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ANU publishes Statement of Academic Freedom

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S Academic Board has been actively addressing the issue of Academic Freedom, Professor Jacqueline Lo, Chair of the ANU's Academic Board, said in a recent statement when announcing a Statement of Academic Freedom.

She says, "This work has included engaging with external experts, benchmarking with domestic and international peers, the conduct of a whole of University survey to solicit opinion and insight, and of course, impassioned consultation and debate.

"I am very pleased to announce that the Board unanimously agreed to [a Statement of Academic Freedom](#) at its meeting on 3 July 2018. The ANU Academic Board Statement on Academic Freedom is now available online and I encourage all of you to read it. [Also printed below]

"Our statement builds upon the existing safeguards enshrined in our Code of Conduct, to explicitly recognise the centrality of Academic Freedom to the activities of ANU. Importantly, the statement is an affirmation of our values and a commitment to continue as the leading institution upholding Academic Freedom in Australia, and internationally.

"Over the coming months, members of the Academic Board and the University Executive will review our policy framework to ensure that there is a strong alignment between the Statement of Academic Freedom and existing policies. Our aim is to provide unambiguous guidance and support for staff, students and official visitors, alike.

"I would like to extend my thanks to the current and former members of the Academic Board, and all those across the University, who have supported this important endeavour."

Commenting on the publication of the Statement of Academic Freedom, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, said, "Over the last 12 months, under the leadership of Professor Jacqueline Lo, the Academic Board has produced a [Statement of Academic Freedom](#) which builds on our Code of Conduct, recognising academic freedom as a key pillar underpinning everything that we do. For us to continue to stand among the great universities of the world we must continue to protect academic freedom within the University to enable the pursuit of knowledge and the exploration of challenging and new ideas that are fundamental to our purpose. I thank Jacque and the Academic Board for their work in producing this statement."

The Australian National University Statement on Academic Freedom

"The establishment and maintenance of academic freedom is more important than the actual research and teaching done inside the walls of a university." - Sir Douglas Copland Inaugural Vice-Chancellor, Australian National University 1948 – 1952

Academic freedom is fundamental to the life of The Australian National University. Our founding values require us to advance and transmit knowledge by undertaking research, education and public engagement of the highest quality.

Members of ANU practise their academic work within the wider Australian community and enjoy the rights to free expression that are protected by the law within defined limits. Academic freedom is distinct from, but ultimately dependent on, this general freedom. Academic freedom is enjoyed by all members of ANU: staff, students and official visitors. It is exercised through activities relating to that membership centred on the three pillars of teaching, research and public engagement.

Academic freedom enables scholars within the University to pursue knowledge, speak and write without unreasonable restriction. This includes the right to comment on political matters including policies affecting higher education, and the actions of the University, on the basis of legitimate intellectual and professional criteria.

The Australian National University affirms its institutional right and responsibility, and the rights and responsibilities of its members, to free enquiry. The University will defend the right of our staff and students to exercise their academic freedom, provided it is done with rigour and evidence.

Commensurate with our commitment to global excellence, ANU will support the rights of academic freedom universally: we believe all scholars should be afforded these rights. The Australian National University will continue to defend the rights of its members to challenge the boundaries of the known. We are a community of robust debate, unafraid of uncomfortable ideas. This debate will be conducted in a manner consistent with our values, for the advancement of knowledge.

New members of ARC named

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of the Australian Research Council (ARC), Professor Sue Thomas, has announced the appointment of seven new members to reinvigorate the ARC Advisory Council.

As ARC CEO, Professor Sue Thomas is the Chair of the ARC Advisory Council, and the new members to commence in 2018 are:

- **Professor Deborah Terry AO**, Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University
- **Professor David Lloyd**, Vice-Chancellor, University of South Australia
- **Emeritus Professor Cindy Shannon**, Shannon Consulting
- **Professor Kevin Hall**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation), The University of Newcastle
- **Ms Lynley Marshall**, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Victoria
- **Professor Duncan Ivison**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), The University of Sydney
- **Mr Mark McKenzie**, Chair, Council of Small Business Australia

“It is important for the ARC to be informed by the views of suitably experienced individuals who can provide valuable insight into the issues faced by researchers in the higher education and research sector,” Professor Thomas said.

