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## The values of giving and receiving

In a recent message to the ANU community, Vice-Chancellor Brian Schmidt AC stressed the importance of supporting a holistic learning experience when students study at ANU.

“Giving students the opportunity to gain real-world experience in their field of study not only equips them for the challenges of the modern workforce but makes them more desirable employees as well,” he wrote.

He helped launch the new Research School of Finance, Actuarial Studies & Statistics [Student Managed Fund](#), a new program that gives students this exact holistic learning experience through managing a slice of the ANU endowment funds. The Student Managed Fund also teaches students about philanthropy and gives them a real understanding of what it means to give back to society.

He went on, “Supporting our community and research projects through giving back is also an important theme in this year's [Giving Day](#), an annual event run by the Alumni Relations and Philanthropy Team. This year's appeal will support two key initiatives; a four-year project to document the lives of Australia's leading Indigenous people to be published by the Australian Dictionary of Biography, and support and access programs for refugees at ANU.”

Last week the [Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences](#) announced the election of 49 new Fellows for outstanding leadership and contributions to health and medical science in Australia. Professor Schmidt went on, “I was delighted to see three ANU researchers named on the list. Congratulations to award-winning epidemiologist and public

health physician Professor Emily Banks, internationally recognised cancer scientist Professor Ross Hannan, and Dean of the ANU College of Science and outstanding malaria researcher, Professor Kiaran Kirk.

"I would also like to congratulate ANU Emeritus Professor Jenny Graves AO who won the [Prime Minister's Prize for Science](#) last week. Professor Graves is credited with leading research that revealed how sex chromosomes work and how they evolved, predicting the decline of the male chromosome. I am very proud that ANU has helped Professor Graves rise to be one of the greats of Australian Science. I used to teach just after her several years back - and I can also tell you she was a wonderful teacher!"

The Vice-Chancellor recently delivered a speech entitled, *Engaging with our Asian partners: getting it right* at the China Matters 6<sup>th</sup> National Meeting. His focus was trying to put some nuance on some of the inflammatory rhetoric circulating through the media around China and Australia's Higher Education sector. A copy of the speech can be accessed [here](#).

## From ANU to Chief Justice of the Family Court

Former ANU graduate the Honourable John Pascoe AC, CVO, is the new Chief Justice of the Family Court. He has served as the Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia since 2004. The Federal Circuit Court is the largest Commonwealth Court, with a current complement of 67 judges. It deals with more than 85% per cent of all federal family law matters. He was made a Companion in the Order of Australia for service to the law and to the judiciary in January 2016.

## ANU seeks user help to beat email scams

In a message to ANU students - but of interest to all who use the ANU's computer systems - Darren Alexander, Acting Director of Information Technology Services, writes, "The University's IT infrastructure is under constant technological attack from across the world." In September alone, there were over 15,000,000 attempts to penetrate ANU's IT systems, with the top three sources of these attacks being from France, Germany and the United States.

He goes on, "These attacks come in many forms, but the one you can help us to overcome is that of email scams. Although these scams are becoming more sophisticated, there are still some common tell-tale signs to look out for. These include:

- **Email address not @anu.edu.au** – display names are easily spoofed. Hover your mouse over the email address to see its true source. Be on your guard for emails which suggest they are from a colleague, when they are sent from an external domain (e.g. [xyz@gmail.com](#)). Increasingly, scammers are attempting to solicit information from ANU staff by accessing information about you from the online staff directory and then using that to appear to be a colleague seeking assistance. If you receive an unexpected email soliciting University information, use the hover technique to ensure it has come from a legitimate [anu.edu.au](#) address.
- **Web links within the email** – even emails from legitimate [anu.edu.au](#) addresses can be sent by a scammer. The danger presented here is that web links within the email may appear to go to ANU resources, but actually lead to an external site in an attempt to trick you into revealing your passwords for University systems. Again, hover your mouse over the link to confirm it is an internal ANU web address (or other trusted site such as [xyz.gov.au](#)). If not, or if you are ever in doubt, please open your web browser manually and go directly to the official ANU website or service, especially if the email suggests that you need to take an action which will involve logging into an ANU system.

- **Attachments** – if you receive an email with an attachment which is 1) unexpected, or 2) coupled with either of the above discrepancies, do not open the attachment until you have confirmed it is a valid email.

“If you are ever unsure of the validity of an email, please call the person directly, using the telephone number from the ANU staff directory, not the number listed within the email. If you are still unsure, please contact the ANU Service Desk on 54321, or forward the email and its attachments to [it.security@anu.edu.au](mailto:it.security@anu.edu.au) for investigation.

