

CHASS NEWS

Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

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I am delighted to welcome you to the February newsletter for CHASS and my first as the new Executive Director. I have spent the first few weeks undertaking some of the transition tasks as CHASS moves into different resourcing arrangements.

As an avid cricket fan from India, I struggled with India's performance in the current series which did cast a cloud on my initial days at CHASS. However I was ably assisted by Matt Burfitt, our Office Manager, in getting up to speed with processes. Thank you Matt!

In 2012, CHASS will continue its advocacy work for the HASS sector. We look forward to continuing to support the work of our members and to collaborate and add value in enhancing the capacity of the HASS sector.

We are working on a joint submission with several other organisations for the Unlocking Australia's Potential grants which, if funded, will see CHASS working with environmental issues. CHASS is also discussing with the Canberra Centenary for its 2013 National Forum.

Our members are very important to us so please let us know about your events, publications and news by updating your organisation's links on our website. If you need assistance with this, please contact us.

I look forward to working with you in 2012 and to meeting many of you in the months to come.



Padma Menon

Executive Director

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CHASS invites your input into submissions

CHASS is planning to prepare submissions to the following consultation processes. If you have any points you would like us to support or include, please email us by the dates indicated below. All input will be acknowledged.

Refreshing the National Research Priorities

Submissions are invited to the consultation process for the [National Research Priorities](#). CHASS, along with other stakeholders, had been part of the stakeholder group in developing the current consultation paper. If you have any points for the CHASS submission, please email them to director@chass.org.au by 29 February.

Australia in the Asian Century White Paper

CHASS is also consulting with the sector to provide some input into our submission to the [Asian Century White Paper](#). We are keen to support input that will focus on the cultural, social and educational aspects of the discussion. If you can contribute to this submission, please email us by Wednesday 22 February.

Update on the Review of Private Sector Support for the Arts, 2011

CHASS made a submission to the review being conducted by Minister Crean and chaired by Mr Harold Mitchell AC. The review has been completed and Mr Mitchell has provided his report to the Minister, who is currently considering the Australian Government response. October for public consultation to 17 December 2010. Go to the [ACARA website](#) to have your say.



Dancer/Choreographer Liz Lea (see story below)

Update on Inspiring Australia

The Council welcomes the Government's announcement of [Inspiring Australia's \\$5million competitive grant round](#) where submissions have been called for until 29 February 2012. Titled Unlocking Australia's Potential there are three levels of grant categories for projects to be delivered in 2012 and/or 2013 and/or 2014. Small grants up to \$5,000 are available to individuals; medium grants of up to \$45,000 over three years to organisations for delivering high impact science engagement projects at a regional or national level; and large grants of up to \$500,000 over three years to partnered organisations delivering major projects. Government intends to announce successful grant winners by May 2012.

Update on National Cultural Policy

The Council noted with interest the announcement by Minister Crean in late December of an independent review of the Australia Council for the Arts ahead of the development of the nation's first National Cultural Policy. The review will extend to the Australia Council's links with other arts support organisations and agencies. The review will be conducted by Mr Angus James and Ms Gabrielle Trainor, and both have extensive corporate change and governance experience in both the public and private sector. Minister Crean continues to widely consult in relation to the development and finalisation of the policy and has announced that a Reference Group will now provide expert advice on the development of the National Cultural Policy in 2012. It is expected to be released in May this year. The [Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government](#) is the responsible government agency steering the development of the policy, following the merger of the Office for Sport and Office for the Arts from the prime Minister's Department in early January.

HASS at a glance

CHASS 2012 workshops (planned)

CHASS plans the following workshops in 2012. More details will be provided in the coming newsletters.

A joint forum with the Australian Human Rights Commission on Social Policy Innovation, Arts and Anti Racism in May 2012 (Sydney)

CHASS National Forum post the National Cultural Policy Release. This will build on the Hass on the Hill event of the previous years and it is planned to include new and emerging areas of focus in public policy such as the Asian Century and environmental issues and social research.

CHASS is currently in discussions about other seminars including around topics such as media engagement, community development and public policy. More details will be provided in the upcoming newsletters.

HASS profiles

Member Profile: Currency House

[Currency House](#) is a not-for-profit association dedicated to stimulating, enriching and advancing the quality and enjoyment of the Australian performing arts. Currency House seeks to reassert the value of the performing arts to public life by publishing books, articles and platform papers on Australian culture and by conducting forums and debates on these issues, including the popular Arts and Public Life breakfasts.