“Our new ARC Advisory Council members encompass strong backgrounds from academia and industry to ensure input from those sectors who can both partner with, and benefit from, ARC-funded research. Importantly, the collective expertise of the membership of the ARC Advisory Council also spans a broad cross-section of fields of research in which Australian researchers are active, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) disciplines.

“In keeping with the priorities of our *Gender Equality Action Plan 2018*, the ARC is also leading the sector by example, with the full ARC Advisory Council to have equal gender representation, comprising four women and four men.”

ARC Advisory Council members are appointed for up to three years and advise on strategic issues relating to the mission of the ARC, including strategic planning; policy matters relating to innovation, research and research training; and matters relating to the evaluation of the quality and outcomes of research and research training in an international context.

For more information on the ARC Advisory Council and the new members, visit [the Australian Research Council website](http://www.arc.gov.au).

Future home for students

THE ANU'S NEWEST STUDENT RESIDENCE, [Wright Hall](#), has been named after Louise Tuckwell's family which, she noted at the naming ceremony, "... can be traced back to Joseph Wright, a convict of the First Fleet and to his wife, Eleanor, a convict of the Second Fleet. They had a tough life but through hard work and perseverance were able to build a new family."



Wright Hall is being built along Daley Road.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, said the name "...recognises the important contribution the Tuckwells have made to the University. Their generous donation to ANU in 2013 has undoubtedly changed the landscape of philanthropy in higher education in Australia.

"The new halls will become the home for more than 800 students in 2019, providing them with one of the world's best on-campus living experiences. On behalf of the entire ANU community, I would like to thank Graham and Louise for their extraordinary contributions to supporting students and their experience at ANU."

ANU mourns death of Patrick Troy

LONG-TIME RESEARCHER AND FRIEND OF ANU, Professor Troy died on Tuesday 24 July 2018. He was well known across the ANU campus and community as an engineer, town planner, transport planner and public servant.

He was a man with influential ideas and a great mentor to many of the current cohort of senior researchers and practitioners. His passion was urban development that ensured fairness and equity for people, and environmentally sustainable outcomes. He published 15 books on cities and many papers on housing, infrastructure, transport, urban planning and development, and energy and water consumption.

Most recently, he was Emeritus Professor and Visiting Fellow at the ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society, Adjunct Professor at Griffith University and Visiting Professor, City Futures Research Centre, Faculty of Built Environment, UNSW.

He grew up in Fremantle where his first career was as a working engineer. He became Deputy Secretary in the Federal Department of Urban and Regional Development in the Whitlam Government.

He worked as an engineer and planner in state and local government before joining the ANU as a research academic for 46 years. He also held numerous public appointments including Deputy Chairman of the Australian Housing Corporation 1984-1992, Member of the Australian Housing Council 1995, Member of the Board of Inquiry into the Administration of Leasehold in the Australian Capital Territory 2003-2006, and Member of the ACT Planning and Land Council.

A Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, he was driven by a strong sense of social equity as well as a passion for sustainability.

Paying tribute to Patrick Troy, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC, said he was one of the nation's great researchers "and a true giant of this University. Pat has long been acknowledged as the country's leading thinker in the field of urban policy and is the author of many influential works relating to urban and regional policy. He was a great mentor and friend to many students and staff from across the University and we extend our deepest condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed."

New Colombo Plan Mobility Program

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS for the 2019 New Colombo Plan Mobility Program will, according to ministerial statements, support the Australian Government's commitment to deepen two-way engagement between Australia and the Indo-Pacific.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, and the Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham, in a joint statement, said, "In 2019, the New Colombo Plan will support 11,817 students to take part in 792 mobility projects in 36 host locations in the Indo-Pacific. This is consistent with the *2017 Foreign Policy White Paper* commitment to support at least 10,000 New Colombo Plan students a year.

