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ANU building program: questions and answers

A [new website](#) has been created with [Frequently Asked Question pages](#) that will be regularly updated so the ANU can make sure people have the most up-to-date information about the university's major building program.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC. says, "Over the next few weeks we will be holding a number of [information forums](#) about the project and I encourage you to get along. You can also [ask questions and subscribe](#) to our newsletter to receive the latest project updates."

Colin Steele attended one of the public information sessions by Chris Grange, "which ranged over a lot of major issues which should be of interest to the Emeritus Faculty."

Colin writes:

The swimming pool is only going to be 25m as the ACT government wouldn't upgrade to 50m. There is going to be a gym next to it, which came as a bit of a surprise, I gather, to the sports union. He also said the academic community will have to get used "to the long-term changes of how we teach" - presumably because there will be no big lecture theatres! They are looking to [commercial] naming rights and therefore money for the new student centre and cultural events centre buildings - presumably Manning Clark disappears as a name on campus.

They are establishing a new super clinic - which means some of the existing doctors may not transfer. He also went into considerable detail about the noise, the timetable and the pop-up village which will have a bar and music, which he hoped would only be evenings for the music! He recognised the noise would have great impact on staff and students in Chifley library, Dedman, Haydon Allen, Copland, A.D. Hope and to a lesser extent, Beryl Rawson.



One of the artist's impressions displayed on the [new website](#)

In the top 10

Professor Matthew Gray, Acting Dean of the ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, reports that the *QS World University Rankings by Subject* were released in March with two of the College's disciplines ranked in the top 10 in the world, and a total of seven of the College's disciplines ranked in the top 20.

By faculties, ANU ranked 10th in the world for Arts and Humanities and 20th in the world for Social Sciences and Management. Politics and International Studies is ranked 6th in the world and Social Policy and Administration is now 8th in the world. All the College's discipline rankings are listed below:

| QS World University Rankings by Subject – ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Discipline</i> | <i>World Ranking</i> | |
| | <i>2016</i> | <i>2017</i> |
| <i>Anthropology</i> | 7 | 13 |
| <i>Archaeology</i> | 8 | 13 |
| <i>Art & Design</i> | 51-100 | 48 |
| <i>Development Studies</i> | 8 | 11 |
| <i>English Language & Literature</i> | 22 | 27 |
| <i>History</i> | 12 | 14 |
| <i>Linguistics</i> | 32 | 29 |

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| Modern Languages | 26 | 28 |
| Performing Arts | >100 | 51-100 |
| Philosophy | 20 | 21 |
| Politics & International Relations | 8 | 6 |
| Social Policy & Administration | 14 | 8 |
| Sociology | 16 | 18 |

Professor Gray said, “These rankings highlight the quality of our research and teaching as well as the hard work of our academics who remain world leaders in their disciplines. Any system of ranking is of course imperfect and only one measure. The overall high rankings reflect the quality of our work. Congratulations to all of our staff within the Colleges of Arts and Social Sciences, and our colleagues in the College of Asia and the Pacific. Your efforts have once again ensured ANU remains among the very best universities in the world.”

To investigate the results further, you can find the institution rankings and methodology at: <https://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings/2017>

The French Connection

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Jean-Marc Ayrault, visited the ANU last month to witness the signing of a [strategic agreement between ANU and the PSL](#) (the Paris Sciences et Lettres), a research university which brings together 25 of France's most prestigious and internationally respected institutions.

Universities welcome commitment to research funding certainty

Launching Australia's National Science Statement at the National Press Club recently, Industry, Innovation and Science Minister Arthur Sinodinos noted that lengthy research timeframes require long-range funding.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said, “Breakthroughs happen when researchers are given the certainty to pursue their work with sustained focus over long periods of time.”

She applauded the science statement, which will guide efforts to take Australian science to the next level. The statement notes that uncertain funding of scientific research can lead to “suboptimal outcomes, wasted resources and opportunities being missed”.

Ms Robinson said, “More than three quarters of university research is in STEM disciplines and much of Australia’s scientific research is conducted in universities. That’s why universities are so central to the Government’s commitment to science”.

In his speech, the Minister also acknowledged the important role that universities play in Australia's transition to the new economy. He noted universities were particularly key as many regional economies reshape their industrial base.

Later, in Question Time, the Minister assured the Senate that the research infrastructure roadmap “will have real money behind it to help complement the work we have done on the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy”.

Universities Australia once again called on the Federal Government to retain the Education Investment Fund (EIF), which is the last remaining source of funding for university

infrastructure in Australia.

The Minister also acknowledged Universities Australia Chair Professor Barney Glover's recent [National Press Club address](#), saying he strongly agreed with Professor Glover's argument for the enduring value of expertise in public debate.

Government unveils long-term commitment to science and research

<http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/sinodinos/media-releases/government-unveils-long-term-commitment-science-and-research>

Half of university 'drop-outs' return to study

Almost half of all the university students in Australia who are counted as 'drop-outs' in official retention figures actually return to study within eight years, a new report has found, according to Universities Australia.

The new analysis, commissioned by the Department of Education, confirms that most of them return within three years. This includes one in five who take just a single year away from university.