“Last month, the Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department launched a new website – [www.staysmartonline.gov.au](http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au) (external link) with a wealth of information on how to keep you, your family and the ANU safe from cyber threats. In addition to important information about protecting yourself or your business, there are also several one-minute video tutorials on their [YouTube channel](#) (external link) that can help you understand and overcome Cyber threats. I would strongly encourage you to have a look through the website and view the videos.”

### **Cyber security improvements recommended**

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit [report](#) has found that much work remains for cyber security compliance and cyber resilience to be achieved across the Commonwealth.

The inquiry focused on the Auditor-General’s cyber security follow-up [audit](#).

The Committee was most concerned to find that the Australian Taxation Office and Department of Immigration and Border Protection were still not compliant with the Government’s mandatory mitigation strategies, despite the Government setting a target date to achieve compliance by 30 June 2014.

The report makes 10 recommendations aimed at strengthening the cyber security posture of Government entities, including making it mandatory for all Commonwealth entities to:

- comply with the Essential Eight cyber security strategies;
- join the Internet Gateway Reduction Program; and
- participate in the Australian Signals Directorate’s annual cyber security survey.

The Committee also recommended that both the Attorney-General’s Department and Australian Signals Directorate report annually to the Parliament on the Commonwealth’s cyber security posture.

For background: Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4615 or email [jcpaa@aph.gov.au](mailto:jcpaa@aph.gov.au)

### **Call for Nominations – ANUEF Committee 2018**

ANU Emeritus Faculty Secretary Jan O’Connor is seeking nominations from ANUEF members to serve on the ANUEF Committee next year. She writes, “The Constitution of the ANU Emeritus Faculty provides that members elect a Committee of from five to twelve of its members at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee then elects its Office Bearers. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Molony Room on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 at 5.00pm and will be followed by the ANUEF Christmas Party.

“I am now calling for nominations from financial members to serve on the ANUEF Committee. If you are unsure of your financial status as a member, please contact Di Riddell, the Membership Officer, at [riddell.di@gmail.com](mailto:riddell.di@gmail.com)

“The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month except January. Meetings usually start at 2.00pm and finish by 3.30pm.”

Members interested in nominating as a Committee Member, please let Jan know at this address: [jantancress@gmail.com](mailto:jantancress@gmail.com)

**Nominations close at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 22 November 2017.**

### **CSIRO helping in climate-change study**

An international study has found that natural solutions to mitigate climate change, such as reforestation, could have the same effect globally as taking 1.5 billion cars off the road, according to the CSIRO in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and 14 other institutions on the study

The report, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, forms the most comprehensive assessment to date of how greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced by and stored in forests, farmland, grasslands and wetlands. The top three land-management solutions identified – reforestation, avoiding further forest losses and improved forestry practices – could cost-effectively remove seven billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere annually.

CSIRO provided analysis for two of the 20 land-management options investigated in the report, finding possible reductions in methane emissions in grazing systems through improved feed and animal management and associated land use savings. CSIRO Agriculture and Food Chief Research Scientist Dr Mario Herrero said natural climate solutions are vital to ensuring a stable climate, food security and biodiversity. "Our environment is our life, and investing to protect, restore and rejuvenate it will pay dividends," he said. "Implementing natural climate solutions across the world is vital to maintain stable weather systems and temperatures, which enable food to be reliably produced for all of us; while also nurturing biodiversity," he said.

The study found all the identified natural climate solutions could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 11.3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year by 2030, which is the equivalent of taking 1.5 billion cars off the road or halting the burning of oil across the world. This would also meet 37 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions reductions required to hold global warming below 2°C.

### **Report underplays value of education and research**

The Productivity Commission's latest report fails to reflect the vast benefits to Australia of the link between university research and international education, which brings in \$28.6 billion a year to our economy, according to Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson.

She said the higher education sections of the "Shifting the Dial" report did not give a full picture of the reality of how universities work and the enormous role they play in lifting productivity.

"The report omits key facts on strong graduate employment and high levels of employer satisfaction with graduates," she said. "For example, it ignores the fact that nine out of ten graduates are employed full-time within three years of finishing their studies."

Ms Robinson said the reality was that Australian graduates had strong job prospects, particularly compared to people with no post-school education. "Not every graduate will walk straight into a job on the Monday after graduation – but 90 per cent will be in a full-time job within a few years of finishing their studies," she said. "The fact that these strong employment outcomes have continued despite downturns in traditional industries and high youth unemployment is a real achievement."

The Commission criticised university investment in research and the links between that investment, international rankings and growing numbers of international students.