"This round represents the broad diversity of Australia with applicants chosen from 40 universities across the country, including rural and regional areas. Outcomes from this round also provide opportunities for Indigenous students to undertake mobility projects in the region.

"The returning students from the 2019 mobility projects will increase the New Colombo Plan alumni to more than 40,000 young Australians since 2014 with experience of living, studying and undertaking work experience in the Indo-Pacific. The New Colombo Plan is contributing to a generation of regional leaders with a deep understanding of, and enduring networks across, the Indo-Pacific.

“Our commitment to strengthening relationships with the Pacific is supported by the first ever mobility projects in Niue and French Polynesia. The number of students taking part in Pacific-bound mobility projects will also rise by 11 percent, including a three-fold increase in student grants for projects in Papua New Guinea. One in five students undertaking semester-length New Colombo Plan mobility projects will receive language-training grants – a new initiative announced earlier this year.”

Thaw ‘the freeze’ to boost STEM places

UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA has welcomed the Education Minister Simon Birmingham’s goal to get more specialist science, maths and technology teachers into Australian classrooms and “the way to supercharge science teaching,” according to Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson, “is to reverse the \$2.1 billion funding cut to universities and end the Government’s funding freeze on university places.

“We share the Minister’s desire to see more STEM teachers in schools but the Government’s own funding freeze on universities has made that much harder to achieve,” Ms Jackson said. “Thanks to the Government’s university funding freeze, there will be fewer students studying science, technology, engineering and maths, along with all the other disciplines, next year. The Government’s freeze makes it more difficult — not easier — for our nation’s universities to meet the growing demand for STEM skills across the economy, including as teachers.

“In 2016, there were 30,000 extra science enrolments compared to when university places were capped in 2008 — a jump of 52 per cent. So it is clear — the way to boost science enrolments is to end the university funding freeze. As it stands, any additional STEM student place is not funded by the Federal Government.”

International students contribute \$32 billion to economy

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS injected \$31.9 billion into Australia’s economy last financial year, directly boosting Australian jobs and wages – including in regional Australia, according to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures that confirm international education income grew by \$3.8 billion in the financial year to June 2018 to reach \$31.9 billion.

Universities Australia Deputy Chief Executive Anne-Marie Lansdown said a record 548,000 international students were now studying in Australia, with the majority enrolled at universities.

Ms Lansdown said, “Our world-class universities attract students from all over the globe, bringing vast benefits to Australians and the nation. And the buck doesn’t stop with us – that \$32 billion flows on into the entire Australian economy, generating jobs, supporting wages, and lifting the living standards of Australians.

“International education is a modern Australian success story – built from the ground up over six decades to become the nation’s third-largest export and the envy of the world. Australians should be fiercely proud of this incredibly important industry. They should also be fiercely protective of it.”

In recent weeks, a new report by the British-based Centre for Global Higher Education suggested Australia would leapfrog the UK to become the world’s second most popular destination for international students by 2019.

Ms Lansdown said, “Australians develop powerful personal and professional relationships, and long-lasting cultural, diplomatic and trade ties, when students from overseas spend their formative years here. And when international students return home from their studies – which the vast majority do – this creates a powerful network of global alumni with great affection for Australia.”

Skilling workers for the future

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES are adapting continuously to prepare Australians for the onslaught of rapid and sweeping changes in the future of work, Universities Australia says in response to a new report. Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said the Australian Technology Network’s report showed universities are always thinking ahead to help Australians prepare for jobs and careers being reshaped by economic and technological change.

“In the next couple of decades, we expect to see big changes across our national economy as technology and artificial intelligence start to reshape our lives and workplaces on an even bigger scale,” she said. “Australia will rely even more heavily on having great universities and wide access to university education to equip our people and communities with the skills to stay ahead of that change.”

Ms Jackson commended the ATN and said its report builds on a work program across the sector, including by Universities Australia, to help Australia envisage and prepare for the future.

“Australian universities always have an eye on the horizon. They are constantly thinking about the future and how we can equip workers and businesses to prepare for it,” she said. “The skills you typically acquire in a university education – analysis, critical thinking and other ‘enterprise skills’ – will become even more important as many more of us start to see technology used to a greater extent within our jobs. Retaining wide access to a university education will be crucial for lifelong learning, upskilling and reskilling, so Australian workers can keep ahead of sweeping economic change.”

