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## ANU begins the search for a new Chancellor

In a recent message to members of the ANU community, Pro-Chancellor Naomi Flutter, Vice-Chancellor Brian P. Schmidt AC and Council member Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM outlined the process of appointing the next Chancellor of the University when the retirement of the current Chancellor, Professor Gareth Evans AC QC, takes effect on 31 December.

They went on to say:

ANU was founded in the national capital as the national university, to bring credit to Australia, advance research and learning, find solutions to the greatest challenges facing our country and region and to take its place among the great universities of the world.

By the end of this year, Gareth will have served as Chancellor for a decade, overseeing our progress against these ambitious responsibilities, always with the same incredible energy and intellect he brought to his 21-year parliamentary career and 13 years in Cabinet. Gareth is passionate about all that is in the best interests of ANU and unwavering in our pursuit of excellence.

He has been a source of great encouragement, providing steadfast guidance and wise counsel to the University's Council, three Vice-Chancellors and the executive leadership team.

Our University's accomplishments during his tenure are many and diverse:

- We have maintained our top tier reputation, with the QS survey again placing us number one in Australia and within the top 25 in the world.
- Our path-breaking admissions model now admits students from around the country, offering integrated admission, accommodation and scholarship packages, and taking account of ATAR scores and other achievements such as volunteering and student leadership.
- We lead national debate in many areas, from social and environmental policy through to the geopolitics of the Asia-Pacific region.
- Our annual ANU Crawford Australian Leadership Forum assembles public, business and academic communities to debate Australia's great political, economic and social policy challenges.
- Last year's First Nations Governance Forum brought together Australia's First Peoples and international guests to progress the conversation around constitutional recognition for Indigenous Australians.
- We are creating an unrivalled campus environment, evident in Kambri, the magnificent Bruce and Wright Halls and our new Campus Master Plan to be unveiled in coming months. At all times, we aspire to a physically attractive campus where everyone feels a sense of safety and belonging.
- We stand firm on our core values – particularly academic independence – with our University home to academic freedom and autonomy, for unconstrained argument and debate.

For those of us who have had the opportunity to work closely with the Chancellor, we face this time of transition with mixed emotions. He stands tall among those who have shown sustained passion for our University and a commitment to see it grow even stronger.

It falls to the University Council to manage the process for the appointment of a new Chancellor, led by the three of us. As part of this process, we are interested to hear directly from members of our ANU community about your perspective on the important role of Chancellor and those matters which you think we should consider as we fulfil our important responsibility.

In the coming month, we will host two ‘town hall’ meetings on campus to hear directly from students and staff. We will meet with student leaders at the ANU Students’ Association and the Postgraduate and Research Students’ Association, and with faculty represented by the Academic Board. You can register to attend a meeting [here](#)

As the national university, we have distinct national responsibilities – to be intellectual leaders, to nurture talented thinkers, give voice to new ideas and challenge orthodoxy, always acting with integrity. We have a responsibility to serve our nation and create outcomes that benefit community, the environment and the world.

## New four-year schools’ copyright licence negotiated

In a message to members of the Copyright Agency, the CEO, Adam Suckling, writes that the agency has agreed the key terms for a new copyright remuneration arrangement with the schools’ sector for the next four years. This agreement will cover the use of a large amount of material used by Australian teachers and 3.8 million students across Australia.

The agreement provides certainty over payments for the four-year term, commits the agency to working together on a new measurement system to capture usage, and allows either party to go to the Copyright Tribunal if there is no agreement on the most reliable ways to measure usage. Schools have also agreed to explore with Copyright Agency fresh digital solutions to help teachers better access copyright content for education application.