"The report was written by Andrew Harvey, Giovanna Szalkowicz and Michael Luckman from La Trobe University's Centre for Higher Education Equity and Diversity Research. It found that 47 percent of domestic undergraduates who had been counted as 'drop-outs' by the official retention figures had returned to university within eight years.

Universities Australia's Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said the report was further evidence of Australia's strong performance on university student completion – the third highest in the OECD.

"Australia has dramatically expanded access to university over the past decade and maintained consistent completion rates. This is a significant achievement. The reality for many students who leave university is that they need time out to deal with work and family responsibilities before returning to complete," she said.

Many of those who interrupt their study are part-time, mature age and distance education students.

For those who don't complete, [there is still an employment benefit in having some university education rather than none](#) – a study across 15 EU countries found this year. The figures also highlight the crucial role of programs to support students to stay enrolled, including the flagship Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP).

"HEPPP was cut again in the last Budget – but universities will make the strongest of cases for it to be retained given its crucial role in helping more students from low SES backgrounds to finish a degree," Ms Robinson said.

To attract international students, 'don't erode public investment, quality'

Universities will play an indispensable role in Australia's foreign policy objectives in coming decades, the sector's peak body says in its [submission to the Foreign Policy White Paper](#).

Universities Australia also joins the dots between Australia's higher education policy settings and our success as a powerhouse exporter of international education.

Issuing a stark warning to policy makers, Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said, “With \$3.5 billion in higher education cuts still reflected in the Budget, and global competition for international students intensifying, Australia’s continued success is in the balance.”

“Universities in our region are investing heavily in their own systems – China is building a university every week – and countries the world over are setting ambitious international education targets. If we want to continue to be in the top three destinations for international students, then our policy, regulatory and funding settings must support that aim,” she said.

International students bring \$21.8 billion into Australia’s economy each year –the nation’s third largest export earner. The submission also notes that international research and education ties developed by Australia’s universities are key to forging stronger and deeper diplomatic, economic, trade and security ties.

“This is about much more than the economic value of international education,” Ms Robinson said. “We urge Government to broaden its focus and work even more closely with universities to expand those strong links between students and researchers around the world,” she said.

“Those ties build mutual understanding and allow us to maximise the opportunities to advance Australia’s interests and those of the world. That is smart, strategic, forward-looking policy.”

The submission also urges Austrade, like its German and British counterparts, to boost its efforts to promote ‘Brand Australia’ for international education. It notes that international students and their families contribute \$18.2 billion to the nation’s tourism income – more than half of the \$34.2 billion that tourism contributes to the Australian economy.

Universities Australia conference: media and social media highlights

This year’s Universities Australia Higher Education Conference generated extensive media coverage, reaching an audience of 3.8 million Australians. The conference hashtag #UAConf2017 also trended on Twitter reaching more than 38,000 people on Day One and 28,000 people on Day Two.

Some key highlights of the coverage were listed by Universities Australia as:

- Universities Australia Chair Professor Barney Glover was [interviewed on ABC’s AM program](#) about how evidence-based research is essential in era of ‘creeping cynicism’ about expertise
- ABC veteran Fran Kelly interviewed conference speakers Antoine van Agtmael and Fred Bakker [on the role of universities in turning “rustbelts into brainbelts”](#)
- Tony Wright wrote an article in the Fairfax media on how universities are aiming to dramatically increase their Indigenous enrolments [through Universities Australia’s Indigenous strategy](#)
- [The Australian reported on the Startup Smarts report](#) and how universities are key to Australia’s startup economy
- *The Courier Mail* featured startup entrepreneur and student Alisha Geary and the support she received at a university incubator to found her startup
- ABC’s [World Today program broadcast a story](#) on the Startup Smarts report and universities’ huge role in supporting startups

- [The Australian featured the story of Kamilaroi woman and astrophysics postgraduate student Karlie Noon](#) as a powerful example of combining Indigenous cultural knowledge and Indigenous academic research expertise

Ban foreign political donations, says Committee

Given the interest in possible Russian influence on the US presidential election, members may be interested in the findings and recommendations of the [Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters](#) which has recommended banning foreign political donations in the Committee's Second Interim Report on the 2016 Federal election.

The recommendation extends to both political actors who are currently regulated by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) and those who are not.

Committee Chair Senator Linda Reynolds said the Committee identified ongoing community concern regarding the potential for foreign players to use donations to influence domestic politics, decision-making and electoral outcomes.

"It is a matter of national sovereignty that only Australians should have the power to influence Australian politics and elections," Senator Reynolds said.

"The inquiry found that additional third-party actors have emerged in Australia's political landscape, who are incurring increasing amounts of electoral expenditure that falls outside of the scope of the Act and is therefore unregulated by the AEC."

"If this loophole is not addressed in legislation, the likely consequence of a ban on foreign donations to organisations regulated by the AEC is that funds will be channelled through organisations that are not."

Senator Reynolds said the recommendation to ban foreign donations does not apply to dual Australian citizens or permanent residents.

"It is also not the intent of the recommendation to ban foreign donations for charities or institutions that use foreign funds to undertake issue and policy advocacy in accordance with their Deductible Gift Recipient Status," she said.

The majority Committee report makes the following five recommendations:

Recommendation 1

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters recommends that any donation reform of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* be in accordance with Australia's sovereign interests.

