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Susan Ryan: Alumna of the Year

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR has been awarded to the Hon. Susan Ryan AO, for her extraordinary contributions to the causes of equality and human rights in Australia. Vice-Chancellor Brian Schmidt AC said, "Susan was the first woman to hold a cabinet post in a federal Labor government when she was appointed Minister for Education and Youth Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Status of Women in 1983, and her contribution to the advancement of gender equity legislation is formidable."

"**Professor Megan Davies**, one of Australia's most acclaimed lawyers and a member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, was named Indigenous Alumna of the Year, and gave us a memorable and powerful insight into the Uluru Declaration, and a look at the document itself! Our International Alumnus of the Year is **Andrew Harper AM**, who has worked for nearly three decades to help refugees around the world with the UN and in diplomatic postings."

"Our Young Alumnus of the year is **Omar Musa**, whose creativity in writing, poetry and music has shone a light on the ways racism and misogyny affect marginalised communities, while our Student Volunteers of the Year have also managed to do extraordinary things early in their lives. **Dr Francesca Maclean**, our postgraduate winner, is a strong advocate for women in STEM and co-founded Fifty50 to support equity in STEM, while **Jackson Bursill**, our undergraduate winner, has used his elite cross-country skiing talents to raise funds for people in need around the world, from earthquake victims in Nepal to members of the Rohingya Muslim community in Myanmar and asylum seekers in Australia."

"Congratulations to each of these worthy winners - your talents and passion are an example to us all. You can read in more detail about all the 2018 Alumni Award recipients [here](#)."

"I have also welcomed the Aboriginal Affairs NSW Research Agenda to campus. This seminar brought leading academics, policymakers and community leaders together to discuss how research can support Indigenous communities through future policy initiatives. It was a privilege to join this important conversation and to showcase ANU as a centre of Indigenous research, expertise and learning. We have made a firm commitment in our [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) that ANU will become the destination of choice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander intellectual leaders to undertake research and to contribute to policy making - and seminars such as this are a step in the right direction."

"I also remind everyone that the part of [University Avenue](#) between the Pop-Up Village and the Copland Courtyard closed in late April and will not re-open until the Kambri precinct is completed in 2019. I acknowledge the serious inconvenience this will cause, and I am sorry for it. Using Kingsley Place nearby should only add a few minutes to your walk between classes but make sure you check the signposts and the project [website](#) for updates. This work is essential to create a spectacular gateway into the new precinct but I apologise in advance for the noise and construction impact around this central hub. However, the result will be worth it."

"If you have any questions, don't forget to send me an email at vc.messages@anu.edu.au or watch my monthly video blog."

Stargazers and volunteers wanted

THE ABC AND THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, are calling on all Australians to help smash the Guinness World Records title for the most people in one country stargazing at the same time. This live national event will take place during **Stargazing Live** on Wednesday, 23 May.

To smash the record for *Most people stargazing multiple venues*, the ABC and ANU hope to have over 30,000 people across multiple sites simultaneously observing an object in the night sky through a telescope for the same 10-minute period. The current Guinness World Records title, set in 2015 by the ANU, is 7,960 people across 37 locations.

To be involved in this momentous event, the ABC and the ANU are inviting schools, astronomy societies, community groups, and all budding galactic explorers across Australia to either host their own star party or attend one of the parties organised by the ABC in Brisbane or Melbourne, or those organised by community groups around the country in both metro and regional locations.

This Guinness World Records attempt is just one of the many highlights during *Stargazing Live* hosted by physicist Professor Brian Cox and Julia Zemiro,

Broadcast over three nights from the ANU's Siding Spring Observatory (SSO) in New South Wales, the series will air live around the country on the **ABC and ABC iview at 8.00pm AEST, 7.30pm ACST, and 6pm AWST on 22, 23 and 24 May 2018.**

Stargazing Live will also be streamed live on the ABC TV YouTube channel and Facebook page.

More information on the event, including Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/events/stargazing-world-record-attempt-anu-canberra-star-party>

To register interest in hosting or attending a star party, visit www.abc.net.au/stargazing or email starparty@abc.net.au

Can you help on the night?

In order for this attempt to take place, ANU will need two groups of volunteers to assist with the running of the event at the University's Acton campus. Volunteers are needed for various activities which include:

- help record the registrations of participants
- hand out telescopes to registered participants
- assist with the management of parking; and
- direct large numbers of people to the world record event area.

