation of university students want from their degree? How can universities adapt to those changing expectations? These questions are being asked against a backdrop of profound economic and social change.

They'll be explored in depth at next year's Universities Australia Higher Education Conference – Higher Education: Gen Next (1-3 March 2017).

The conference features global and national speakers including:

**Dame Anne Glover**, Vice-Principal External Affairs & Dean for Europe, The University of Aberdeen

**Mr Antoine van Agtmael & Mr Fred Bakker**, Authors of *The Smartest Places on Earth - Why Rustbelts are Emerging Hotspots of Global Innovation* 

Senator Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training (invited)

MsTanya Plibersek MP, Shadow Minister for Education

Ms Kristina Keneally, former NSW Premier and Sky News host

Mr Hugh Bradlow, Chief Scientist, Telstra

Ms Jane Cay, Founder and Director, Birdsnest Australia

Dr Sarah Pearson, CEO & Founder, CBR Innovation Network Ltd

#### **Book shelf**

Family Experiments: Middle-class, professional families in Australia and New Zealand c. 1880–1920

By **Shelley Richardson** 

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In the Series: ANU Lives Series in Biography

Family Experiments explores the forms and undertakings of 'family' that prevailed among British professionals who migrated to Australia and New Zealand in the late nineteenth century. Their attempts to establish and define 'family' in Australasian, suburban

environments reveal how the Victorian theory of 'separate spheres' could take a variety of forms in the new world setting.

The attitudes and assumptions that shaped these family experiments may be placed on a continuum that extends from John Ruskin's concept of evangelical motherhood to John Stuart Mill's rational secularism. Central to their thinking was a belief in the power of education to produce civilised and humane individuals who, as useful citizens, would individually and in concert nurture a better society.

Such ideas pushed them to the forefront of colonial liberalism. The pursuit of higher education for their daughters merged with and, in some respects, influenced first-wave colonial feminism. They became the first generation of colonial, middle-class parents to grapple not only with the problem of shaping careers for their sons but also, and more frustratingly, what graduate daughters might do next.

#### Reluctant Representatives: Blackfella bureaucrats speak in Australia's north

by Elizabeth Ganter

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Co-publisher: Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) Research

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'How can you make decisions about Aboriginal people when you can't even talk to the people you've got here that are blackfellas?' So 'Sarah', a senior Aboriginal public servant, imagines a conversation with the Northern Territory Public Service. Her question suggests tensions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who have accepted the long-standing invitation to join the ranks of the public service.

Reluctant Representatives gives us a rare glimpse into the working world of the individuals behind the Indigenous public sector employment statistics. This empathetic exposé of the challenges of representative bureaucracy draws on interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who have tried making it work. Through Ganter's engaging narration, we learn that the mere presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the public service is not enough. If bureaucracies are to represent the communities they serve, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander public servants need to be heard and need to know their people are heard.

## Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Toward an agenda

Edited by Tahu Kukutai and John Taylor

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As the global 'data revolution' accelerates, how can the data rights and interests of indigenous peoples be secured? Premised on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, this book argues that indigenous peoples have inherent and inalienable rights relating to the collection, ownership and application of data about them, and about their lifeways and territories. As the first book to focus on indigenous data sovereignty, it asks: what does data sovereignty mean for indigenous peoples, and how is it being used in their pursuit of self-determination?

The varied group of mostly indigenous contributors theorise and conceptualise this fastemerging field and present case studies that illustrate the challenges and opportunities involved. These range from indigenous communities grappling with issues of identity, governance and development, to national governments and NGOs seeking to formulate a response to indigenous demands for data ownership. While the book is focused on the CANZUS states of Canada, Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand and the United States, much of the content and discussion will be of interest and practical value to a broader global audience.

'A debate-shaping book ... it speaks to a fast-emerging field; it has a lot of important things to say; and the timing is right.'

— Stephen Cornell, Professor of Sociology and Faculty Chair of the Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

'The effort ... in this book to theorise and conceptualise data sovereignty and its links to the realisation of the rights of indigenous peoples is pioneering and laudable.'

— Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Baguio City, Philippines.