Recommendation 2

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters recommends that any donation reform of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* be consistent with the four principles of transparency, clarity, consistency and compliance as identified by the Committee in this interim report.

Recommendation 3

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters recommends a prohibition on donations from foreign citizens and foreign entities to Australian registered political parties, associated entities and third parties. This ban would not apply to dual Australian citizens either in Australia or overseas, or to non-Australian permanent residents in Australia.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, in its wider inquiry into donations and disclosure, further examines the requirement to extend a foreign donations ban to all other political actors. The key issue to be considered is how to prevent foreign funds being channelled through organisations engaging in political activities

who are not subject to regulation under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. This new inquiry would also examine related issues that have arisen in this inquiry which are outside the current terms of reference, including tax deductibility for gifts.

Recommendation 5

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters recommends that the penalties in relation to offences in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* are significantly strengthened to include stricter penalties for non-compliance.

With the completion of the second Interim Report, the Committee will now conduct further investigations into the 2016 federal election in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

For background, contact the committee on (02) 6277 2374 and em@aph.gov.au

Academy of Science to get new CEO

By [Daniel Burdon](#) of *The Canberra Times*

Labor leader Bill Shorten's former policy director, Anna-Maria Arabia, will join the Academy of Science as its new chief executive in October.

A former general manager of Questacon, Ms Arabia, a qualified neuroscientist and former chief executive of Science and Technology Australia, also has 10 years "in the laboratory" that helped make her a prime candidate for the role leading the nation's top science academy.

After spending the past three years overseeing policy development for the federal Opposition, Ms Arabia said she had seen how deeply undervalued science was in Australian politics and society, a key problem she aims to help turn around in the new position.

"We still have a long way to go to raise the profile of science in people's everyday lives, as well as the long-term challenges the world faces - from ageing population to climate change and food and water security, science should be at the centre of our thinking," she said.

"The stereotype of a scientist working alone in a laboratory wearing a white coat - there is nothing further from the truth, these days we have scientists in every field of endeavour, in the banking system for instance, there are mathematicians working on rates, engineers designing ATMs.

"I'd also include the social sciences as well - in addition to the role social science play in understanding our world, our history, I think there is also going to be an increasing intersection between social and applied or theoretical sciences, particularly in communicating science."

Ms Arabia listed several priorities she hoped the Academy would work further on, including international engagement, helping increase the number of senior female scientists and the number of school students studying the sciences, and engaging better with industry.

But, she said, while engaging with industry was important to realise the applied benefits of science, commercialising science could not work without investment in "blue sky" research.

"You can't be successful at engaging science with industry and commercialising ideas at the cost of investing in public-good science - that's where the ideas come from," she said.

Ms Arabia also said she remained concerned about a lack of "evidence-based policy" and policy formulation through budgets.

"Science simply does not work in line with the political cycle," she said.

"Where once scientists would be waiting on an election for a change, then a budget, now they're waiting with bated breath for a budget and the mid-year update to see if they will still have funding.

"The ideas we need and the decisions we need to make around science have to be long term."

While not a formal proposal, Ms Arabia also wanted to see science playing a more central role in policy decisions.

She said Australia could benefit from importing a United Kingdom idea - the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology - which produces evidence-based updates for politicians on all new legislation - adding a new dimension to the traditional regulation analysis.

"It wouldn't matter exactly how it would operate, as long as it was independent, but it would mean that when (politicians) are making decisions they would have a clear statement of the scientific evidence surrounding an issue," she said.

"I understand not every decision would come down to science - there are political factors involved in all government decisions - but at least having that resource would mean they could consider the science behind a particular proposal before voting on it."

Catalyst for efficient drug and chemical production

CSIRO scientists have developed a more efficient and simpler process that – when combined with flow chemistry – does away with the need to filter out catalysts, which could result in faster and cheaper production for the pharmaceutical, food and bulk chemistry industries.

Dr James Gardiner, from CSIRO's FloWorks Centre for Industrial Flow Chemistry, used the technique to create a key ingredient in the manufacture of the antibacterial pharmaceutical, Linezolid. It was the first successful example of a combined catalyst and flow reactor technology that could make the leap from the laboratory to industry.

"Before now, making catalytic chemical reactions faster and more scalable has been a challenge, but this smarter process, that gives a better result in a short period, lends itself to more efficient scale-up," Dr Gardiner said.

Normally in chemical processing a powdered metal catalyst is added to a mixture to ensure a chemical reaction takes place. The catalyst is then removed at the end – an often tedious, time-consuming and costly task. CSIRO's new method involved 3D printing specially designed rods known as static mixers at Lab 22, then using its Cold Spray technology to coat and immobilise the catalyst onto the rods. They were then placed inside the flow reactor, allowing reactions to occur without the catalyst leaching into the product.

"This breakthrough means that any industry doing complex catalyst processes can now use a process that is smarter, faster and more efficient," CSIRO Research Director for Advanced Fibres and Chemicals Dr John Tsanaksidis said. "We've developed a method for chemical processing that combines all the benefits of flow chemistry with a much simpler way of using metal catalysts in them, reducing the number of steps that need to be taken."