ANU staff and students are welcome to do this

Official counter-volunteers - non-ANU affiliated people only

To ensure the attempt is recorded to the Guinness World Record standard, ANU also needs volunteers to help count the number of participants involved on the night.

There are rules around who can be an official counter but essentially a counter **cannot** be someone who is on payroll at ANU or is enrolled to study at the University. Please note that Alumni **ARE** allowed to be included as official counters. Relatives of students and staff, and their friends who are not enrolled or working at ANU ARE also allowed to be official counters.

Library memories

THE INUNDATION OF THE CHIFLEY LIBRARY has prompted memories of the role the library has played in the lives of those on campus. Here **Stephen Holt** expresses his thoughts, published in *The Australian*:

At the end of February, storm waters inundated areas in the inner northern suburbs of Canberra. The Australian National University's Chifley Library was one of the affected buildings. The flooding ruined what was supposed to be the Chifley Library's golden jubilee year. The ANU's main undergraduate library was completed as a building in 1968. Coincidentally, this also was the year I began life as an ANU undergraduate.

In 1968 I was fated to end up as an inveterate library user. A youthful devourer of the work of ancient Greek historians and American news magazines, I yearned to devote my time as a student to reading about politics and history. Carousing at the union bar or engaging in anti-war activism had no appeal.

Another consideration was that the people then employed at the ANU to give lectures and conduct tutorials were, it seemed to me back then, a mixed bunch. Katharine West, author of *Power in the Liberal Party*, was excellent but too many of her colleagues came across as superficial or disorganised. In this quite normal situation a student needed to be self-reliant. You had to teach yourself. I proceeded to do this by disappearing into the ANU library system. Happily, the ANU had serviceable library resources.

Keen students of, say, history and political science could borrow or at least consult books and journals at the Menzies Library, which was designed for research students, and at the undergraduate library, which was rebadged as the Chifley Library in 1970.

Some of the books encountered in these two buildings still refresh my mind.

Chalmers Johnson's account of revolutionary China was unforgettable. He analysed the origins of the united front strategy, which is still upheld by the communist rulers of China as Sam Dastyari can attest. Christopher Hill and other

students of Puritanism in colonial America and England revealed that eccentric Christian believers had been the truest friends of the modern notion of a secular polity.

In 1971, for my honours year thesis, I examined the first serious modern attempt, in 1780, to implement economic reform through political action. This involved reading yellowing copies of Hansard and the published correspondence of Edmund Burke.

Any knowledge that I have concerning my own country's political history was never acquired by attending academic lectures. (I refused to study Australian history as an undergraduate.) It was only as an alumnus, and in possession of a lifelong borrower's ticket, that I read books and articles from the ANU by or about Donald Horne, Manning Clark and Eleanor Dark.

Of late the value of a lifelong borrower's ticket has diminished. The ANU library system, in line with the times, has modified its practices. The provision of online information has supplanted, as a priority, the former focus on books and bound journals. Physical space has been opened up to enable young people to keep across the latest digitised emanations from cyberspace. Hard-copy stuff gets housed in remote repositories and basements.

Such was the arrangement at the ANU that came badly unstuck on February 25 when soaking rain caused a local creek to burst its banks and inundate buildings on the ANU campus, including the basement of the Chifley Library.

Thousands of monographs in basement Compactus storage, covering the disciplines of history, politics, philosophy and anthropology, were swamped. Microfiche, microfilm and parliamentary and other official publications suffered the same fate. It is not known how much of this lost material can ever be replaced. The shock is immense. This is no way to celebrate a 50th anniversary.

[If you have questions or comments about this piece, Stephen Holt can be reached at sjholt@fastmail.fm]

Thank you from the VC

AT AN EVENT TO THANK STAFF AND STUDENTS who went "above and beyond" during the February flooding, Vice-Chancellor Professor Brian Schmidt AC said, "From the terrific staff at Toad Hall - who battled the water during the flood and power outages in the days after - to our gardeners, IT staff, electricians and plumbers; from our lecturers and technicians to our librarians and security officers, I wanted to say a huge thank you. Many colleagues around the University have been working tirelessly to bring essential services back online, minimise disruptions and push on with the clean-up, and it is right that these efforts are warmly acknowledged."