A safe and respectful campus

PROFESSOR RICHARD BAKER, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (University Experience), has provided an update to students on the actions taken by the university following the release of the [Australian Human Rights Commission national report](#) on *Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at Australian Universities* in August 2017. It states:

Our commitment

The Australian National University is committed to providing a safe and respectful campus and since the release of this report, a Steering Group and Working Group including both undergraduate and postgraduate student representatives have been working on implementing the recommendations provided by the report and those of an [independent review](#) of our policies and procedures. We have also taken on board many of the recommendations put to us by the ANU Student Association and the Postgraduate and Research Student Association.

Steps we have taken

This is a challenging and complex area and we still have much work to do. However, we have been taking steps towards making our campus a safer and more respectful place to study, work and live. The steps we have taken so far include:

- implementing training programs for students,
- increasing counsellors available on campus,
- conducting an audit of counselling services,
- reviewing relevant policies and procedures,
- updating the Discipline Rule,
- improving web resources,
- running awareness campaigns and
- reviewing ANU residences.

The University has also committed to ongoing funding of a dedicated Respectful Relationships Unit to develop and deliver key programs, and to the development of a pilot student ambassador bystander program.

More information about the support and the programs on campus is available on this [webpage](#).

Warning on inappropriate relationships

SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS between academic supervisor and their students are never appropriate, new university sector principles confirm, says Universities Australia which has released Principles for Respectful Supervisory Relationships as part of its 10-point Action Plan under the university sector’s pro-active “*Respect. Now. Always*” initiative.

These follow the recent release of another important action under the plan — a set of Guidelines for University Responses to Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment. The principles were developed jointly by Universities Australia, the National Tertiary Education Union, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations and the Australian Council of Graduate Research.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said the principles underpin any direct supervisory relationship between academic supervisors and their research students. This includes postgraduate students doing a PhD or masters.

“These principles make it clear — if a university academic is supervising a student, then they should not be in a romantic or sexual relationship with that student. It’s a clear conflict of interest,” Ms Jackson said.

The National President of the National Tertiary Education Union, Jeannie Rea, said, “These principles will contribute to influencing changes in attitudes and behaviours of not only those engaged in the supervisory relationship, but also reinforce universities’ responsibilities for maintaining a safe and respectful working and study environment.”

Another 800 major actions and initiatives have been instigated by Australian universities over the past year to contribute to a society-wide push against sexual violence. A year on from a national university-funded student survey, all 39 universities have continued to enhance student support services, university policies and prevention programs.

Amorous mosquitoes frustrated

ONE OF THE WORLD'S most widespread disease-spreading mosquitoes, the *Aedes aegypti*, has been suppressed by more than 80 per cent in a landmark Australian trial, according to the CSIRO. In an international partnership between CSIRO, Verily and James Cook University (JCU), scientists used specialised technology to release millions of sterilised male *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes across the Cassowary Coast in Queensland in a bid to combat the global pest.

CSIRO Director of Health and Biosecurity Dr Rob Grenfell said the results were a major win in the fight against disease-spreading mosquitoes. "The invasive *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is one of the world's most dangerous pests, capable of spreading devastating diseases like dengue, Zika and chikungunya, and responsible for infecting millions of people with disease around the world each year," Dr Grenfell said.

"Increased urbanisation and warming temperatures mean that more people are at risk, as these mosquitoes which were once relegated to areas near the equator, forge past previous climatic boundaries. Although the majority of mosquitoes don't spread diseases, the three most deadly types the *Aedes*, *Anopheles* and *Culex*, are found almost all over the world and are responsible for around 17 per cent of infectious disease transmissions globally."

From November 2017 to June this year, non-biting male *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes sterilised with the natural bacteria *Wolbachia* were released in trial zones along the Cassowary Coast in North Queensland. They mated with local female mosquitoes, resulting in eggs that did not hatch and a significant reduction of their population. The process, known as the Sterile Insect Technique, has been successfully used since the 1950s but the challenge in making it work for mosquitoes like the *Aedes aegypti* has been rearing enough mosquitoes, removing biting females, identifying the males and then releasing the huge numbers needed to suppress a population.

"Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Innisfail community who literally opened their doors to our team, letting us install mosquito traps around their homes and businesses – we couldn't have done this without your support," Dr Grenfell said.

The millions of mosquitoes needed for the trial were reared at James Cook University in Cairns. To produce the three million male mosquitoes needed for the trial, researchers at JCU in Cairns set out to raise almost 20 million *Aedes aegypti*.

ANU link to Australia-Korea Foundation

DR RUTH BARRACLOUGH, Associate Professor at the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University, has been appointed to the board of the Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF). Other appointees are Ms Jacinta Thompson, and Mr Chris Raciti.

Dr Barraclough researches contemporary Korean history, gender studies and literature, and translates Korean fiction. Her second book, *Factory Girl Literature*, was translated into Korean in 2017 and spent 20 weeks on the history bestseller list in the Republic of Korea.

Ms Thompson is the Executive Director at the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at the University of South Australia. She was formerly the Artistic Director of the OzAsia Festival at Adelaide Festival Centre. She is on the steering committee of Asia Pacific Centre for Arts and Cultural Leadership and a member of the Association for Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centres.

Mr Raciti is the Chief Executive Officer for ANZ Korea. Mr Raciti moved to Seoul from Hong Kong where he held senior roles in ANZ's market leading Loan Syndication and Structured Finance business. Mr Raciti has been with ANZ for more than 15 years in Australia, Korea, Singapore and Hong Kong.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop, thanked outgoing AKF Board members, Professor James Cotton, Mr Ian Williams and Professor Susan Street AO, for their commitment and dedication to deepening the bilateral relationship between Australia and the Republic of Korea.

BOOKSHELF



The Neoliberal State, Recognition and Indigenous Rights: New paternalism to new imaginings

Edited by: Deirdre Howard-Wagner, Maria Bargh and Isabel Altamirano-Jiménez

Published by: ANU Press

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

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DOI: <http://doi.org/10.22459/CAEPR40.07.2018>

The impact of neoliberal governance on indigenous peoples in liberal settler states may be both enabling and constraining. This book is distinctive in drawing comparisons between three such states—Australia, Canada and New Zealand. In a series of empirically grounded, interpretive micro-studies, it draws out a shared policy coherence, but also exposes idiosyncrasies in the operational dynamics of neoliberal governance both within each state and between them. Read together as a collection, these studies broaden the debate about and the analysis of contemporary government policy.

The individual studies reveal the forms of actually existing neoliberalism that are variegated by historical, geographical and legal contexts and complex state arrangements. At the same time, they present examples of a more nuanced agential, bottom-up indigenous governmentality. Focusing on intense and complex matters of social policy rather than on resource development and land rights, they demonstrate how indigenous actors engage in trying to govern various fields of activity by acting on the conduct and contexts of everyday neoliberal life, and also on the conduct of state and corporate actors.

China's 40 Years of Reform and Development: 1978–2018

Edited by: [Ross Garnaut](#), [Ligang Song](#), Cai Fang 

Published by: ANU Press

Series: [China Update Series](#)

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ISBN (online - free): 9781760462253

DOI: <http://doi.org/10.22459/CYRD.07.2018>

The year 2018 marks 40 years of reform and development in China (1978–2018). This commemorative book assembles some of the world's most prominent scholars on the Chinese economy to reflect on what has been achieved as a result of the economic reform programs, and to draw out the key lessons that have been learned by the model of growth and development in China over the preceding four decades. This book explores what has happened in the transformation of the Chinese economy in the past 40 years for China itself, as well as for the rest of the world, and discusses the implications of what will happen next in the context of China's new reform agenda. Focusing on the long-term development strategy amid various old and new challenges that face the economy, this book sets the scene for what the world can expect in China's fifth decade of reform and development.