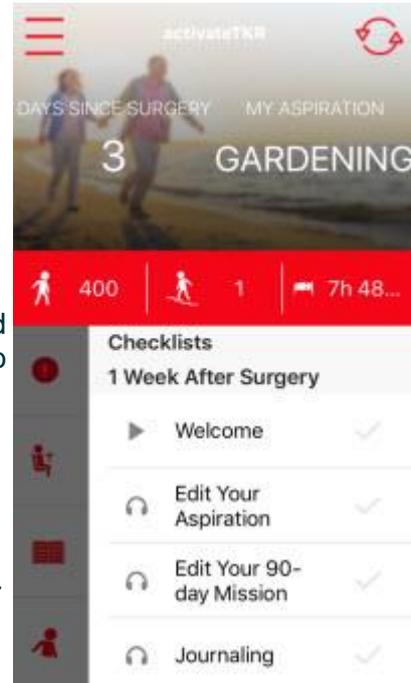
Making it remotely possible for knee recovery

In collaboration with leading medical device manufacturer Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices, CSIRO has launched the trial of a digital platform to help patients recover from total

knee replacements. The smart phone app will support patients in their pre-surgery preparation and rehabilitation programs.

Total knee replacement procedures in Australia have risen by 77 per cent between 2003 and 2014 alone. Studies have shown that rehabilitation exercises following surgery can lead to faster recovery times, however many patients fail to implement an effective preparation or rehabilitation plan.

The app (at right) provides patients with practical information including physiotherapy demonstration videos, pre-surgery checklists, reminders and supportive information in text, video and audio format. The technology also includes a wearable activity tracker to encourage basic exercise, track sleep and self-monitor progress. This will link to a website where clinicians can configure individual physiotherapy programs and monitor patient progress remotely.



Dr Rob Grenfell, CSIRO Health and Biosecurity Director, said the technology had the potential to make a huge difference to patient recovery.

"The aims of our digital health platforms are to support patients on their surgery journey and recovery," Dr Grenfell said. "As more Australians face surgical treatment for osteoarthritis, more work needs to be done to understand how we can deliver accessible and cost-effective services for patients and clinicians. This study will allow us to understand the ways in which the app changes the patient experience.

"The collaboration with Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices is another great example of science working with industry to improve people's lives."

Dr Michael Hunter, an orthopaedic specialist and member of the Australian Orthopaedic Association said patient engagement in their recovery was essential during rehabilitation, and he hoped this interactive app would assist patients to stay on track.

"Studies have demonstrated that sound pre-operative preparation and post-operative rehabilitative exercises following a total knee replacement can improve outcomes by increasing muscle strength, improving joint function, restoring functional mobility, preventing deep vein thrombosis and shortening recovery times," Dr Hunter said.

"The online portal will also provide instant access to patient recovery data enabling clinicians to act upon progress in real-time fashion."

Recruitment of patients is currently underway at Gosford Private Hospital in New South Wales, Mater Hospital Brisbane and Mater Private Hospital Brisbane in Queensland. The trial will compare the recovery process of patients who receive the normal standard of care against those who receive the normal standard plus the Total Knee Replacement rehabilitation platform designed by CSIRO. The trial is an important step before introducing the health app to the market.

Book Shelf

The Green Bell

By Paula Keogh

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Paperback RRP \$29.99 also available on line

Published by Affirm Press, Melbourne.

Love, loss and madness

Reviewed by [Kevin Brophy](#),

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In a world where death can be a miscalculation, where fallen leaves can seem a kind shrapnel, in a world where two lovers can “have everything in common” including their drugs and their illnesses — in such a world how quickly one’s light can be spent.

It is into this world that Paula Keogh’s memoir [The Green Bell](#) transports us. Her startling book is a memoir of her madness in her early twenties, for which she was hospitalised. It is also the story of a friendship so intense that for a time she mistook herself for her dead friend. Her book is also a long meditation on the way our society accepts without question or curiosity the deaths of the mentally ill.

And her book is more than that as well, for it is a primer on how to write about love. Paula met that bright passing meteor of Australian poetry, [Michael Dransfield](#), in a psychiatric unit of the Canberra Hospital in 1971. They fell in love not just instantly, but they fell completely – wholly and carelessly and shamelessly and innocently in love with each other.

You read the book marvelling at the way Keogh can bring this love alive, while you worry for these two souls so far from being sane in the sensible world of work and parents outside the hospital.

Where Patti Smith’s superbly judged [Just Kids](#) depicts a slow burn towards autobiographical destruction, Keogh’s *Green Bell* is an intense firework of a book. Both books give us the inside of a love story that’s both romantic and grim. Both books give us a glimpse of lives given over to art and the ambition to succeed at it because our lives depend upon it mattering. Both books show us lovers whose sexuality is shifting, uncertain, there to be explored and discovered.

Where Dransfield can transform love into mysterious metaphors (“I lost my tongue writing a ballad/on the warm tissues inside your mouth” - from [Duet](#)), Keogh moves towards this giving-over to love with no less wonder but a little more detachment and fewer pyrotechnics:

Even in the silences, we’re listening to each other. Our love is, for me, an initiation into a world free of guilt. A world where all that had once been sin — rebellion, wildness, pleasure — is now holy, almost sacramental.

Later she declares on behalf of her remembered self, “I’ve just turned twenty-three, and I want to be a feminist and a romantic.”