Ideas wanted

THE ANU MASTER PLAN TEAM are trying to anticipate how to make the ANU campus an inviting, accessible and useable home for the community that will be here in the years (and decades) to come. Your ideas on what works and doesn't work on the campus right now, and how we can best plan our campus for the future, are important in us getting this right. "I am putting out the challenge to create a Master Plan that integrates the environment, transport, digital technologies and urbanisation. You can look at the [interactive map](#), or visit the Master Plan Hub drop-in sessions to share your views on this [project](#)," the Vice-Chancellor said.

Giving and accepting help when you need it

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S online incident and hazard reporting tool, [Figtree](#), became effective on April 3. Safety on campus is of utmost importance and is everyone's responsibility. Everybody can do their part to contribute to a safe and healthy University environment for staff, students and visitors.

Laura Burton, Senior Project Officer – Injury Prevention Work Environment Group, explains, "Any staff member, student (undergraduate or HDR) with a HORUS log in can access Figtree.

"For non-staff visitors/retired academics, we ask that they complete an [incident notification form](#) and email it to WHSincidents@anu.edu.au to be actioned in Figtree. Alternatively, we're happy to take details of safety incidents via phone: 02 6125 2193."

Why should you use Figtree? People who have been involved in an accident or have identified a hazard on campus are strongly encouraged to report it through Figtree. Reporting is an online user-friendly process and will ensure that all information about the incident is provided, particularly in situations that need to be notified to regulatory bodies. This also ensures that accurate reporting can be provided to assist in hazard identification and system improvements.

What is an incident/event? An incident/event is an occurrence that could have or did result in harm to a person, the environment or property damage.

What is a hazard? A hazard is a source or a situation with a potential for harm in terms of human injury or ill-health, damage to property, damage to the environment, or a combination of these.

What is a near miss? A near miss is an incident where no one was injured.

Some further information on Figtree can be found here: <https://services.anu.edu.au/information-technology/software-systems/figtree-workplace-safety-incident-hazard-reporting-tool>.

Emergencies: If you require **immediate assistance** following an incident contact emergency services on 000 and/or ANU Security on 6125 2249. For personal, non-University related incidents, please contact the ANU Health Services on 6125 3598 or the Counselling Centre on 6125 2442.

Australia an ‘international education powerhouse’

NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FIGURES confirm there are now 509,610 international students in Australia at universities, private colleges, English language courses and schools, according to a Universities Australia statement.

It states, “International student enrolments in higher education institutions rose by 16 per cent in 2018 — above the overall increase across the education sector of 13 per cent. The data also highlights the diversity of countries with growing numbers of enrolments — including Nepal (54 per cent), Colombia (29 per cent), Brazil (27 per cent), India (17 per cent) and China (16 per cent).”

Universities Australia’s Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said the record number of international students choosing to study in Australia is important for our future ties to the world — as well as to our national income.

“Australia has become a powerhouse in international education and quality has been the foundation of that success,” Ms Robinson said. “We have almost doubled enrolments over the past decade and built international education into Australia’s third largest export sector. This supports Australian communities, jobs, regional economies, and our international relationships and standing.

“These half a million international students will become tomorrow’s global leaders — returning home as informal ambassadors for Australia and extending our nation’s worldwide networks in business, diplomacy and politics. Maintaining the quality of our higher education system and continuing to invest in that quality will be important to continue this strong record of growth.”

Benefits from university study - even for non-graduates

STUDENTS WHO DON’T COMPLETE THEIR DEGREES still benefit from their university study — and overall student attrition rates remain stable, according to a new report from the Grattan Institute.

The results accord with a 15-nation study of OECD data published last year, which found students who had not completed a university degree still enjoyed a strong advantage in the jobs market.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Belinda Robinson said the share of students leaving university without completing a degree is around where it was a decade ago — despite the expansion of university access to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“That’s a real achievement given there are more students at Australian universities than ever before,” she said. “The reasons why some students do not complete their degrees are complex and often beyond the control of those students and their universities. It can include everything from sudden ill health and financial difficulties through to the challenge of juggling work, study and family life.

“It wouldn’t be fair or sensible to force students facing major stresses outside of university to stay enrolled no matter if that takes a toll on them or their families in those sorts of situations. Australian universities work hard to help students choose the right course in the first place and to access support to complete their degree when life gets in the way. Even when students don’t complete their degree, they see clear benefits from their studies — including expanded networks, more defined career goals and even employment.”

According to the report, three in five students with an incomplete degree surveyed for the report believed their course had still taught them useful skills.