The Copyright Agency is now engaged in three actions before the Copyright Tribunal:

- In order to renovate arrangements and review pricing with all 39 universities in Australia the agency initiated an action in the Tribunal after it proved impossible to arrive at a workable copyright remuneration agreement with Universities Australia (UA). Given the profound changes driven by digital technology, the agency’s current actions in the Tribunal aim to allow it to establish the value of new forms of digital usage and also to improve the way in which it captures data on usage of members’ material. As part of this process, the Tribunal will make a ruling on an ‘interim’ rate UA will pay until there is a ruling on a final rate.
- The Tribunal has not yet provided the date for the hearing on the rate the NSW Government should pay for the use of members’ copyright material for government purposes. Unlike all other States and the Commonwealth, the NSW Government has refused to pay a fair rate for use of an enormous amount of copyright material by public servants for the last six years. Despite repeated efforts it has, to date, not been possible to resolve the matter commercially.
- In the third matter before it, the Tribunal has been asked to consider the rates that media- monitoring organisations – Isentia, Meltwater and Stream – should pay for use of publishers’ content. The rates payable in the interim, while the Tribunal hears the full matter, are close to final. The Tribunal will then move to the central issue of setting the final rate.

## Super smut fungus to combat smothering weed

The CSIRO will release a new biocontrol agent called “leaf smut” in a bid to help save rainforests across Australia from an invasive South American weed. “Wandering trad” (*Tradescantia fluminensis*) has become a significant environmental weed in parts of eastern Australia where it forms dense carpets on forest floors, smothering native vegetation and clogging waterways.

CSIRO senior research scientist Dr Louise Morin said weeds such as wandering trad had a significant economic, environmental and social impact in Australia. “Weeds are one of the biggest threats to Australia’s unique environment – in many areas across Australia they are damaging native vegetation, which threatens whole ecosystems including native wildlife,” Dr Morin said.

“Last year Australia spent almost \$30 million protecting the natural environment from weeds. In the agriculture sector, weeds cost the industry more than \$4.8 billion per year.”

Extensive research and laboratory trials at CSIRO’s Canberra biocontainment facility and other international research showed a fungus from Brazil – *Kordyana brasiliensis* – only infects the weed and not other plants.

“The fungus is spread through spores and needs the leaves of the wandering trad to survive – if there is no wandering trad to infect, the fungus dies,” Dr Morin said. “We know from decades of research in this field, that specialised fungi, like the leaf smut, have specific genes that enable them to successfully infect and cause disease only in single or a narrow range of plant species. So we look at plants that are related to wandering trad including native plants to make sure the fungus will only infect the weed.”

Wandering trad has infested native forests across eastern Australia, from eastern parts of NSW and south-east Queensland, to the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria, where the biocontrol agent will first be released.

CSIRO field biologist Dr Ben Gooden, who is coordinating the roll-out of the biocontrol program across Australia, said highly targeted and tested biocontrol agents like the fungus were a more environmentally sustainable option than other available tools.

“Scientifically tested biocontrol agents like this fungus provide a longer-term, environmentally sustainable way of controlling weeds like wandering trad, without harming Australian plants or animals,” Dr Gooden said. “Currently, the only tools available to the community and local councils against the weed are hand-pulling and chemical herbicides, which only bring short-term control and have the unintended consequence of killing native plants and disrupting complex rainforest ecosystems.”

Release of biocontrol agents is approved by the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

## Professor Michael Coper AO

Emeritus Professor Michael Coper AO FAAL, who was Dean of the ANU College of Law from 1998-2012, died on April 13 after a long battle with cancer. ANU Vice Chancellor, Professor Brian Schmidt AC paid tribute to [Professor Coper](#) saying, “He was a giant among Australia’s legal scholars. His 1983 book, *Freedom of Interstate Trade under the Australian Constitution* was a prize-winning and influential piece of scholarly work that changed the direction of the High Court, one of many landmark works that later included *Encounters with the Australian Constitution* (1987) and the comprehensive *Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia* (2001).

“Appointed ANU Professor of Constitutional Law in 1995, Professor Coper became Dean of Law in 1998, a role he held for almost 15 years. As well as making a remarkable contribution to ANU, Professor Coper was Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans (2005-2007), Vice President of the International Association of Law Schools (2011-2014), and a member of the American Law Institute and a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law. He became an Emeritus Professor of the ANU in 2017 and was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in January 2018, recognising a lifetime of service to our nation and its legal community.

“Michael will be warmly remembered for his work as a legal scholar and educator, and also for his unfailing humanity and sense of justice. He leaves a widow, Dr Judy Jones, herself an Associate Professor in the ANU College of Law, and five children. To them we send our sincere condolences.”

An ANU Memorial Service for Michael was held at University House on May 7.