# Bridging Australia and Japan: Volume 1: The writings of David Sissons, historian and political scientist

Edited by: Arthur Stockwin and Keiko Tamura

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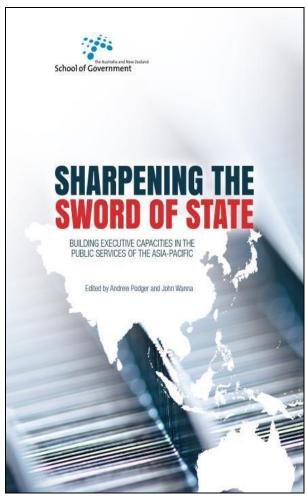
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This book represents volume one of the writings of David Sissons, who for most of his career pioneered research on the history of relations between Australia and Japan. Much of what he wrote remained unpublished at the time of his death in 2006, and so the editors have included a selection of his hitherto unpublished work along with some of his published writings. <u>Breaking Japanese Diplomatic Codes</u>, edited by Desmond Ball and Keiko Tamura, was published in 2013 and forms a part of the series that reproduces many of Sissons' writings.

In the current volume, the topics covered are wide. They range from contacts between the two countries as far back as the early 19th century, Japanese pearl divers in northern Australia, Japanese prostitutes in Australia, the wool trade, the notorious 'trade diversion episode' of 1936, and a study of the Japan historian James Murdoch.

Sissons was an extraordinarily meticulous researcher, leaving no stone unturned in his search for accuracy and completeness of understanding, and should be considered one of Australia's major historians. His writings deal with not only diplomatic negotiations and decision-making, but also the lives of ordinary and often nameless people and their engagements with their host society. His warm humanity in recording ordinary people's lives as well as his balanced examination of historical incidents and issues from both Australian and Japanese perspectives are a hallmark of his scholarship.



Sharpening the Sword of State: Building executive capacities in the public services of the Asia-Pacific

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Sharpening the Sword of State explores the various ways in which 10 jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific enhance their administrative capabilities through training and executive development. It traces how modern governments across this region look to develop their public services and public sector organisations in the face of rapid global change. For many governments there is a delicate balance between the public interest in promoting change and capacity enhancement across the public service, and the temptation to micro-manage agencies and be complacent about challenging the status quo. There is a recognition in the countries studied that training and executive development is a crucial investment in human capital but is also couched in a much wider context of public service recruitment, patterns of entry and retention, promotion, executive appointment and career development. This empirical volume, authored by academics and practitioners, is one of the first to chart these comparative differences and provide fresh perspectives to enable learning from international experiences

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The November edition of *East Asia Forum Quarterly* is devoted largely to "Managing China" and discusses property rights; China's investment in the US; ASEAN as a critical catalyst for China's future. The journal has grown out of *East Asia Forum (EAF)* online which over the past year has developed a reputation for providing a platform for the best in Asian analysis, research and policy comment on the Asia Pacific region in world affairs. The journal aims to provide a further window on to research in the leading research institutes in Asia and to provide expert comment on current developments within the region. *The East Asia Forum Quarterly*, like *East Asia Forum* online, is an initiative of the East Asia Forum (EAF) and its host organisation, the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research (EABER) in the Crawford School of Economics and Government in the College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University.

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# **Have your say**

# **Hearing Health and Wellbeing Inquiry seeks input**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport has commenced an *Inquiry into Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia* with a public hearing in Sydney on November 15. The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated 'the inquiry will investigate the causes and costs of hearing loss, opportunities for improving access to hearing services, and research into new treatments for hearing loss'.

Submissions from interested individuals and organisations are invited by **23 December 2016**. The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged <u>online</u> using a My Parliament account.

Currently, one in six Australians is affected by hearing loss and as the population ages it has been forecast that by 2050 this could rise to one in four Australians. Hearing impairment can impact on a person's participation in social situations and may adversely affect their education and employment opportunities. The economic impact of hearing impairment is also significant with Access Economics estimating that in 2005 hearing loss cost the Australian economy \$11.75 billion.

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the full terms of reference and details on how to lodge a submission are available on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

For background, contact House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport (02) 6277 4145, <a href="mailto:health.reps@aph.gov.au">health.reps@aph.gov.au</a>, <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/health">http://www.aph.gov.au/health</a>

# **Innovation Committee launches driverless vehicles inquiry**

The <u>Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources</u> will inquire into the social issues relating to land–based driverless vehicles in Australia, including cars, trucks, buses and trains.