ANUEF 2018 Projects Symposium - second call for presentations

This is the second call for presentations in this year’s Projects Symposium (formerly “Research in Retirement”), which will be on Wednesday, June 6. Speakers should aim to talk for about half an hour, with a few minutes for comments and questions. We usually have about eight presentations, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm. Please respond directly to Ian Keen’s email: ian.Keen@anu.edu.au

Deputy becomes Universities Australia's CEO

UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA'S CURRENT DEPUTY CEO, **Catriona Jackson**, has been appointed chief executive, taking over from Belinda Robinson who has reached the end of her term. Ms Jackson, who has been number two at the university peak body for the past two years, is a former CEO of Science and Technology Australia, a former journalist and a former media advisor to Labor's Kim Carr when he was Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Minister. She is also a former communications director at the Australian National University.

She led Universities Australia's policy team as Deputy Chief Executive and has acted as Chief Executive on many occasions, including giving evidence to Parliamentary inquiries and briefing key decision-makers.

She is Chair of the Advisory Board for the ARC Centre of Excellence for Nanoscale Biophotonics, a founding member of the peak body for not-for-profit science groups, the Science Sector Group (SSG), and co-founded the National Research Alliance with the Australian Academy of Science.

Universities Australia chair Margaret Gardner hailed Ms Jackson's appointment to lead the university representative group. "Catriona has proven herself a skilled and principled advocate both as deputy chief executive at Universities Australia and over many years in many other important leadership roles in public policy," Professor Gardner said.

She also paid tribute to Ms Robinson for her service. The sector was deeply grateful to Ms Robinson for her energetic leadership and the breadth of achievements during her time as CEO, Professor Gardner said.\

Colin Steele adds that Ms Jackson also wrote restaurant reviews for *The Canberra Times*.

Australian Research Council has new executive director

Dr Robert Mun has joined the Australian Research Council (ARC) as the council's new Executive Director for Engineering and Information Sciences.

In congratulating Dr Mun, ARC Chief Executive Officer, Professor Sue Thomas, said, "Dr Mun has a strong technical background in chemical engineering as a researcher, and building on that, has an extensive career that will bring a wealth of skills and experience from his broad roles in government.

"Dr Mun's experience has included being Scientific Advisor to the Royal Australian Navy and to the Defence Materiel Organisation in high-level and broad roles, as a subject expert advising on high-consequence research. His skills and experience also include managing the Department of Defence's Capability and Technology Demonstrator Program, a grant program for applied research related to innovations in Defence technology."

Professor Thomas said that Dr Mun will join a respected team of executive directors -academics drawn from the higher education and research sectors - at the ARC who provide expert advice and guidance across the ARC's core functions and discipline areas.

CSIRO receives Boeing award for second year running

GLOBAL AEROSPACE GIANT BOEING has named CSIRO as technology supplier of the year for 2017. It is the second consecutive year that Australia's national science agency has picked up the top award, building on the recognition it received as Boeing's academia supplier of the year in 2010.

Selected from a field of more than 13,000 suppliers from 50 countries, CSIRO was one of 13 organisations - and the only one from Australia - to be recognised this year.

Delivering technology innovations that "were instrumental to Boeing worker safety", helped advance production efficiency and "delivered Boeing's competitive advantage in the avionics business" was among some of the reasons for CSIRO retaining the Technology Award it won in 2016.

The Boeing relationship is one of CSIRO's most enduring and productive. Since 1989 the organisations have invested in projects that take in everything from software to safety systems, cyber security to space science, production efficiency to advanced materials. In January 2018 the two parties announced an agreement to perform joint research and development in space technologies, signalling a new phase in the partnership. This was followed by the recent announcement that CSIRO and Boeing's respective investment funds were backing Australian nanosatellite communications start-up, Myriota.

Last year the two organisations signed a new \$35-million five-year deal to work together on a broad range of areas of mutual interest including space sciences, advanced materials and manufacturing.

New standard terms of copyright from 1 January 2019

ON 1 JANUARY 2019, changes to Australia's copyright duration laws will come into effect. Amendments to the *Copyright Act 1968* will apply new standard terms of copyright protection in Australia to a range of copyright materials. This includes literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works, sound recordings, films and Crown copyright materials.

These new standard terms will apply to:

- new copyright material created from 1 January, 2019
- existing copyright material that is not published or otherwise made public before 1 January 2019, and
- Crown (Government) copyright material.