## Australian research hits new high

More than 90 per cent of Australian university research assessed by the Government is rated as world class or higher — putting Australia at the forefront of the global research effort, according to the latest report from the Australian Research Council. This is up from 89 per cent in 2015. The largest gain was in the highest category — ‘well above world standard’ — which rose from 32 per cent in 2015 to 40 per cent.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said the results were a testament to the quality of Australian university research — which transforms and changes lives every day. She went on, “Australian university researchers are some of the best in the world. Once again, this proves it. The excellence of Australian research — in everything from health to environmental science — is something that all Australians can be proud of.”

The State of Australian University Research 2018–19: ERA National Report also found there has been a 37 per cent increase in the number of patents lodged by researchers since 2015.

“Australian ideas are being turned into the products and breakthroughs that are making a difference in the lives of Australians,” Ms Jackson said. “This includes everything from new vaccines to fight disease, to drought-resistant crops that help farmers feed the world, to new ways to safely monitor the health of unborn babies.”

The results follow cuts of \$328.5 million to research funding announced last year.

“The quality of Australian research is only possible when research is adequately funded,” Ms Jackson said. “The Government’s research and development spending, as a percentage of our national economy, is now set to hit its lowest

since 1978. That's going in the opposite direction to other advanced economies, who are investing heavily in their research capability. Sustaining this research performance will only become more difficult as funding cuts bite."

Last year, Universities Australia launched a new campaign #UniResearchChangesLives to highlight the tens of thousands of university researchers working on life-changing research.

## Research touches all elements of society

A new Government report shows once again that university research is making a major contribution to the economy, society, environment and culture, delivering solid benefits for all Australians.

The [Engagement and Impact Assessment 2018-19](#) report, released by the Australian Research Council, shows 88 per cent of university research assessed by Government has medium to high positive impact for the wider community

Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said, "Whether it is creating a vaccine to eradicate cervical cancer or helping struggling kids to learn to read, our world-class university researchers help make our lives better. Right across the country, Australians benefit from research breakthroughs. University researchers also create the new products, industries and jobs that power this nation's prosperity. This report confirms yet again the high quality, excellent value and profound reach of university research. Australians are proud and grateful for the contribution our university researchers make day in, day out."

The *Engagement and Impact Assessment 2018-19* is a national snapshot of the role university research plays within and outside the campus. It also shows 85 per cent of university research assessed by Government has medium and high engagement with end users.

## New penalties target contract cheating

Anyone who helps students cheat in their university exams or by writing essays for them will face new criminal penalties. The measures, announced by Federal Education Minister Dan Tehan recently, follow calls from the Higher Education Standards Panel to make it a criminal offence to sell cheating services. The new measures to combat "contract cheating" - where companies or individuals seek payment from students to do their coursework for them - would impose fines or jail time.

Universities Australia Chief Executive Catriona Jackson said moves to crack down on contract cheating services are welcomed by universities. "Australian universities take a strong stance against contract cheating. It will not be tolerated. Universities are working actively against contract cheating but strong disincentives would make cheating companies or services think again," she said and added, "Students who cheat face tough university penalties like expulsion and suspension from their studies. It's not worth it — you'll end up ruining your education and your career."

# BOOKSHELF

## *'True Biographies of Nations?': The Cultural Journeys of Dictionaries of National Biography*

**Edited by:** Karen Fox

**Published by:** ANU Press

**Series:** ANU Lives Series in Biography

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**ISBN (online):** 9781760462758

**DOI:** <http://doi.org/10.22459/TBN.2019>

Dictionaries of national biography are a long-established and significant genre of biographical and historical writing, existing in many forms across the globe. This book brings together practitioners from around the Englishspeaking world to reflect on national biographical dictionary projects' recent cultural journeys, and the challenges presented to them by such developments as the transition to a digital environment, a new alertness to the need to represent diversity, and the rise of transnationalism. Exploring their paths forward, the chapters of this book collectively make a powerful argument for the continued value and importance of largescale collaborative biographical dictionary research.