“Along with building Australia’s connections with the world, our international education sector happens to be one of Australia’s greatest economic success stories,” she said. “World-class research is crucial to university rankings that help to attract international students – but it’s also crucial to Australia’s economic growth and productivity. In fact, productivity gains from university research were worth an estimated \$10 billion a year over the past three decades and the productivity gain from our graduates was worth \$140 billion to our economy in 2014.

“Building a \$28 billion a year export sector over the last three decades from scratch – that’s how you grow the economy and improve productivity.”

The report sets up a false divide between universities’ focus on research and teaching.

“A defining feature of universities is that they are the only institutions that deliver research-informed teaching. This ensures that students are exposed to the latest thinking and developments in their chosen field of study,” Ms Robinson said.

The Commission was critical of the fact that some graduates end up working in areas outside their field of study. Ms Robinson commented, “This is not a failure – that’s the reality of how careers work. Today’s average 18 year-old will have 17 jobs and five careers during their lifetime.

“If an engineer ends up working in finance or a lawyer ends up working in government, that’s not a failing of either the student or the university,” she said. “That’s success.”

The Commission raises the idea of higher education coming under consumer law – before concluding there is no pressing need for such a change. It says, “the most prudent short-term option would be to allow the current law to stand” (page 33 of supporting paper number 7). Ms Robinson concluded, “On this, we would agree with the Commission that such a shift is unnecessary given Australia already has a strong higher education regulator and quality safeguards.”

## **\$2.6m in Australian-Germany research grants**

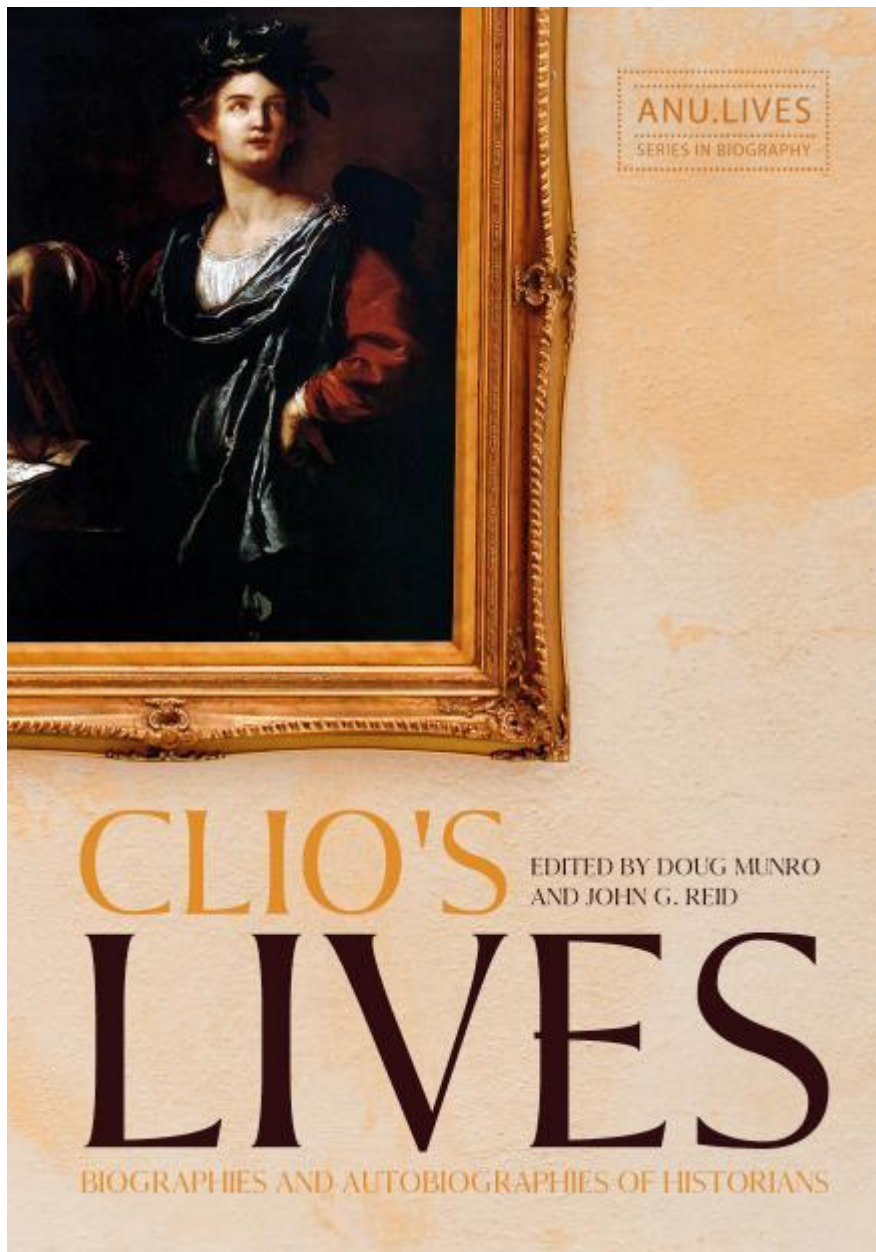
Australian university researchers working on projects to improve malaria drugs, hone cancer treatments and enhance solar cells will share in new grants worth \$2.6 million to partner with German researchers in the same field, Universities Australia said in announcing the 73 projects awarded funding in 2017 under the Australia-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme.