A key feature of this book is its comprehensive coverage of the key issues involved in China's economic reform and development. Included are discussions of China's 40 years of reform and development in a global perspective; the political economy of economic transformation; the progress of marketisation and changes in market-compatible institutions; the reform program for state-owned enterprises; the financial sector and fiscal system reform, and its foreign exchange system reform; the progress and challenges in economic rebalancing; and the continuing process of China's global integration. This book further documents and analyses the development experiences including China's large scale of migration and urbanisation, the demographic structural changes, the private sector development, income distribution, land reform and regional development, agricultural development, and energy and climate change policies.

BOOKSHELF

New Directions in Strategic Thinking 2.0: ANU Strategic & Defence Studies Centre's Golden Anniversary Conference Proceedings

Edited by: [Russell W. Glenn](#)

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DOI: <http://doi.org/10.22459/NDST.07.2018>

The Australian National University's Strategic & Defence Studies Centre (SDSC) is Australia's premier university-based strategic studies think tank. Fifty years after the Centre was founded in 1966, SDSC celebrated its continued research, publications, teaching and government advisory role with a two-day conference entitled 'New Directions in Strategic Thinking 2.0'. The event saw the podium graced by many of the world's premier thinkers in the strategic studies field. An evening between those tours to the lectern brought together academics, practitioners and other honoured guests at a commemorative dinner held beneath the widespread wings of the 'G for George' bomber in the Australian War Memorial—an event that included SDSC's own Professor Desmond Ball AO making his last public appearance.

Since SDSC's 25th anniversary, the world has seen the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. Bipolarity gave way to the emergence of the United States as the world's sole superpower, a status many now see as under threat. Both the nature of the threats and identity of individual competitors has changed in the interim quarter-century. Non-state actors are presenting rising challenges to national governments. Meanwhile, a diminished Russia and far more wealthy China seek to reassert themselves. Never before has the call for reasoned innovative security studies thinking been more pronounced. Rarely has a group so able to offer that thought come together as was the case in July 2016.

This book encapsulates the essence of this cutting-edge thinking and is a must read for those concerned with emerging strategic challenges facing Australia and its security partners.

Road Pricing and Provision: Changed Traffic Conditions Ahead

Edited by: [Michael de Percy](#) , [John Wanna](#) 

Published by: ANU Press

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Road pricing is not a new concept—toll roads have existed in Australia since Governor Macquarie established one from Sydney to Parramatta in 1811—and distance-based charging schemes have been trialled and implemented with varying success overseas.

But how would full market reform of roads look in a federation like Australia? In its responses to the 2016 Australian Infrastructure Plan and the 2015 Competition Policy Review, the Australian Government explicitly supported investigating cost-reflective road pricing as a long-term reform option, and has committed to establishing a study chaired by an eminent Australian to look into the potential impacts of road pricing reform on road users. The challenges we face in this space are manifold and complex, and we still have a long road ahead of us. However, with advocacy for reform coming from interest groups as diverse as governments, private transport companies, peak industry bodies, policy think tanks and state motoring clubs, there is now more support than ever before for changing the way we provide for and fund our roads.

This book seeks to advance the road reform agenda by presenting some of the latest thinking on road pricing and provision from a variety of disciplinary approaches—researchers, economists and public-sector leaders. It stresses the need for reform to ensure Australians can enjoy the benefits of efficient and sustainable transport infrastructure as our population and major metropolitan cities continue to grow. Traffic congestion is avoidable, but we must act soon. The works presented here all point to the need for change—the expertise and the technology are available, and the various reform options have been mapped out in some detail. It is time for the policy debate to shift to how, rather than if, road reform should progress.

MATTERS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

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About planning in the ACT

A dual planning regime, not dissimilar to other jurisdictions, is established for the Australian Capital Territory with the Federal Government and the ACT Government sharing planning responsibility in the ACT.

<https://www.nca.gov.au/planning-heritage/about-planning-act>

Public consultation on draft intellectual property (IP) legislation

The Federal Government is currently seeking input from interested parties on proposed changes to Australia's intellectual property legislation.