Woven in with this love story is her own continual watch on herself as she tries to learn to know how to recognise (and hold on to) sanity when it comes to her, and equally know psychosis when it has taken her. This becomes perhaps a hopelessly complicated task when love is its own madness, though a madness any of us would give our lives to experience even if only for a few years in a lifetime.

There is a double grief at the heart of the book — Paula’s grief at the age of 21 for her friend, Julianne, who died while in psychiatric care, and whose death she now considers was never

adequately investigated. Paula finds herself in the same ward her friend was committed to, subjected to similar treatments, and became convinced for a time that she was her friend, whose death she partly blamed on herself.

The second, more lingering and later grief is over the sudden death of her lover, Dransfield, who might have miscalculated an injection into his jugular vein, or might have deliberately brought himself into the place past suffering. At that time, they were facing their first real rupture as lovers — over his fidelity to her. In a last note to her, a scrawled poem slipped under her door, he wrote, “Keep silence now for singing time is over.”

Paula Keogh has brought Dransfield’s poetry (and there is plenty of it in the book) into his lived life so that we feel we are witnessing those events and emotions that Dransfield, like a wizard, turns into art. Many would argue that this is too personal a way of entering into poetry, but the poetry seems to demand this acceptance of its living voice, for after all this was the time when a new generation realised that the personal is political. The more personal the poetry, then, the more committed it becomes to the revolution under way.

Michael Dransfield’s death brings a climax to the book, but not an ending. Over the last 50 pages, Keogh turns herself to the question of her own sanity, to her spiritual path, and to a marriage that fails, and then to the raising of a daughter. She walks. In 2004 she walks for five months through Europe, and at the end of this experience she decides to go to university to study Michael’s poetry, and to discover through writing, what she has learned.

“I can’t say I have no regrets,” she writes towards the end, with her now familiarly courageous honesty. “There are a number of things I would have done very differently — if I’d known how.”

I am grateful to Paula Keogh for bringing these possible regrets into the form of this book, and for knowing how to do it so well.

New Worlds from Below: Informal life politics and grassroots action in twenty-first-century Northeast Asia

Edited by: [Tessa Morris-Suzuki](#) and [Eun Jeong Soh](#)

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In Asia today, the grand ideologies of the past have lost their power over the popular imagination. Even in many of the region’s democracies, popular engagement in the political process faces profound challenges. Yet amidst this landscape of political disenchantment, groups of ordinary people across Asia are finding new ways to take control of their own lives, respond to threats to their physical and cultural survival, and build better futures. This collection of essays by prominent scholars and activists traces the rise of a quiet politics of survival from the villages of China to Japan’s Minamata and Fukushima, and from the street art of Seoul and Hong Kong to the illegal markets of North Korea. Introducing an innovative conceptual framework, *New Worlds from Below* shows how informal grassroots politics in Northeast Asia is generating new ideas and practices that have region-wide and global relevance.

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‘This volume brings together a diversity of international scholars, unified in the theme of expanding scientific knowledge about humanity’s past in the Asia-Pacific region. The contents in total encompass a deep time range, concerning the origins and dispersals of anatomically modern humans, the lifestyles of Pleistocene and early Holocene Palaeolithic hunter-gatherers, the emergence of Neolithic farming communities, and the development of Iron Age societies. These core enduring issues continue to be explored throughout the vast region covered here, accordingly with a richness of results as shown by the authors.

‘Befitting of the grand scope of this volume, the individual contributions articulate perspectives from multiple study areas and lines of evidence. Many of the chapters showcase new primary field data from archaeological sites in Southeast Asia. Equally important, other chapters provide updated regional summaries of research in archaeology, linguistics, and human biology from East Asia through to the Western Pacific.’

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Kastom, property and ideology: Land transformations in Melanesia

Edited by: [Siobhan McDonnell](#), [Matthew Allen](#), and [Colin Filer](#)

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The relationship between customary land tenure and ‘modern’ forms of landed property has been a major political issue in the ‘Spearhead’ states of Melanesia since the late colonial period, and is even more pressing today, as the region is subject to its own version of what is described in the international literature as a new ‘land rush’ or ‘land grab’ in developing countries. This volume aims to test the application of one particular theoretical framework to the Melanesian version of this phenomenon, which is the framework put forward by Derek Hall, Philip Hirsch and Tania Murray Li in their 2011 book, *Powers of Exclusion: Land Dilemmas in Southeast Asia*. Since that framework emerged from studies of the agrarian transition in Southeast Asia, the key question addressed in this volume is whether ‘land transformations’ in Melanesia are proceeding in a similar direction, or whether they take a somewhat different form because of the particular nature of Melanesian political economies or social institutions. The contributors to this volume all deal with this question from the point of view of their own direct engagement with different aspects of the land policy process in particular countries. Aside from discussion of the agrarian transition in Melanesia, particular attention is also paid to the growing problem of land access in urban areas and the gendered nature of landed property relations in this region.

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ASIO questioning and detention powers to be reviewed

The Parliamentary [Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security](#) (PJCIS) has commenced a review of the operation, effectiveness and implications of ASIO's special powers relating to terrorism offences. The powers, provided for under Division 3 of Part III of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979*, include the ability for ASIO to seek and obtain a **questioning warrant**, and to seek and obtain a **questioning and detention warrant**.