The program fosters closer research collaboration between Australia and Germany and has awarded \$8.6 million in grants to 245 projects since 2015. The scheme is a partnership between Universities Australia and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It enables researchers in the early stage of their career at Australian universities to apply for funding to work alongside their counterparts in German research institutions.

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. Each project team receives up to AUD \$25,000 for travel and living expenses to support their research work in Germany.



## Book Shelf



### ***Clio's Lives: Biographies and Autobiographies of Historians***

Edited by: [Doug Munro](#) and [John G. Reid](#)

ISBN (print – rrp: \$50.00): 9781760461430 ISBN (online - free): 9781760461447

Publication date: October 2017

ANU Press DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/CL.10.2017>

Series: [ANU Lives Series in Biography](#)

Including contributions from leading scholars in the field from both Australia and North America, this collection explores diverse approaches to writing the lives of historians and ways of assessing the importance of doing so. Beginning with the writing of autobiographies by historians, the volume then turns to biographical studies, both of historians whose writings were in some sense nation-defining and those who may be regarded as having had a major influence on defining the discipline of history. The final section explores elements of collective biography, linking these to the formation of historical networks. A concluding essay by Barbara Caine offers a critical appraisal of the study of historians' biographies and autobiographies to date, and maps out likely new directions for future work.

Patricia Grimshaw, of the University of Melbourne, writes, "*Clio's Lives* is a very good scholarly collection that advances the study of autobiography and biography within the writing of history itself, taking theoretical questions in significant new directions. The contributors are well known and highly respected in the history profession and write with an insight and intellectual energy that will ensure the book has considerable impact. They examine cutting-edge issues about the writing of history at the personal level through autobiography and biography in diverse and innovative ways. Together the writers have provided reflective chapters that will be widely read for their impressive theoretical advances as well as being inspirational for new entrants to the disciplinary area."

Eric Richards, of Flinders University, writes, "*Clio's Lives* brings together a most interesting and varied cast of contributors. Its chapters contain sophisticated and well-penned ruminations on the uses of biography and autobiography among historians. These are clearly connected with the general themes of the volume. This delightfully mixed bag makes very good reading and, as well, will serve as a substantial contribution to the study of the biography and autobiography."

### ***War and Other Means: Power and violence in Houaïlou (New Caledonia)***

by: [Michel Naepels](#)

**ISBN (print – rrp: \$50.00):** 9781760461539 **ISBN (online - free):** 9781760461546

ANU Press DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/WOM.10.2017>

*War and Other Means* describes and analyses the practices of war, the 'objects of war' and the conventions of the use of violence in Houaïlou, New Caledonia. It focuses on the colonial repression conducted in 1856 and after, the anti-sorcerer hunt in 1955, the independence mobilisation in the 1980s and the village feuds in the 2000s. Through this archaeology of violence, it reports on the practical inventiveness, intelligence and cunning of the Kanaks involved in social, often violent, conflicts. The use of archival material and recourse to the oral stories gathered from the inhabitants of Houaïlou restores the depth of these historical moments and the nested contexts of the political action that unfolded; it also questions the value and limits of fieldwork investigation.

These episodes are moments of change in the social, administrative, land and political organisation of New Caledonia; they make it possible to understand, from France's takeover to the present day, the real modalities of implementation of colonial and postcolonial governmentality. The attention given to the invention, the importation or the adaptation of repressive techniques, closely linked to the French experience in Algeria, opens up a geopolitics of colonisation. Through this detailed description of the social logics of conflict, Michel Naepels also invites us to reflect on the place of European fantasies on violence and on the representations of otherness.