## *Successful Public Policy: Lessons from Australia and New Zealand*

**Edited by:** [Joannah Luetjens](#), [Michael Mintrom](#), [Paul 't Hart](#)

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**Published by:** ANU Press

**Series:** The Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG)

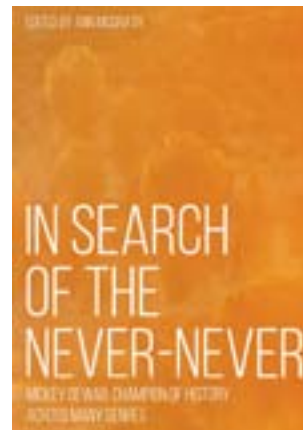
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In Australia and New Zealand, many public projects, programs and services perform well. But these cases are consistently underexposed and understudied. We cannot properly 'see'—let alone recognise and explain—variations in government performance when media, political and academic discourses are saturated with accounts of their shortcomings and failures, but are next to silent on their achievements.

*Successful Public Policy: Lessons from Australia and New Zealand* helps to turn that tide. It aims to reset the agenda for teaching, research and dialogue on public policy performance. This is done through a series of close-up, in-depth and carefully chosen case study ac-

counts of the genesis and evolution of stand-out public policy achievements, across a range of sectors within Australia and New Zealand. Through these accounts, written by experts from both countries, we engage with the conceptual, methodological and theoretical challenges that have plagued extant research seeking to evaluate, explain and design successful public policy.

Studies of public policy successes are rare—not just in Australia and New Zealand, but the world over. This book is embedded in a broader project exploring policy successes globally; its companion volume, *Great Policy Successes* (edited by Paul 't Hart and Mallory Compton), is published by Oxford University Press (2019).



## *In Search of the Never-Never: Mickey Dewar - Champion of History Across Many Genres*

**Edited by:** [Ann McGrath](#) 

**Published by:** ANU Press

**Series:** [Aboriginal History Monographs](#)

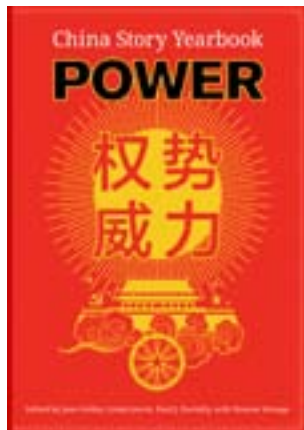
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Mickey Dewar made a profound contribution to the history of the Northern Territory, which she performed across many genres. The region that has featured so large in the Australian popular imagination produced high-quality, memorable and multi-sensory histories, including the Cyclone Tracy exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and the reinterpretation of Fannie Bay Gaol. Informed by a great love of books, her passion for history was infectious. As well as offering three original chapters that appraise her work, this edited volume republishes her first book, *In Search of the Never-Never*. In Dewar's comprehensive and incisive appraisal of the literature of the Northern Territory, she provides brilliant, often amusing insights into the ever-changing representations of a region that has featured so large in the Australian popular imagination.

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## *Power*

Edited by: [Jane Golley](#) , [Linda Jaivin](#), Paul J. Farrelly, Sharon Strange

Published by ANU Press

Series: [China Story Yearbook](#)

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In 2018, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) was, by most measures, more powerful than at any other time in its history and had become one of the most powerful countries in the world. Its economy faced serious challenges, including from the ongoing ‘trade war’ with the US, but still ranked as the world’s second largest. Its Belt and Road Initiative, meanwhile, continued to carve paths of influence and economic integration across several continents. A deft combination of policy, investment, and entrepreneurship has also turned the PRC into a global ‘techno-power’. It aims, with a good chance of success, at becoming a global science and technology leader by 2049 – one hundred years from the founding of the PRC.

In surveying the various ways in which the Party-state wields its hard, soft, and sharp power, the *China Story Yearbook: Power* offers readers a sense of the diversity of power at work both in China and abroad. Citizens of the PRC have long negotiated the state’s influence; increasingly, diaspora communities and other actors are now being subject to its might. As with previous editions in the series, we place important developments in historical context, and adopt a cross-disciplinary approach: it is our view that economy and

politics cannot be divorced from culture, history, and society. The Yearbook provides accessible analysis of the main events and trends of the year and is an essential tool for understanding China’s growing power and influence around the world.