The Committee invites written submissions to the inquiry to be received no later than **Friday, 21 April 2017**. Information on how to make a submission is available on the Committee's website. <http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis>.

For background: Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 2360 or email [picis@aph.gov.au](mailto:pjcis@aph.gov.au)

Hearing health specialists meet with health committee

On Thursday, 6 April, hearing health specialists will meet with the Australian Parliament's Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee in Sydney as part of its *Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia*.

In 2005, an estimated 3.55 million Australians experienced some degree of hearing loss, making it a more common health condition than cardiovascular disease, asthma, or diabetes. Due to Australia's ageing population the number of people experiencing hearing loss is also rising and is expected to reach one in every four Australians by 2050.

The Committee will meet with specialists involved in all aspects of hearing health, from screening for hearing loss to undertaking cochlear implant surgery. Professions that will be represented include: audiologists; audiometrists; audiometry nurses; rehabilitation counsellors; and ear, nose and throat surgeons.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, said that 'hearing loss already affects one in six Australians and, with an ageing population, its prevalence is increasing. The Committee will discuss with hearing specialists how to ensure that Australia's hearing care system continues to seek improvements and, where appropriate, deploy new technologies to meet the current and future demand for high-quality hearing-care services.'

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the public hearing program is available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/HearingHealth/Public_Hearings

For background: House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, (02) 6277 4145 health.reps@aph.gov.au

Hearing aid sales practices examined

In March, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) appeared before the Parliament's Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport as part of its *Inquiry into the Hearing Health and Wellbeing of Australia*. The ACCC recently raised concerns about the sales practices used in some hearing aid clinics in its report *Issues around the Sale of Hearing Aids: Consumer and Clinician Perspectives*. The ACCC stated that 'commissions, incentives and other mechanisms designed to drive sales can create a conflict with clinical independence, professional integrity and the primary obligation to consumers.'

Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated that 'in view of the ACCC's recent report on the sale of hearing aids the Committee is eager to discuss what can be done to ensure that hearing clinics are primarily focussed on providing hearing impaired Australians with the highest possible health outcomes.'

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the public hearing program is available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/HearingHealth/Public_Hearings

Committee backs negotiations on maritime boundaries with Timor-Leste

The [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#) has tabled its report on amendments to the [Treaty between Australia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea](#) (CMATS Treaty).

Committee Chair [Stuart Robert MP](#) said the proposed amendments reviewed by the Committee are a result of Timor-Leste terminating the CMATS Treaty, and are limited in scope. "Termination of a treaty usually means it ceases to have effect. However, the CMATS Treaty contains clauses that continue beyond termination, and would re-enliven the whole Treaty if the Greater Sunrise resource is developed in the future," Mr Robert said. "The Committee supports the proposed amendments to the CMATS Treaty prior to its termination on 10 April 2017.

The Committee says it recognises that the termination of the CMATS Treaty is the first step towards developing a permanent maritime boundary in the Timor Sea. The Committee is of the strong view that the maritime boundary dispute should be negotiated bilaterally and in good faith, and commends both Governments for agreeing to operate by these principles.

For background: Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (02) 6277 4002
email: jsct@aph.gov.au

Australian human rights commission reform

The Government has passed what it calls "the most significant reforms to the Australian Human Rights Commission in almost 20 years", according to the Attorney-General Senator George Brandis QC.

He said on March 31, "These reforms will improve the complaints handling processes of the Commission and ensure that the recent cases of the students at QUT and the complaint against the late great cartoonist Bill Leak do not happen again.

"The Government acted swiftly to respond to community concern about the abuse and the misuse of the Commission's processes, highlighted in the recent Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (PJCHR) Inquiry into Freedom of Speech. It has been clear that the Commission's model for resolving complaints has not operated as effectively as it should. The Commission will now have the powers it needs to terminate unmeritorious complaints as soon as possible. It will also be required to act fairly and expeditiously in dealing with complaints, and to notify respondents about a complaint.

"The Government's reforms will restore public confidence in the Commission's processes, and improve its efficiency and governance arrangements. In implementing these reforms, the Government has worked constructively with the Commission, its President, Professor Gillian Triggs, stakeholders and the Parliament.

“While the Government is disappointed that the Senate voted against strengthening section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, the procedural changes agreed to today will ensure that the Human Rights Commission will never again be able to be used to prosecute ordinary Australians who merely want to express their right to free speech.”

[Matters of possible interest - Access the websites to read more](#)

First steps in modernising the copyright framework

<https://www.communications.gov.au/departmental-news/first-steps-modernising-copyright-framework>

The Government has introduced changes to copyright laws that will greatly improve access to copyright material for disability, education, library and archive sectors.

Improving access to copyright material

http://www.minister.communications.gov.au/mitch_fifield/news/improving_access_to_copyrig ht_material

The Government has introduced the Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill 2017 to streamline and simplify the copyright framework.

\$2 million boost for advanced scientific research into plants and animals

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/frydenberg/media-releases/mr20170329.html>

The Government is investing \$2.12 million for scientists to find out more about Australia’s vast array of plants and animals through taxonomic research.