Committee Chair Michelle Landry MP says the inquiry will bridge an important knowledge gap in the growing body of research about this emerging technology.

"Our inquiry will focus on issues such as the social acceptance of the technology, how it might benefit Australians with limited mobility, and the potential social implications for driverless vehicles in the industrial and public transport sectors.

"Other investigations have started to address the technological aspects of driverless vehicles or possible regulatory approaches, and Australia is already at the forefront of using or trialling this new technology. For example, there is currently a driverless shuttle bus on trial in Perth, millions of tonnes of iron ore are already being transported on driverless haulage trucks, and driverless trains are to be used on a new Sydney metro line."

"This inquiry will take the next step with the Committee seeking to understand and encourage open discussion on some of the complex social issues that have yet to be tackled."

Access the <u>Terms of Reference</u> on this link.

<u>Submissions</u> are due on **6 February 2017**. The Committee will then hear additional evidence at public hearings. To make a submission or find out more about the work of the Committee, please visit the Committee's <u>website</u>.

#### 'Paying our share' inquiry (Parliamentary perks included?)

The House Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue has commenced an inquiry into taxpayer engagement, specifically considering the experiences of individuals and small businesses in interacting with the taxation and superannuation system. Written submissions addressing one or more aspects of the terms of reference are requested to be lodged by **Thursday, 9 February 2017.** 

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Kevin Hogan MP, said the committee is particularly interested in examining the cash or black economy and the ongoing digitisation of Australia's taxation system.

"There has been a lot of commentary recently about how to deal with undeclared cash income. This is just one aspect of the inquiry—albeit an important one—as it says just as much about the community's acceptance of the 'hidden economy', as it does about those who do not declare cash income." He also noted that, "It is, however, important not to dampen innovation and micro-business start-ups, or to create a new unintended black economy in the pursuit of closing the cash economy tax gap."

"We will be very interested to consider the different experiences of both digital natives (who have recently started to, or will soon be paying income tax) and at the other extreme, the older generation of new digital adopters," Mr Hogan said.

The inquiry will investigate how taxpayers view and operate with each other, with tax agents and other intermediaries—and ultimately with the Australian Taxation Office. A number of overseas taxation agencies have used behavioural economics to inform the development of their tax systems; in particular, developing the social norm that paying your share of tax is expected behaviour.

"We would like to hear about what taxpayers believe are their—and other taxpayers'— obligations and why they think this way. Furthermore, we'll be exploring why individuals and small businesses behave in certain ways, not only about lodgement and meeting tax payments but also about declaring taxable income," Mr Hogan said.

Further details about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, an explanatory paper and information on how to contribute, can be obtained from the Committee's website at

<u>www.aph.gov.au/taxrev</u> or by contacting the Committee secretariat on 02 6277 4821 or emailing <u>TaxRev.reps@aph.gov.au</u>

## New inquiry into innovation and creativity

The <u>Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training</u> has launched a new inquiry into Innovation and Creativity: Workforce for the New Economy

The inquiry is a re-referral of a similar inquiry started by the Standing Committee on Education and Employment in the 44th Parliament. That inquiry lapsed when the Parliament was dissolved in May this year. The revised terms of reference have a renewed emphasis on public and not-for-profit incubators and accelerators, doctoral training practices and opportunities for generating increased economic activity through greater synergies among publicly funded research agencies and can be found here.

Issues the Committee has been asked to look into include:

- The extent to which students are graduating with the skills needed for the jobs of today and of the future;
- laws and regulations that may act as a barrier to education providers being able to offer qualifications that meet the needs of the new economy and fastest growing sectors:
- Factors that discourage closer partnerships between industry; in particular small and medium enterprises, the research sector and education providers;
- Opportunities for generating increased economic activity, including further investment and jobs, through greater synergies among publicly funded research agencies, universities and other Australian research institutions with businesses and industry; and
- Relationships between tertiary education entrepreneurship programs and public, private and not-for-profit incubators and accelerators.

Submissions are open until **13 January 2017**. Please notify the <u>Committee secretariat</u> if you intend to make a submission. Further information on the inquiry, including the full <u>terms of reference</u>, is available on the <u>Committee website</u>.