## *Dog Days: Made in China Yearbook 2018*

Edited by: [Ivan Franceschini](#), [Nicholas Loubere](#) 

Published by ANU Press

Series: Made in China Yearbook

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According to the Chinese zodiac, 2018 was the year of the ‘earthly dog’. In the middle of the long, hot, and feverish dog days of the summer of 2018, some workers at Shenzhen Jasic Technology took their chances and attempted to form an independent union. While this action was met by the harshest repression, it also led to extraordinary demonstrations of solidarity from small groups of radical students from all over the country, which in turn were immediately and severely suppressed. China’s year of the dog was also imbued with the spirit of another canine, Cerberus—the three-headed hound of Hades—with the ravenous advance of the surveillance state and the increasing securitisation of Chinese society, starting from the north-western region of Xinjiang. This Yearbook traces these latest developments in Chinese society through a collection of 50 original essays on labour, civil society, and human rights in China and beyond, penned by leading scholars and practitioners from around the world.

# ***MATTERS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST***

## **Content and pitfalls**

In a feature article published in Campus Morning Mail the content and pitfalls of the Western Civilisation course are discussed by a “learned reader” who considers the University of Wollongong’s Ramsay Centre-funded degree and a draft of a proposed course for the University of Queensland.

[https://campusmorningmail.com.au/news/what-ramsay-western-civ-students-will-study/?utm\\_campaign=website&utm\\_source=sendgrid.com&utm\\_medium=email](https://campusmorningmail.com.au/news/what-ramsay-western-civ-students-will-study/?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid.com&utm_medium=email)

## **Webinar: Ask a Librarian at the NLA**

In this webinar on Wednesday 22 May at 1pm, hosted by the National Library of Australia, participants will follow reference librarians online as they show tips and tricks and how they search for answers. If you have a tricky research question, submit it before the webinar to have it answered live. Email your research question to [learning@nla.gov.au](mailto:learning@nla.gov.au)

<https://www.nla.gov.au/whats-on>

## **Digital health guidelines**

WHO Guideline: recommendations on digital interventions for health system strengthening

<https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/digital-interventions-health-system-strengthening/en/>

# DIARY DATES

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## **Wednesday 19 June: Projects Symposium Day**

Members are invited to contribute a presentation on your current or recent research, or other projects, at the Projects Symposium Day. All types of projects are included, not just those you might strictly consider to be “research”. Please send a title and short abstract to me at [Ian.Keen@anu.edu.au](mailto:Ian.Keen@anu.edu.au). About 30 minutes will be allocated for each presentation, depending on the final number of presentations. If you need slides please prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

## **25 to 27 June 2019: Asia Pacific Conference on Human Evolution (APCHE)**

*Griffith University, Brisbane*

APCHE aims to bring together experts working on all aspects of human evolution in the broader Asian and Pacific regions. The conference will run for three days of general sessions including papers on palaeoanthropology, biological anthropology, archaeology, genomics and palaeogenomics, primatology, as well as the disciplines engaged in understanding the environment and site-specific contexts of human evolution, human behaviour and art.

For further information access website or email [apche@griffith.edu.au](mailto:apche@griffith.edu.au)

## **ANU/Canberra Times Meet the Author events**

Further details and registrations available at <http://www.anu.edu.au/events/anuthe-canberra-times-meet-the-author-series> or 6125 4144.

## **May 17 at 6pm: Jocelyn Moorhouse**

*National Film and Sound Archive of Australia.*

Award-winning screenplay writer and film director, Jocelyn Moorhouse will be in conversation with Alex Sloan on Jocelyn’s new book, *A Memoir of Filmmaking and Motherhood*, followed by a screening of Moorhouse’s *The Dressmaker* at 7.15pm. \$10. Bookings at <http://shop.nfsa.gov.au/fri-17-may-6pm-in-conversation-with-jocelyn-moorho>

For further information, contact Colin Steele, Emeritus Fellow, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, on 6125 8983 or by email at [colin.steele@anu.edu.au](mailto:colin.steele@anu.edu.au)



# ADMINISTRATION

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Supporters of ANU Archives can find updated news on the ANU website at <http://www.archives.anu.edu.au/news-and-events-1>

## *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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