Don't get scammed by a fake online store

<http://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/dont-get-scammed-by-a-fake-online-store>

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is warning online shoppers to be wary of scammers masquerading as legitimate online retailers, often selling well-known brands at too-good-to-be-true prices. Already in 2017, the ACCC’s Scamwatch service has received more than 1000 reports of online shopping scams worth more than \$150,000 in total.

Collaboration locates elusive oxygen ions in new solid electrolyte - ANSTO

<http://www.ansto.gov.au/AboutANSTO/MediaCentre/News/ACS128199>

ANSTO has contributed to experiments using multiple techniques, which have determined, for the first time, the location of interstitial oxygen atoms in a new apatite-type solid electrolyte.

ASIC releases new instrument for differential fees

<http://www.asic.gov.au/about-asic/media-centre/find-a-media-release/2017-releases/17-059mr-asic-releases-new-instrument-for-differential-fees/>

Following public consultation, ASIC has released a new legislative instrument regarding differential fees, replacing the class order which expired (‘sunset’) on 1 April 2017....

First licence granted for commercially grown medicinal cannabis in Australia

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2017-hunt023.htm>

Access to medicinal cannabis has taken another major step forward with first licence being granted for an Australian company to grow and harvest medicinal cannabis.

Submissions on access to telecommunications data

<https://www.communications.gov.au/departmental-news/submissions-access-telecommunications-data>

The Department of Communications and the Arts and the Attorney-General's Department have published submissions made to the review of access to retained telecommunications data in civil proceedings.

Prizes for pursuing science, innovation excellence

<http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/sinodinos/media-releases/prizes-pursuing-science-innovation-excellence>

The annual quest for Australia's top science and innovation minds has begun with the opening of nominations for one of Australia's most prestigious awards, the 2017 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science.

Pompeii artefacts at Australian National Maritime Museum

<http://www.anmm.gov.au/About-Us/Media/2017-media-releases/Pompeii-Artefacts>

The Australian National Maritime Museum is installing a selection of objects dating back thousands of years for its new international exhibition Escape from Pompeii.

ANU Emeritus Faculty

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

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

April 5 Collegiate Lunch 12.00 for 12.30 start. Dr Keiko Tamura is talking on 'The Soldiers Who Died Twice: Japanese Prisoners of War and the War Cemetery in Cowra.'

April 19 Lecture by Professor Brian Walker, Fenner School and CSIRO, 'Transformational change and resilience'. Also, on April 19, following the lecture there will be a gathering to celebrate the 90th birthday of our Founding Chairperson, Professor John Molony - all welcome.

May 2 Tuesday evening (time TBA) *Magic Flute* film at Molony Room.

May 3 Collegiate Lunch to discuss a proposal for a Centre for Human Survival - led by Professor Bob Douglas and others (TBA).

May 17 Lecture Rod Little, Co-Chair National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. 'Reconciliation'.

June 7 Collegiate lunch to discuss the proposed update of the ANUEF website.

June 21 Projects Symposium - now is the time to submit the title and short abstract of your proposed talk to lan.Keen@anu.edu.au. (See his invitation below)

Dr Ian Keen writes from overseas:

Dear Colleagues,

You are invited to contribute a presentation on your current or recent research, or other projects, at the Projects Symposium Day (formerly "Research in Retirement") planned for June 21st. All types of projects are included, not just those you might strictly consider to be "research". Please send a title and short abstract to me at lan.Keen@anu.edu.au. Thirty minutes will be allocated for each presentation. If you need slides please prepare a Powerpoint presentation.

Ian Keen

See the Calendar on the ANUEF WWWsite for Abstracts as they become available.

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We also now seek speakers for the remainder of the year; please contact Adrian (adrian_j_gibbs@hotmail.com) or Craig (creynolds697@gmail.com) with suggestions. Please also nominate to the Events Committee, which we contact by email at irregular intervals throughout the year seeking inspiration.

[Meet the authors](#)

Tuesday, 4 April, 6pm, Auditorium, China in the World Building. ANU/The Canberra Times meet the author, in partnership with China Matters Ltd. Bates Gill and Linda Jakobson will be in conversation with Paul Kelly, Editor-at-large at *The Australian*, on their new publication: *China Matters. Getting it Right for Australia*. Free event followed by a reception. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144.

Friday, 7 April, 6.15pm - 9.15pm University House. 'Eat, drink and be literary' with Quentin Bryce & Virginia Haussegger.

Wednesday, 26 April, 6pm talk and book signing at the National Library by Judith Armstrong, author of *Dymphna*. Dymphna Lodewyckx was a brilliant prize-winning linguist. In 1939, she married Manning Clark, subordinating her own intellectual life and opportunities to her roles as wife, mother, research assistant and unofficial editor for her husband. Join author Judith Armstrong as she takes us into 'a daring biographical adventure and a judiciously affectionate celebration of a remarkable woman.' **Book [here](#) or ph 02 6262 1424**

Thursday, 27 April, 6.15pm for 7.00pm, University House Common Room. Meet the Chef dinner with Valli Little. Enjoy dinner with Valli Little, one of Australia's food superstars, who will be in conversation with Alex Sloan on Valli's new book *My Kind of Food*. \$85 per person for pre-dinner canapes, three-course dinner with wines from Mount Majura Vineyard. Bookings at: <http://unihouse.anu.edu.au/events/meet-the->

[chef-dinner-with-valli-little/](#)

Monday, 8 May, 6.30pm, Manning Clark Lecture Theatre 2. ANU/*The Canberra Times* meet the author. Co-founder and Creative Director of the Mama Mia Women's Network, Mia Freedman, will be in conversation with Genevieve Jacobs on Mia's new book: *Work, Strife, Balance*. Free event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144. Pre-book signings at 6pm.