It is important to note:

- If copyright in material has already expired by 1 January 2019, it will not be revived.
- For the first time in Australia, copyright terms will apply to materials that are not published (or otherwise made public).
- For some older unpublished materials, the new terms will have the effect that copyright in the material has expired by 1 January, 2019.
- When copyright expires, the material falls into the 'public domain' and may be freely used by anyone.

If you own copyright in an older, unpublished work, sound recording or film, you may wish to consider making your material public before 1 January 2019 to maintain copyright protection.

For more information access: <https://www.communications.gov.au/departamental-news/new-copyright-duration-changes-coming>

Obituary

LUISE HERCUS AM, FAHA

1926-2018

Luise Anna Schwarzschild was born 16 January, 1926, in Munich, Germany, to an artist father, Alfred, and a pianist mother, Theodora (née Luttner), the eldest of three sisters. The family's secure, middle-class existence was disturbed by the rise of Nazism, given her father's Jewish background and the political dissent of her mother's family. In 1938 the family fled to England, where Luise learned English and pursued her education during the trying war years. In 1943 she gained a scholarship to St Anne's College at Oxford University, where she achieved first-class honours in Romance languages, specialising in medieval French, and then held a lectureship in Romance languages for seven years. Meanwhile she extended her studies to Indic languages, Sanskrit and Middle Indo-Aryan Prakrit dialects, obtaining first-class honours in 1948.

In 1955 she met, at Oxford, the Australian CSIRO physicist Graham Hercus and followed him to Melbourne, where they married and where their son, Iain, was born in 1957. During the years 1955-1969 Luise taught Sanskrit unofficially at Melbourne University and Monash University. Meanwhile, about 1962, she began seeking out Aboriginal people in Victoria who remembered something of their language and documenting as much of their language as possible. After extensive travels all around the state (and adjacent areas of New South Wales), on a minimal budget, she produced her results in *The languages of Victoria: A late survey* (1969, revised 1986)—contradicting the popular view that the languages had completely disappeared. Luise's linguistic documentation extended from Victorian languages to Paakantyi along the Darling River in NSW; Nukunu, Wirangu, Adnyamathanha, Kuyani, and Arabana-Wangkangurru in South Australia; a few languages of south-western Queensland, and a bit in the Northern Territory.

From 1965-1969 the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies appointed her as a part-time research fellow attached to the Department of Anthropology, University of Adelaide, where T.G.H. Strehlow pursued Australian linguistics.

In 1969 she was appointed as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of South Asian and Buddhist Studies (later South and West Asia Centre) of the Faculty of Oriental Studies (later renamed Faculty of Asian Studies) at the Australian National University, to teach Sanskrit. For several years she commuted weekly from Melbourne, where Graham was employed, living and acting as Deputy Warden in Burton Hall during the week. In 1973 she was promoted to Reader, a position she held until her retirement at the end of 1991. In 1974, after the premature death of her husband, she moved to the Canberra region, purchasing a farm near Gundaroo, where she could indulge her well-known love of animals, in particular dogs and wombats.

Her career in Asian Studies at ANU involved not only teaching, research and supervision in Indic languages but many years of service as Deputy Dean and member of numerous committees. Her contribution to Asian Studies was recognised by the presentation in 1991 of a compilation (by Royce Wiles) of her articles on Indo-Aryan languages, published under her maiden name (L. A. Schwarzschild).

Luise's involvement in Aboriginal research continued throughout the period of her employment in Asian Studies. In 1976 the ANU awarded her a PhD on the basis of published work submitted as a thesis *Studies in Middle Indo-Iranian and Aboriginal languages*. On her retirement, from 1992 until 2018, she was attached as a Visiting Fellow in the Linguistics Department (later School of Language Studies, then School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics) of the Faculty of Arts (later College of Arts and Social Sciences), in the company of other scholars working on Australian languages.

She produced grammars and dictionaries for a number of languages. Her main research focus, however, came to be the languages and traditions of the Lake Eyre Basin. She devoted the bulk of her time in recent years, and up until the end of her life, to producing monograph-length accounts of Wangkangurru traditions - stories, song series, mythology, placename information, etc. - communicated to her by the remarkable knowledge-holder Mick Maclean Irinjili. This work required numerous fieldtrips to the

Simpson Desert area, and in the production of the results, collaboration with numerous scholars from various disciplines beyond linguistics (including ethnomusicology, anthropology, history, geography, etc.). Her research products typically include photos (of people and sites), maps, and texts in an Aboriginal language. Works describing songs further include musical notations (usually by Grace Koch) and some are accompanied by CD-ROMs that include recordings of the songs.