For background contact the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training (02) 6277 4573 or email <a href="mailto:ee.reps@aph.gov.au">ee.reps@aph.gov.au</a>
website <a href="mailto:aph.gov.au/ee">aph.gov.au/ee</a>

#### New inquiry into the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Territories

The Parliament's External Territories Committee has announced a new inquiry to examine the enduring strategic role of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, together known as the Indian Ocean Territories.

Committee Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, commented, "The Indian Ocean Territories are of strategic importance to Australia because of their proximity to the Asia region. The Territories straddle major shipping lines that are essential to Australia's trade and defence. It is time that we re-examine the Territories and their place in Australia's national security architecture."

"The Committee calls for submissions on the strategic importance of the territories, including maritime surveillance, military contingencies, investment in government infrastructure, and the implications for the territories' residents."

The Committee will examine:

- the changing regional security environment and security contingencies;
- defence capability in the territories and associated infrastructure development;
- the scope of maritime, air and other cooperation with Indo-Pacific partners; and
- impacts on local communities.

Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the Committee's <u>website</u>. or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4355 or email <u>jscncet@aph.gov.au</u>

# **Nuclear cooperation with Ukraine scrutinised**

The Treaties Committee held a public hearing in Canberra on November 21 to examine a treaty that would allow Australia to sell uranium to Ukraine for use in its nuclear power plants.

Committee Chair, Stuart Robert MP, says that the subject of nuclear cooperation is coming before the Committee more frequently as the demand for less carbon-intensive forms of energy increases. "While there may be benefits for Australia from this treaty, as with previous inquiries of this nature, we want to be certain that there are adequate safeguards in place. We want to ensure that there is no danger of our uranium being misused for nuclear weapons or military purposes.

"Ukraine is highly reliant on nuclear power with four nuclear power plants supplying over half of the country's electricity. Although Australia's current share of global production is only around 11 per cent, it has about one third of the world's economically recoverable uranium. Growing demand for nuclear energy provides an opportunity for expansion of the Australian industry, generating jobs and economic growth."

The Committee heard from relevant Government departments as well as environmentalists and the minerals industry at the public hearing.

For more information contact the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (02) 6277 4002, jsct@aph.gov.au, <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\_Business/Committees/Joint/Treaties/NuclearCoop-Ukraine">http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\_Business/Committees/Joint/Treaties/NuclearCoop-Ukraine</a>

#### **Recommendations for Reform of Banking Sector**

The <u>House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics</u> has tabled its first <u>Report</u> on the banking sector in parliament.

The Report contains a number of recommendations to Government, including:

- the creation of a new Banking Tribunal by 1 July, 2017, to enable consumers to achieve fair and timely recompense through a one-stop-shop:
- a new regime for executive accountability, with licence breaches reported publicly for the first time;

- a requirement that banks be forced to open up access to consumer data by 1 July 2018, which will give consumers much greater options when seeking to switch banks;
- a new, permanent regulatory function focused on day-to-day monitoring of competition in the banking sector;
- a review of the regulatory barriers to starting a bank, with the goal of injecting more competition into the sector; and
- new structures to improve the operation of bank internal dispute resolution processes, and risk management systems.

Committee Chairman, David Coleman MP, said that the Report was the first in what would become a regular series.

"Banks need to be held to account for their actions," he said. "The financial stability of our system is critical – but so is ensuring that consumers get a fair deal. The Committee has identified a wide range of areas in which banking regulation can be improved to better serve the Australian community. As we continue our ongoing review of the banking sector, we look forward to the Government's response to the recommendations contained in the Report."

The Committee expects to hold its next public hearings with the major banks in the first quarter of next year, soon after its scheduled public hearing with the Reserve Bank on 24 February 2017.

The report can be accessed from the Committee's <u>website</u>. For more information, contact the committee secretariat: Phone: (02) 6277 4587

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Website: <a href="mailto:www.aph.gov.au/economics">www.aph.gov.au/economics</a>

## Research finds links between consumer fraud and age

An Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) report reveals age and the probability of falling victim to consumer fraud are clearly linked. *The Relationship between age and consumer fraud victimisation* report was developed using the results of the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce online surveys, conducted by the AIC on behalf of the taskforce in 2011 and 2012.