For the French edition, *Conjurer la guerre. Violence et pouvoir à Houaïlou (Nouvelle-Calédonie)*, published by Éditions de l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales, visit [editions.ehess.fr/ouvrages/ouvrage/conjurer-la-guerre](http://editions.ehess.fr/ouvrages/ouvrage/conjurer-la-guerre)

### ***Exploring the Earth under the Sea: Australian and New Zealand achievements in the first phase of IODP Scientific Ocean Drilling***

Edited by: Neville Exon

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ANU Press - DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/EEUS.10.2017>

*Exploring the Earth under the Sea* brings to life the world's largest and longest-lived geological research program, which has been drilling over many decades at many locations deep below the ocean floor to recover continuous cores of sediment and rock. Study of these materials has helped us understand how the Earth works now, how it has worked in the past and how it may work in the future. The cores are a wonderful source of information on the dynamic processes that form and reform the Earth, both beneath the ocean and on land. The results have revealed climate and oceanographic change on different time frames, the history of life in the sea and on land including global mass extinctions, the extraordinary story of the great masses of 'extremophile' microbes that live beneath the sea bed, the nature of the giant earthquakes and tsunami generated at the trenches where tectonic plates collide, and the nature of submarine volcanoes and metalliferous deposits.

This book outlines the technology and enduring international partnerships that underlie the scientific ocean drilling accomplished by the first phase of IODP, currently involving 23 countries. It highlights the important role of Australian and New Zealand scientists in the program, and the great scientific benefits we have derived from our partnership since joining IODP in 2008. As well as the scientific summaries, there are personal accounts by shipboard scientists of how they found life at sea on two-month expeditions, working 12-hour shifts on a noisy drill ship.

### ***Large-scale Mines and Local-level Politics: Between New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea***

Edited by: [Colin Filer](#) | and [Pierre-Yves Le Meur](#)

ISBN (print – rrp: \$60.00): 9781760461492 ISBN (online - free): 9781760461508

Notes: Asia-Pacific Environment Monograph 12 Series [Asia-Pacific Environment Monographs](#)

ANU Press DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.22459/LMLP.10.2017>

Despite the difference in their populations and political status, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea have comparable levels of economic dependence on the extraction and export of mineral resources. For this reason, the costs and benefits of large-scale mining projects for indigenous communities have been a major political issue in both jurisdictions, and one that has come to be negotiated through multiple channels at different levels of political organisation. The 'resource boom' that took place in the early years of the current century has only served to intensify the political contests and conflicts that surround the distribution of social, economic and environmental costs and benefits between community members and other 'stakeholders' in the large-scale mining industry. However, the mutual isolation of Anglophone and Francophone scholars has formed a barrier to systematic comparison of the relationship between large-scale mines and local-level politics in Papua New Guinea and



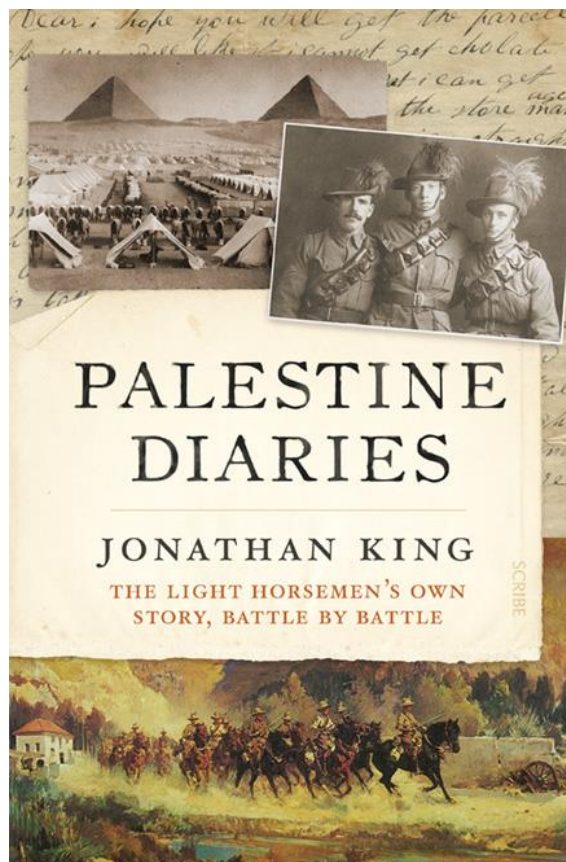
New Caledonia, despite their geographical proximity. This collection of essays represents an effort to overcome this barrier, but is also intended as a major contribution to the growth of academic and political debate about the social impact of the large-scale mining industry in Melanesia and beyond.