Luise's knowledge of the desert region, from the Aboriginal perspective, has been drawn upon (through consultancies as well as informally) by professionals interested in ecology, archaeology, Indigenous heritage, land rights and land management, education, government policy, as well as by members of Aboriginal communities who are eager to re-learn their heritage. She spent a great deal of her time in generously providing information from her vast store of knowledge. Her earlier documentation of languages is being used in language revitalisation programs by Aboriginal communities, many of whose members she maintained contact with and counted among her dear friends.

Luise has contributed to Aboriginal Studies in general through her membership, for most of the last 40 years, of the editorial board of the journal *Aboriginal History*, for which she served as reviews' editor until the end of 2017. She was a pioneer in publishing oral histories of Aboriginal people and an early advocate of documenting Indigenous placenames, on which she co-edited three volumes (e.g. <https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/aboriginal-history-monographs/aboriginal-placenames>).

She was always interested in and supportive of the work of younger scholars, and remained active in conferences, workshops, and research degree supervision. She was the focus of a Canberra-based network of scholars of Aboriginal studies who have met for weekly lunches since the 1990s. Luise's involvement with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) endured for most of its history, from the early 1960s, as a member of the institute and its Linguistics Advisory Committee, recipient of research grants, and especially as the depositor of one of the largest collections of audio recordings (over 1000 hours covering 56 language varieties).

Luise's research in the Aboriginal studies field has been characterised by interdisciplinarity, collaboration, and continuing engagement with source communities, which has made a huge and continuing impact on the recognition and preservation of traditional knowledge. Her work has been recognised by the following honours: election to the Australian Academy of the Humanities (1978), membership in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1995 ("for service to education and linguistics, particularly through the preservation of Aboriginal languages and culture"), award of a Centenary Medal (2003), presentation of a compilation of her articles on Indo-Aryan languages (1991) and of two volumes of essays by colleagues in Aboriginal studies, in 1990 and again in 2016 (<http://www.ejpublishing.org/book/language-land-and-song>).

Luise passed away 15 April after a brief illness. She is survived by her son, Iain, and daughter-in-law, Anne-Mari; a sister Dora in New Zealand, and eight nieces and nephews. She will be sorely missed as a colleague, friend, role model, and inspiration.

Harold Koch

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Double Disillusion: The 2016 Australian Federal Election

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This book provides a comprehensive analysis of the 2016 Australian federal election. Won by the Liberal–National Coalition by the slimmest of margins, the result created a climate of political uncertainty that threatened the government’s lower house majority. While the campaign might have lacked the theatre of previous elections, it provides significant insights into the contemporary political and policy challenges facing Australian democracy and society today.

In this, the 16th edited collection of Australian election studies, 41 contributors from a range of disciplines bring an unprecedented depth of expertise to the 2016 contest. The book covers the context, key battles and issues in the campaign, and reports and analyses the results in detail. It provides an evaluation of the role of political actors such as the parties, independents, the media, interest groups and GetUp! and examines election debate in the online space. Experts from a range of policy fields provide an analysis of election issues ranging from the economy and industrial relations to social policy, the environment, and gender and sexuality. Each of the chapters is written on the basis of indepth and original research, providing new insights into this important political event.

The Cabinet of Linguistic Curiosities: A yearbook of forgotten words

By Paul Anthony Jones

Published by Elliott and Thompson.

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Patrick West writes:

The Cabinet of Linguistic Curiosities by Paul Anthony Jones, a compendium of obscure and obsolete words, is designed to be read at a rate of one entry a day, with each word connected to the date under which it appears. For example, “pseudandry”, the use of a male pseudonym by a female writer, appears on November 22, the birth date of George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans). Elsewhere, “antime-table”, the repetition, in a transposed order, of words or phrases in successive clauses, comes on January 20, the date on which, in 1961, John F. Kennedy said: “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country”.