Findings indicate that people are at risk to different kinds of consumer fraud at various points in their life. Previous research has indicated those aged 60 years or more were predominantly vulnerable to consumer fraud, as they are seen as attractive targets with potential access to life savings, while the younger population are at greater risk due to their wide-ranging use of technology.

The present study found respondents aged 65 years and over were indeed significantly more likely to send money as a result of a fraudulent invitation than other age groups. They were also more likely than other age groups to be the victim of a computer-support scam.

In contrast, respondents aged between 18 and 24 years were more likely to provide personal details in response to a fraudulent invitation than other age categories.

For individuals aged between 45 and 54 years, their highest risk of falling victim to consumer fraud was through dating and romance fraud.

The survey also found a relationship between age and how fraudulent invitations were delivered, with younger people more likely to be approached online or via sms.

For information on reporting scams or steps you can take to assist in recognising a scam, please visit www.scamwatch.gov.au

The Relationship between age and consumer fraud victimisation is available at: http://aic.gov.au/publications/current%20series/tandi/501-520/tandi519.html

## Matters of possible interest - Access the websites to read more

## Australia's development of printed solar panels gets \$1.6m

Australia's status as a global leader in solar power has received a major boost with the Federal Government investing \$1.6 million in a world-first project aimed at creating cheaper electricity systems by using printed solar panels.

http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/hunt/media-releases/australia-leading-world-development-printed-solar-panels

#### Australia secures world's space science event

http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/hunt/media-releases/australia-secures-world%E2%80%99s-most-important-space-science-event

Australia will host the world's largest space conference in 2020, with thousands of international experts joining local scientists and astronomers to explore future space missions and investigate trade, research and development opportunities.

#### Ministers support CSIRO in bid as world's premier public research organisation

http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/hunt/media-releases/new-statement-expectations-support-csiro-becoming-world%E2%80%99s-premier

The Australian Government wants CSIRO to become the world's premier public research organisation by building on its current standing and capabilities.

#### Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program

http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/canavan/media-releases/norther-australia-tropical-disease-collaborative-research-program

The Federal Government has announced almost \$6 million in funding to support the Northern Australia Tropical Disease Collaborative Research Program.

# Rates of online copyright infringement drop

https://www.communications.gov.au/departmental-news/rates-online-copyright-infringement-drop

The Government has released the results of the 2016 online copyright infringement survey, which show an overall decrease in the level of infringement in the past year largely due to the increase in the availability of online streaming.

#### \$45 million to bolster protection of the Reef

http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/frydenberg/media-releases/mr20161125.html

The Australian and Queensland Governments are investing \$45 million in an Australian first to improve water quality and reduce sediment run-off across the Great Barrier Reef.

## Across the generations family comes first

https://aifs.gov.au/media-releases/across-generations-family-comes-first

Australians believe that parents and their adult children have an obligation to support each other practically and financially, according to research by the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

#### Patients gain subsidised access to expensive new medicines

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2016-ley099.htm

From 1 December patients pay no more than \$38.30 for a medicine to treat thyroid cancer that would cost a patient \$117,000 without subsidised access through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

## Using nuclear techniques to find plants to remediate toxic environments

Early career environmental researcher Divya Vinod has used radioactive isotopes at ANSTO to investigate selenium uptake in plants to assess their suitability for use in remediating contaminated environments.

http://www.ansto.gov.au/AboutANSTO/MediaCentre/News/ACS110103

#### **Nellix EndoVascular Aneurysm Sealing System**

http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/nellix-endovascular-aneurysm-sealing-system

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a **hazard alert** for the above system involving risks of leaks, stent movement and aneurysm enlargement.

#### Nanostim leadless cardiac pacemaker

http://www.tga.gov.au/alert/nanostim-leadless-cardiac-pacemaker

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has issued a **hazard alert** for potential for loss of telemetry and pacing due to battery malfunction.

## **Conferring of Awards ceremonies**

The Australian National University will be conducting *Conferring of Awards* ceremonies on December 13, 14, 15 and 16 2016 at Llewellyn Hall.