### ***Palestine Diaries: The Light Horsemen's Own Story, Battle by Battle***

By Jonathan King

ISBN: 9781925322668 – rrp \$39.99 pbk

Published by Scribe; EBook: Available



*'In the history of the world there never was a greater victory than that which was achieved in Palestine.'* — Prime Minister Billy Hughes addressing the Australian Parliament in 1919.

Culminating with the cavalry charge at Beersheba on 31 October 1917, *Palestine Diaries* is the story of Australia's Light Horsemen of World War I, told in their own brutally honest words — day by day, battle after bloody battle. One hundred years after that now-legendary battle — widely considered the last great cavalry charge — Dr. Jonathan King argues that the breathtaking achievement of the 4th Light Horse Brigade should become the cornerstone of our national identity.

The soldiers in these pages were the first to achieve incredible victories for their new nation — ahead of the Western Front, and unlike the defeats of Gallipoli. These young Australians helped demolish the centuries-old Ottoman Empire by driving the Turks from the strategic

Suez Canal across the Sinai, and up through Palestine, Jordan, and Syria to be first into the enemy stronghold of Damascus — a victory that would not only change the course of the war, but would also plant the seeds of the modern Middle Eastern conflicts. Published together here, many for the first time, are the diaries, letters, and photos of those brave young men, whose service and sacrifice helped shape a nation.

Jonathan King is an award-winning historian who has been producing books and films about World War I since 1994. He leads battlefield tours to Gallipoli and the Western Front, and is a regular media commentator. After lecturing at The University of Melbourne for many years, he has written more than 30 books and produced 20 documentaries.

For more information, contact Scribe Publications Pty Ltd Telephone +61 3 9388 8780

## Remembering Verity Fitzhardinge

Australian Scholarly Publishing is launching two books at University House on November 25 under the event heading of “Remembering Verity Fitzhardinge”. The titles are:

- *Verity: A Remarkable Woman's Journey* – a biography by Robert Leane, which will be launched by Chrissy Grishin (the artist GW Bot), and
- *A Nice Quiet Tourist: Letters from a Journey to Afghanistan, 1966* – Verity's fascinating account in letters home of a research trip to Afghanistan and surrounding countries, prepared for publication by Geoffrey Fitzhardinge. It will be launched by Professor Amin Saikal, Director of the ANU's Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies

Many in Canberra and beyond will have warm recollections of Verity as bookseller (she established the Verity Hewitt bookshop in 1938), as a teacher (one pupil was Gough Whitlam), as a farmer (she ran the family orchard and then cattle stud), activist and as an adventurous historian.

Not so well known is that she was a prolific and talented writer. *A Nice Quiet Tourist* is her account of six memorable months in 1966. Letters and diaries from her youth to old age were the chief sources for *Verity* – the story of, as one admirer put it with considerable understatement on her death in 1986, her “vigorous, interesting and kindly” life.

The launch is on **Saturday 25 November 2017 at 2.00 pm** at The Graduate Lounge, University House, ANU, 1 Balmain Cres Acton, ACT. For more information contact Australian Scholarly Publishing at [aspic@ozemail.com.au](mailto:aspic@ozemail.com.au)

## [Have your say](#)

### Electoral boundaries in the ACT

The Australian Electoral Commission has invited members of the public to submit written suggestions about the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in the ACT by November 24.

The Chair of the Redistribution Committee for the ACT (the Committee) and Australian Electoral Commissioner, Tom Rogers, said recent population and enrolment growth in areas of the ACT would see significant changes to existing boundaries.

“The increase in the ACT's entitlement from two to three members of parliament means there will be significant boundary changes to ensure all divisions meet strict numerical criteria,” Mr Rogers said. “In addition to numerical requirements, the Committee will consider communities of interest, means of travel and physical features of proposed divisions.”

Suggestions may refer to the names of electoral divisions, their geographical boundaries or a combination of both these elements.

### Submitting a suggestion

- **Online:** [www.aec.gov.au/act-redistribution](http://www.aec.gov.au/act-redistribution)
- **Email:** [FedRedistribution-ACT@aec.gov.au](mailto:FedRedistribution-ACT@aec.gov.au)
- **In person:** Redistribution Committee for the ACT, Australian Electoral Commission, 50 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra
- **Mail:** Redistribution Committee for the ACT, Australian Electoral Commission, Locked Bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601
- **Fax:** 02 6293 7660

Suggestions must be received by the Committee by **6pm AEDT Friday 24 November**

The Committee will continue its consultation process by making all suggestions received available for public inspection from Monday 27 November. The public will then have until 6pm AEDT on Friday 8 December 2017 to lodge written comments on suggestions.