The most rewarding way to approach this book is to guess the meaning of the word before reading its definition. It is thus an ideal companion for etymology enthusiasts and aficionados of other languages, ancient or modern. Jones cites many words coined in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, when the fashion for taking or creating words from Latin was at its height. Examples include “supervivant” (a survivor), “transmural” (situated beyond a wall), “singultus” (hiccup) and “breviloquent” (pithy and succinct in speech). Elsewhere, from Ancient Greek, we have “epistolophobia” (the fear of receiving correspondence), “arctophile” (a collector of teddy bears) and “crapulence” (a feeling of sickness caused by overeating or drinking).

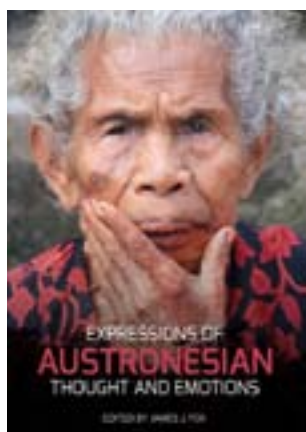
Italian readers will recognize “abbozzo”, meaning first draft, which was directly imported in the nineteenth century, and many will discern the French origins of “alamodic”, a seventeenth-century word meaning extremely fashionable. Spanish speakers will immediately detect that “cacafuego” signifies something unpleasant. It was a sixteenth-century term for a blustering braggart.

There is a lot of entertaining trivia here. Under “basiate” (to kiss) we learn that kissing was banned in England on July 16, 1439 to prevent the spread of plague. The Arctic is named not after the white bears that live there, but after the Great Bear constellation that is so prominent in the northern night sky. We also learn that cellophane and laundromat were once proprietary names (see “anepronym”, a trademarked name that has come to be used generically). Jones might have added “heroin” to

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that list. And there are legions of euphonic words that might also have deserved inclusion, such as “ingurgitate” (to swallow greedily), “rubiginous” (rust-coloured) or the now archaic “to ostentate”. That fricative, staccato verb resonates so much more forcefully than “to show off”.

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Expressions of Austronesian Thought and Emotions

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This collection of papers is the seventh volume in the Comparative Austronesian series. The papers in this volume focus on societies from Sumatra to Melanesia and examine the expression and patterning of Austronesian thought and emotions.

Focality and Extension in Kinship: Essays in Memory of Harold W. Scheffler

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When we think of kinship, we usually think of ties between people based upon blood or marriage. But we also have other ways—nowadays called ‘performative’—of establishing kinship, or hinting at kinship: many Christians have, in addition to parents, godparents; members of a trade union may refer to each other as ‘brother’ or ‘sister’. Similar performative ties are even more common among the so-called ‘tribal’ peoples that anthropologists have studied and, especially in recent

years, they have received considerable attention from scholars in this field. However, these scholars tend to argue that performative kinship in the Tribal World is semantically on a par with kinship established through procreation and marriage. Harold Scheffler, long-time Professor of Anthropology at Yale University, has argued, by contrast, that procreative ties are everywhere semantically central, i.e. focal, that they provide bases from which other kinship ties are extended. Most of the essays in this volume illustrate the validity of Scheffler’s position, though two contest it, and one exemplifies the soundness of a similarly universalistic stance in gender behaviour. This book will be of interest to everyone concerned with current controversy in kinship and gender studies, as well as those who would know what anthropologists have to say about human nature.

Australian Native Title Anthropology: Strategic practice, the law and the state

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The Australian Federal *Native Title Act 1993* marked a revolution in the recognition of the rights of Australia’s Indigenous peoples. The legislation established a means whereby Indigenous Australians could make application to the Federal Court for the recognition of their rights to traditional country. The fiction that Australia was terra nullius (or ‘void country’), which had prevailed since European settlement, was overturned. The ensuing legal cases, mediated resolutions and agreements made within the terms of the *Native Title Act* quickly proved the importance of having sound, scholarly and well-researched anthropology conducted with claimants so that the fundamentals of the claims made could be properly established. In turn, this meant that those opposing the claims would also benefit from anthropological expertise.

This is a book about the practical aspects of anthropology that are relevant to the exercise of the discipline within the native title context. The engagement of anthropology with legal process, determined by federal legislation, raises significant practical as well as ethical issues that are explored in this book. It will be of interest to all involved in the native title process, including

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anthropologists and other researchers, lawyers and judges, as well as those who manage the claim process. It will also be relevant to all who seek to explore the role of anthropology in relation to Indigenous rights, legislation and the state.