<https://www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-community/news/public-consultation-underway-draft-intellectual-property-ip>

National Dementia Network to Fast-Track Cures

Australia's quest to find cures and prevent and better manage dementia will be improved by the new Australian Dementia Network (ADNet), including memory centres and a registry of clinical trial volunteers.

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/releases/2018/national-dementia-network-fast-track-cures>

Next design contract awarded for Inland Rail

Government is continuing to progress the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail, with a \$13.5 million contract awarded by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for feasibility design work between Narromine and Narrabri.

<https://www.financeminister.gov.au/media-release/2018/07/05/next-design-contract-awarded-inland-rail>

\$85 Million to simplify aged care access

Aged care access will be simplified and choice made easier, as the Australian Government invests more than \$85 million to streamline means testing and improve the My Aged Care system.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediareel-yr2018-wyatt96.htm>

\$4m funding call for Forest Industry research projects

<http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/ruston/Pages/Media-Releases/forest-research-projects.aspx>

A \$4 million joint funding program aimed at growing South Australia's forest and forest products industry is officially open for applications.

\$5 million for research to improve mental health in elderly Australians

The federal Government and Beyond Blue will provide a total of \$5 million for research to help improve mental health among our older Australians.

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/media/releases/2018/5-million-research-improve-mental-health-elderly-australians>

Health reforms give more choices for longer lives

Forty-five and 65-year-olds will have the opportunity to complete special health, finance and career checks and more than \$52 million will be invested in seniors' sport and "reablement" programs, to help Australians live longer, healthier lives.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2018-wyatt095.htm>

Research into lifestyle-related chronic conditions given funding injection

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2018-hunt082.htm>

The Australian Government has announced funding of \$7.7 million for the Australian Prevention Partnership Centre to further research into how Australians' lifestyles contribute to chronic conditions and how to prevent them.

\$22 million for early-stage health and medical research

The Australian Government will invest more than \$22 million to help Australian businesses move from early-stage health and medical research discoveries to commercial success, giving patients access to better treatments and medicines.

<http://minister.industry.gov.au/ministers/laundy/media-releases/22-million-early-stage-health-and-medical-research>

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 15 August: No speaker; all welcome at the Molony Room for conversation; bring your own sandwich.

Wednesday 29 August: The annual Emeritus Faculty dinner

University House

University House has agreed to set aside 40 places for Emeritus Faculty members of which members have already booked half. The cost will be \$40 per person. ANUEF Members can book a place in advance and pay on the night or pay in advance and pick up your ticket beforehand. Please contact: Shruti Bhatnagar: events.unihouse@anu.edu.au (Phone: 6125-5270) and identify yourself as part of the ANU Emeritus group.

Saturday 1 September, 2 pm: Opera on Saturdays

Molony Room, 26 Balmain Crescent.

Benjamin Britten, "The Turn of the Screw" will be presented by Colleen Grafton-Green. This opera from 1999 was one of the most successful achievements of the CSM, with a stunning production by Melbourne-based Ken Healey, conducted by Nicolette Fraillon, wonderful singing by the six principals and superlative playing by the orchestra. Some members of the 1999 cast will attend the screening. Cast members include Lorina Gore, Kent McIntosh and Susan Ellis. The opera is based on a story by Henry James. Entry is free and refreshments will be served between the two acts. Playing time: 1hr 50 mins.

Wednesday 5 September, 12 for 12.30pm: Collegiate Lunch

Fyfe and Trish Bygrave, "Red Cedar: The tree that shaped the early history of Australia."

Wednesday 12 September: Lecture by Dr John Hewson

"Climate Change: Too Important to Leave to Politicians?" Joint meeting with Canberra Georgians and Julian Cribb.

ANU/Canberra Times Meet the Author events

Tuesday 4 September: Sisonke Msimang

Australian China in the World auditorium

Wednesday 7 November: Jane Harper

Copland lecture theatre

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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 or Tel: 6247 3341

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FINDING THE MOLONY ROOM

The Molony Room is on the south side of Balmain Crescent almost opposite University House. It is building 1c on <https://tinyurl.com/yckuknbj> 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://tinyurl.com/y7gsyqgh>



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