- [Further information about the redistribution process](#)
- [Guidance on making submissions](#)

### Federal MPs talk e-petitions with ACT Assembly

What works, what doesn't and what's different between the Federal and ACT jurisdictions, were on the agenda when the federal parliament's Petitions Committee met with representatives from the ACT Legislative Assembly, last month.

The Chair of the Committee, Member for Robertson, Ms Lucy Wicks MP, said that learning from other jurisdictions and community groups is an important part of the improvement process. "Since our e-petitioning system was launched at the beginning of this Parliament, we have been able to make petitioning more and more accessible, but there are still areas in which we can improve," she said. "Giving people the opportunity to put their voice to Parliament is an important part of democracy, and we want to be able to eliminate any barrier to this. Hearing about what certain community groups need, and what other Parliaments have done to make their process easier, will inform the Committee about what we can do moving forward."

The Committee also has an online survey to capture the views of e-petition system users. The survey can be accessed via the inquiry webpage: [www.aph.gov.au/epetitionsinquiry](http://www.aph.gov.au/epetitionsinquiry)  
For background: Standing Committee on Petitions 02 6277 2152 or email [petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au)

### Supporting scientific cooperation and the IMF

Three science agreements that will enhance opportunities for scientific cooperation and Australian innovation have been supported by federal parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#). Report 174, tabled in the Parliament last month recommends support for arrangements to increase Australia's scientific cooperation with the USA, New Zealand and Israel.

The committee has also supported behind the renewal of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) arrangements to borrow from Australia. The IMF relies on arrangements to

temporarily borrow funds from some of its members to top up its resources. Australia has been one of those members since 1997.

For more information call: Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on 02 6277 4002 or email [jsct@aph.gov.au](mailto:jsct@aph.gov.au)

### Australia's Antarctic science program

The future development of Australia's Antarctic science program was the focus of a public hearing of a parliamentary inquiry considering Australia's Antarctic Territory last month.

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories heard from a range of organisations and Australian Government agencies including the Australian Academy of Science, Geoscience Australia, and the Bureau of Meteorology. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority also provided the Committee with an opportunity to better understand search and rescue activities and the prevention of shipping incidents and pollution in the Southern Ocean and Antarctic region.

Further information, including submissions made to the inquiry, and the details of upcoming public hearings may be found on the Committee's website. **For background:** Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories on (02) 6277 4355 or email [jscncet@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscncet@aph.gov.au)

### Simple governance to address city complexity

Australian cities need Metropolitan Planning Authorities to drive strategic land-use planning and the development of transformative transport infrastructure, according to the Bus Industry Confederation.

The Confederation advocated the introduction of Metropolitan Planning Authorities when it appeared before the [Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities](#) at a public hearing for an inquiry into the development of cities in Canberra last month.

Committee Chair, [Mr John Alexander OAM MP](#), said the Committee has been grappling with how best to align Australia's three levels of government to drive the development of more productive, environmentally and socially sustainable cities.

"Australian cities are becoming more and more complex. Many of the concerns we have about our cities, such as traffic congestion, social exclusion and high carbon emissions cannot be effectively addressed without an integrated, system-wide response," he said. "We need to identify the best way of aligning federal, state and local governments, and the different public service entities at each level of government, to pursue shared objectives for our cities."

Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#). For background: House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities on (02) 6277 2352 or email [itc.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:itc.reps@aph.gov.au) or visit the [website](#).

## **Matters of possible interest – access website or paste in browser**

### **Australians pursuing higher education in record numbers**

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mediareleasesbyReleaseDate/1533FE5A8541D66CCA2581BF00362D1D?OpenDocument>

Australians are pursuing higher education in record numbers. The 2016 Census of Population and Housing has recorded that Australians are upskilling.

### **Consultation on Whistleblowers Bill 2017**

<http://kmo.ministers.treasury.gov.au/media-release/103-2017/>

The Minister for Revenue and Financial Services, Kelly O'Dwyer MP, has released for public consultation exposure draft legislation – the Treasury Laws Amendment (Whistleblowers) Bill 2017.

### **Future Direction of Gene Technology Reviews**

<http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/joyce/Pages/Media-Releases/gene-technology-reviews.aspx>

There will be more certainty around the regulation of new technologies through an interim measure to provide clarity to industry and the public on which techniques are considered gene technology in Australia.

### **Award recipients to present Distinguished Lectures**

<http://www.ansto.gov.au/AboutANSTO/MediaCentre/News/ACS167603>

Nuclear Science and Technology award recipients Dr Richard Garrett and Dr Nigel Lengkeek with Dr Tien Pham will deliver a Distinguished Lecture on 15 November at ANSTO.

