

## CHASS NEWS

Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

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On 9 November, the Council convened a workshop for the benefit of our Western Australian members and friends titled *Communicating Big Ideas: Connecting the Arts*. Designed as a second installment to the *Creative:Arts, Industry and Participation* workshop held in Sydney in July 2010, CHASS aimed to move the discussion forward from it and the Australia Council's report *more than bums on seats* survey into participation in the arts. Opened by Director-General Allannah Lucas of the WA Department of Culture and the Arts on behalf of the Minister the Hon John Day, and moderated by Professor Brad Haseman of QUT Creative Industries faculty, the invited speakers and participants had a thought provoking and richly rewarding workshop. CHASS Executive Director Angela Magarry steered the discussion towards ensuring the workshop provided an effective platform for knowledge exchange between policy makers and academics and reminded participants of the importance of sharing knowledge and experience of working within industry at a time of potentially great change with a new National Cultural Policy about to be finalised by government in time for the May 2012 Budget process.

Advocacy, policy and government relations update

See: [CHASS response to National Cultural Policy](#).

CHASS submitted a funding proposal to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research to support government funding for national initiatives to be undertaken by the Council in 2012 and beyond.

Many papers are now available on-line on the CHASS papers site from events having occurred in the past and we aim to provide a useful source of information for members on current issues facing the humanities, arts and social sciences fields. Dr Ann Moyal who is a well respected science historian has produced an interesting paper discussing the two cultures of science and social science and the humanities and proposes ways in which new interdisciplinary approaches at government level could bring the social sciences and humanities together with the sciences to help solve the major problems confronting Australia in the fields of conservation, adaptation and survival. CHASS aims to take this focus in 2012 with the development of a National Forum, and to work with government under the Inspiring Australia theme.

The government has released a [discussion paper on the implementation of a Research and Development Tax Incentive](#) which aims to provide substantial tax benefits to encourage more companies to engage in research and development. With submissions closing 22 December 2011, CHASS encourages you to comment on important issues about the program's implementation relating to the guidance, compliance and education activities that Government can provide to help you to participate in the program.



## **CHASS Annual General Meeting New Board of Directors for 2012**

The Council's Annual General Meeting was held on 9 November at The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle where elections were held to appoint a new Council Board. The new Board members also elected the Executive.

- Christie Anthoney (TAFE SA)
- Associate Professor Peta Ashworth (CSIRO) **Vice-President**
- Dr Camilla Couch (TAFE NSW)
- Michael Crayford (Australian National Maritime Museum) **Treasurer**
- Associate Professor Rhian Parker (Australian National University) **Secretary**
- Professor Linda Rosenman (Victoria University)
- Associate Professor Michele Simons (University of South Australia)
- Professor Joe Siracusa (RMIT)
- John Simons (Macquarie University)
- Professor Sue Willis (Monash University) **President**

You can find out more about each of them at [CHASS Board](#) and also the [CHASS Secretariat](#).

Angela Magarry

Executive Director

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## **HASS at a glance**

### **Secretariat shifts and shuffles**

Ms Erica Seccombe who will be known to many of the Council members is leaving CHASS to take up a position at the Australian National University in 2012.

### **National Library of Australia exhibition**

[Handwritten: Ten Centuries of Manuscript Treasures](#) from Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, a blockbuster exhibition which will open the National Library's new Exhibition Gallery on 26 November. The exhibition opens on Saturday 26 November 2011 and runs until 18 March 2012 for a strictly limited season and free to the public.

### **AsiaEducation subsidies now available**

AsiaEducation subsidies now available to join Malaysia Unplugged study tour in April 2012 Subsidies are open to all registered teachers and school leaders to participate in Malaysia Unplugged, to build knowledge of contemporary Malaysia, a culturally rich and diverse nation with strong links to Australia. The study tour departs in April 2012. Tour itinerary and all information regarding subsidies and how to apply are available at [Malaysia Unplugged](#).

### **Travel grants for journalists**

Travel grants for journalists to attend [Euroscience Open Forum](#) 2012 in Dublin 11-15 July. ESOF is the biennial pan European meeting dedicated to scientific research and innovation. [Apply by 31 January 2012](#).

### **Humanities in the Community Master Classes**

[Humanities in the Community Master Classes](#) is an innovative editing and publishing collaboration between the Griffith Review and the University of Melbourne supported by the Sidney Meyer Fund.

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