Tuesday, 30 May, 6.30pm, Copland Lecture Theatre, ANU. ANU/*The Canberra Times* meet the author. Chloe Shorten will be in conversation with Anna-Maria Arabia on Chloe's new book, *Take Heart: A Story for Modern Stepfamilies*. Free event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144. Pre-book signings at 6pm.

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

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

ANU film nights

What's on

[The Founder](#) – not just for the McDonalds lovers in the community. The true story with the great Michael Keaton. On April 12.

A Q&A screening of [Joe Cinque's Consolation](#) with director (and ANU graduate) Sotiris Dounoukos on April 21.

[Manchester By Sea](#) + the 1948 Alfred Hitchcock production of [Rope](#) on April 22.

[The Clan](#) from Argentina on April 27.

[Miss Sloane](#) + [Southside With You](#) (the Michelle and Barack love story) on April 28.

[T2 Trainspotting](#) + [Life](#) on April 29.

[Sand Storm](#) from Israel on May 2.

[Silence](#) on May 12. Scorsese's latest, the second longest (161 minutes) on the program about two Catholic missionaries going to Japan in the 17th century.

A Japanese double – [Your Name](#) + [Shin Godzilla](#) on May 13.

[The Fencer](#) from Finland, introduced by the Finnish ambassador on May 16. Think schoolteacher inspiration like Mr Chips and Dead Poets Society with lots of snow. (Not really but still a beaut film).

[Life Animated](#) + [Zero Days](#) (yes, we do documentaries too) on May 19.

[The Red Turtle](#), a delightful animated film with no dialogue in the Studio Ghibli style followed by [A United Kingdom](#) on May 20.

Then we have our Best Foreign Film Festival as mentioned earlier between June 2 and July 14 – [Toni Erdmann](#) (Germany), [Chevalier](#) (Greece), [Stefan Zweig: Farewell To Europe](#) (Austria), [The Age of Shadows](#) (Korea), [Mother](#) (Estonia), [The Salesman](#) (Iran) and [Julieta](#) (Spain). Free nibbles and drink courtesy of the Spanish embassy after Julieta. Also in this period we have [Queen of Katwe](#) (June 3), [A Monster Calls](#) + [Loving](#) (June 10) and [Jasper Jones](#) + [Paterson](#) (June 17).

An extra benefit for parents (and grandparents) is that there is no restriction on how many films you can bring children to – two per member allowed subject to film classification. Some

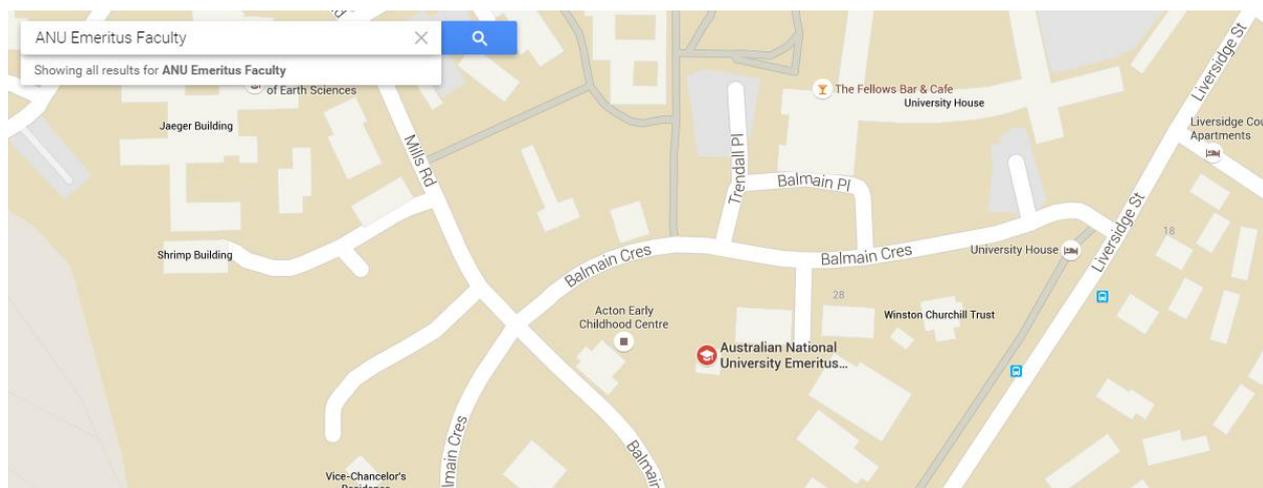
that might appeal are [Sing](#) (February 18), [Rogue One: A Star Wars Story](#) (February 25), [Red Dog: True Blue](#) (March 11), [Moana](#) (March 25), [The Lego Batman Movie](#) (May 6) and [Beauty and the Beast](#) (June 3).

For more information, call Brett Yeats 02 6281 7684

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 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 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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