### **Comment sought on Reef coastal ecosystems position statement - GBRMPA**

<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/media-room/latest-news/coastal-ecosystems/2017/comment-sought-on-reef-coastal-ecosystems-position-statement>

Maintaining and restoring coastal ecosystems near the Great Barrier Reef is vital to the Reef's health and resilience, according to a position statement released for public comment by November 24.

### **New Medicare supported treatments listings**

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2017-hunt113.htm>

Thousands of Australian patients and their families will be able to access new Medicare supported treatments for breast and ovarian cancer, heart disease, epilepsy, stroke, lymphoma and liver tumours.



## Diary Dates

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**November 15** Lecture 4pm Emeritus Professor Patrick De Deckker - "The 1897-99 *Belgica* expedition that first overwintered in Antarctic waters - A tale of extraordinary scientific achievements and of human endurance

**December 6 Collegiate** Lunch and Annual discussion of the Nobels/IgNobels/Breakthroughs Prizes

**December 7** Poet's Lunch. 12.30 - c.4pm. Molony Room. There is no charge. Bring food and wine to share. We publish a book of the poems which is available at the lunch (one free copy to those attending, \$5 for additional copies). Please let us know if you are coming ([dwalker@netspeed.com.au](mailto:dwalker@netspeed.com.au)) so we can make sure we have enough books.

**December 13** AGM

## Meet the author

**Tuesday, November 14** at 6 p.m. Copland Lecture Theatre ANU. In an ANU/*Canberra Times* "Meet the Author" event, Walkley award winner Chris Masters in conversation with former Chief of Army Peter Leahy, on Chris's new book, *No Front Line. Australian Special Forces at War in Afghanistan*. Vote of thanks by Karen Middleton. Free event. Bookings at [anu.edu.au/events](http://anu.edu.au/events) or 6125 4144.

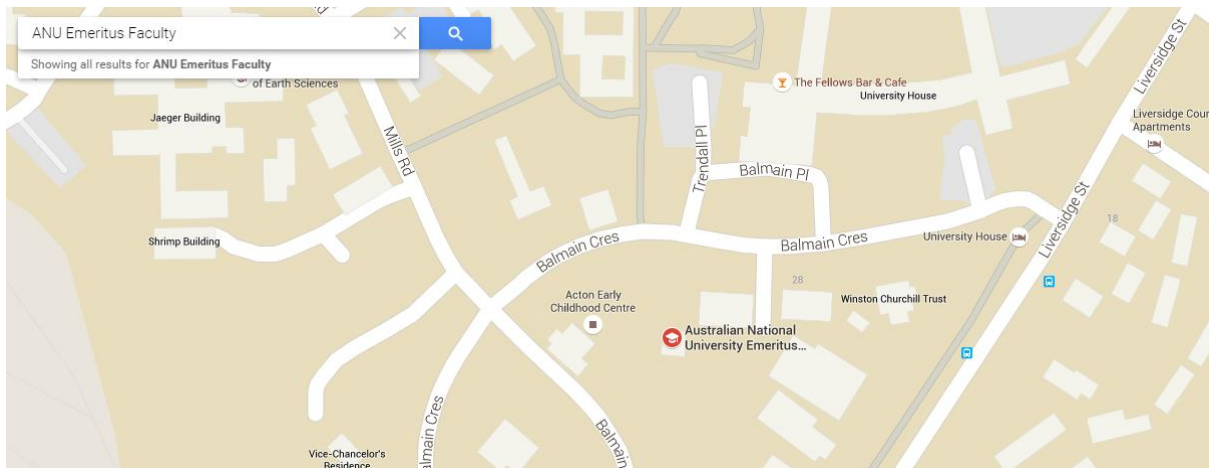
Tuesday, 28 November, 6.15pm pre-drinks and canapes, followed by dinner at 7.00pm. The Hall, University House. "Meet the Chef" dinner with Australian television celebrity chef Poh Ling Yeow, in conversation with Alex Sloan about Poh's new book *Poh Bakes 100 Greats*. \$85 per person for three course dinner and drinks. Bookings at University House, 6125 5211 or [unihouse.anu.edu.au](http://unihouse.anu.edu.au). Book signings before and after the dinner.

## **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>

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### Arrangements for ANUEF room bookings

Requests for booking the Molony Room should be addressed to Secretary of the ANU Emeritus Faculty Jan O'Connor at [jantancress@gmail.com](mailto:jantancress@gmail.com) or Tel: 6247 3341

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