ANU Emeritus Faculty members are cordially invited to participate in the academic processions for these ceremonies. Please register your intent to participate via the following web address:

https://anu.co1.gualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV eWDolWSu1SAkYi9

You will be asked to select the ceremony (or ceremonies) you wish to attend. Please note: Registration will close on Friday 9 December at 5pm.

It is the responsibility of each participant to provide their own academic dress. If a participant is unsure of the code of dress, the Examinations & Graduations Office (<a href="mailto:graduation.officer@anu.edu.au">graduation.officer@anu.edu.au</a>) may be consulted.

Assembly for all processions occurs near the Graduand Registration Room; there will be signs on the day providing directions. Registered participants are asked to assemble in this location, at least half an hour prior to the commencement of the ceremony.

Please feel free to contact the Graduations Office (<u>graduation.officer@anu.edu.au</u>) – if you require any further information (or if you are unable to complete the registration form).

Deans, Directors and other members of the Chancellor's Party will be contacted separately about their participation.

# Make a date - or several

# **Diary Dates on the website**

ANUEF relies on 'Google Calendar' for events listing on the ANUEF website (<a href="http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/">http://www.anu.edu.au/emeritus/</a>). 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

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

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

**Wednesday 7 December** An update on the progress of the Union Court Revitalisation Project by **Chris Grange** (Executive Director Administration and Planning, ANU) and project managers **Robert** 

**Hitchcock**; (Director Major Projects, ANU) and **Phil Heaney** (Managing Director at RMS Projects) from 1.00pm to 2.00pm on in Theatre1 of the Hedley Bull Building. Further details can be found at:

http://www.anu.edu.au/events/union-court-revitalisation-project-update

December 14 AGM (Agenda on page 2) and Christmas Party

#### 2017

March 1-3 Universities Australia Higher Education Conference, National Convention Centre, Canberra. Register before 3 February 2017 to secure the early bird rate. The theme of the 2017 conference is **Higher Education: Gen Next.** The conference will focus on the future shape of higher education against a backdrop of profound economic, industrial and technological change. The expectations of the next generation of students, the implications for university education and research, and the next generation of technology are topics to be explored throughout the two-day conference. For further information on the conference, visit the conference website or contact:

Arminia Seferovic, Events Manager, Universities Australia

at events@universitiesaustralia.edu.au or 02 6285 8116. [See report page 12]

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#### 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

**Monday, December 5**, Paul Livingston, popularly known as his alter ego Flacco, will tell the inside story of The Doug Anthony All Stars, then and now. *D.A.A.S: Their Part in My Downfall* is a no-holdsbarred true story behind the bad boys of Australian comedy. Manning Clark 2, 6 PM.

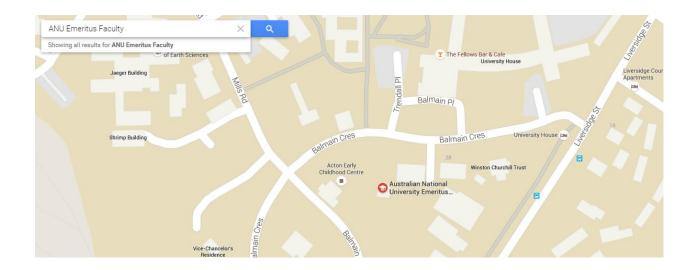
**Thursday, December 8**, Troy Bramston will be in conversation with *The Australian's* Paul Kelly on *Paul Keating: the big-picture leader*, the first definitive biography of Paul Keating. The book has Paul Keating's cooperation and builds upon 100 interviews with key players and significant new archival research Paul Kelly has said, "this is an indispensable insight into Keating's life - with fresh revelations". Manning Clark 2, 6 PM. Bookings: <a href="http://www.anu.edu.au/events/paul-keating-the-big-picture-leader">http://www.anu.edu.au/events/paul-keating-the-big-picture-leader</a>

Meet the author inquiries: Colin Steele Ph: 02 6125 8983 or colin.steele@anu.edu.au

#### **Finding the Molony Room**

The Molony Room is on the south side of Balmain Crescent almost opposite University House. It is building 1c on <a href="http://campusmap.anu.edu.au/displaymap.asp?grid=cd32">http://campusmap.anu.edu.au/displaymap.asp?grid=cd32</a>, 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=1 7



# **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 <u>jantancress @gmail.com</u> 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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