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tackle the challenges of writing environmental histories across different methodologies, nations, and time-scales. The journal embraces interdisciplinary, comparative and transnational methods, while still recognising the importance of locality in understanding these global processes.

The journal's goal is to be read across disciplines, not just within history. It publishes on all thematic and geographic topics of environmental history, but especially encourages articles with perspectives focused on or developed from the southern hemisphere and the 'global south'.

Titles on the way

Scribe Publications has issued its July–December 2018 catalogue which can be accessed at: <https://www.scribepublications.com.au/>

MATTERS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

– access website or paste in browser

Inquiry into the competitive neutrality of the national broadcasters

An expert panel is examining whether Australia's national broadcasters are operating in a manner consistent with the general principles of competitive neutrality.

<https://www.communications.gov.au/departamental-news/inquiry-competitive-neutrality-national-broadcasters>

New science and technology policy for national security

The Government has released its new national security science and technology policy agenda aimed at strengthening Australia's national security.

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/minister/christopher-pyne/media-releases/new-science-and-technology-policy-national-security>

A new cosmogenic source added to ANSTO's toolkit

ANSTO and the University of Wollongong are jointly operating a unique laboratory able to extract carbon-14 (radiocarbon) atoms from rock. The process is attracting global interest as a new tool to study past climate and landscape change.

<http://www.ansto.gov.au/AboutANSTO/MediaCentre/News/ACS179276>

International recognition for Victorian Wetlands

Glenelg Estuary and Discovery Bay have become Australia's 66th Wetland of International Importance under the internationally recognised Ramsar Convention.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/frydenberg/media-releases/mr20180423.html>

\$350m to kick start new large-scale solar projects

<https://www.cefc.com.au/media/files/350m-to-kick-start-new-large-scale-solar-projects/>

At least four, and as many as 10, new large-scale solar farms will be built across Australia with the help of \$350 million in new funding initiatives according to the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC).

DIARY DATES

ANUEF inquiries; to Craig Reynolds (creynolds697@gmail.com / Craig.Reynolds@anu.edu.au)
or ANU Events (02 6125 4144 / events@anu.edu.au)

Wednesday 16 May, 4 pm: Dr Borge Bakken, lecture on *Crime and the Chinese Dream*

Dr Bakken is the editor of *Crime and the Chinese Dream* (Columbia University Press.) Details about the book are available at <https://cup.columbia.edu/book/crime-and-the-chinese-dream/9789888208661>

Wednesday 6 June, 9.30am-3.30pm: Projects Symposium (formerly “Research in Retirement”).

For more information, contact Ian Keen ian.Keen@anu.edu.au

ANU/Canberra Times Meet the Author events

Wednesday 9 May: Jennifer Egan, Eat Drink and Be Literary dinner

University House

The author of *Manhattan Beach* will be in conversation with Sarah Kanowski. To be recorded live by ABC *Conversations*

Monday 14 May, 6pm: Paul Collins

Australian China in the World auditorium. Fellows Lane, ANU.

Paul Collins in conversation with Paul Bongiorno on Paul Collins’ new book, *Absolute Power*, a vital call for the revaluation and reimagination of papal power. Free event. Book signings before and after the event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144.

Thursday 31 May, 6pm: Jonathan Miller

Australian China in the World auditorium. Fellows Lane ANU.

Channel 4 News Asia correspondent Jonathan Miller will be talking about his new book, *Duterte Harry. Fire and Fury in the Philippines*, the first biography of President Duterte. Miller’s confrontational interview with Duterte in November 2016 has been viewed over 17 million times on YouTube. Free event. Book signings before and after the event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144.

Tuesday 5 June. 6pm: Sarah Ferguson

Coombs Lecture Theatre, ANU.

Award winning journalist, Sarah Ferguson will be in conversation with Virginia Haussegger on Sarah’s new book, *On Mother*, reflecting on the complex bonds shared between mothers and daughters. Free event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144.

Monday, 18 June, 6pm: Michael Mosley

Coombs Lecture Theatre, ANU.

Medical author and British television personality, Dr Michael Mosley, will be speaking about his new book, *The Clever Guts Diet*, and taking questions on his other books, including the popular 5:2 diet. Free event. Bookings at anu.edu.au/events or 6125 4144.

*** Please note the change of contact details for event inquiries at the top of the page. We thank Adrian Gibbs for all his work and welcome Craig Reynolds as the new point of contact.*

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FINDING THE MOLONY ROOM

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