The Arts and Public Life breakfasts seek to bring together people in the corporate world with an interest in the arts, and those who work in the arts. Chair of Currency House, Katharine Brisbane, believes that this event serves to "stimulate an interest in the arts" in the business community and help close "the endemic difference in perspective" between the two fields. The guest speakers recount their involvement with the arts to encourage a better understanding of the role of artists and to help create an appreciative audience for the arts.

The Association's next Arts and Public Life breakfast will be held on the 22nd of February in Queen Victoria Building's Tea Room in Sydney. The Honourable James Spigelman AC will pay tribute to the arts boards on which he has served, and recall the effort they required, the challenges he faced and the enrichment they have given him over a lifetime.

Profile: Dance meets Science - Liz Lea's work with CSIRO

Professional dancer Liz Lea is set to begin a research project concerning the flight patterns of birds at the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organisation (CSIRO). This project is an innovative example of arts communicating science to the public through the medium of contemporary dance. Liz's work will combine artistic and scientific elements as she seeks to use factual scientific data to inform and shape choreographed movements of indigenous Australian birds. The research project will culminate in a piece called 'In-Flight: Aviators and Birds', which will allow an insight into the way performed movement is formed and shaped when influenced by scientific facts.

Specifically, the performance will focus on movements of the black cockatoo, covering the various types and their history. The project also offers development for the scientific community with plans to study the relationship of movement and air motion aerodynamics through experiments with dancers.

Events

Science at the Shine Dome

The Australian Academy of Science is pleased to invite you to attend its special annual celebration of Australian science and scientists. Held every May at the Shine Dome in Canberra, this year's offering includes a one-day Symposium exploring the very latest in Antarctic science. The fields of climate science, physics, biochemistry, marine biology and more will be explored in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Australasian expedition to Antarctica led by a founding Fellow of the Academy, Sir Douglas Mawson.

Science at the Shine Dome attracts more than 250 distinguished and early career scientists and teachers from across Australia and disciplines. It is also the focus of intense media attention. This year we will be holding the Science at the Shine Dome events from Wednesday 2 May to Friday 4 May 2012, including the Formal admission of new Fellows and new Fellows seminar, the Presentation of awards and the Annual symposium.

The full program and registration is available on the [Academy's website](#).

Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Cooperative Research Centre

Commencing on 13 February 2012, information sessions for the CRC program's 15th selection round will be conducted by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. These information sessions will be of particular interest to:

- individuals and groups contemplating submitting a bid for this or future selection rounds; or
- stakeholders wishing to gain a broad overview of the CRC process and looking for networking opportunities.

Further details about the sessions can be found on the [CRC website](#).

Australian Council of Learned Academies

A reminder that ACOLA will soon be running the next set of workshops, to discuss the issues raised in the recent ACOLA Career Support for Researchers survey. Workshops have been confirmed for Australian Technology Park, Sydney (morning/afternoon of Thursday 1st March) and ANU Campus (morning/afternoon of Thursday 22nd March). Brisbane dates (also in March) are still to be confirmed, around the QLD election. For more information see the [ACOLA website](#).

Australian Interior Design Awards

Professional Development across the Professions Seminar.

On Thursday March 1st in Melbourne, at the 'Professional Development Across the Professions' seminar (held at the John Wiley & Sons offices), experts in technology, education theory and research, and from a broad range of disciplines will share their practical, 'applied' insights and experiences developing professional development programs. See full details at the [AIDA website](#). Register now to save your place and join the discussions.

The Herbert and Valmae Freilich Foundation with the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia present:

Teaching Democracy- political extremism, global lessons for local educators, a workshop for teachers working in Australian schools (and others in related fields).

March 19-20

Sir Roland Wilson Building

Australian National University

Canberra

The workshop will explore the ideas of political action, radicalism, extremism, terrorism and revolution in the context of current geo-political global situations. Drawing from a variety of disciplines, this workshop will include presentations which will explain the political situations around the world, and the way in which these reverberate in Australia. This workshop will further interrogate the concepts of democracy and multiculturalism and ask whether societies such as ours, with its commitment to both, can avoid the development of destructive political action.

The two day workshop will include discussion by the participants to develop strategies for engaging young people in positive political engagement in the classroom and in the community.

Workshop themes:

- Political extremism around the world
- The Arab spring

- The London riots
- The European right
- Young people and political engagement
- Political engagement in a Democracy
- Multiculturalism
- Indigenous political engagement in Australia

For further information on the program, bursaries and registration details please visit <http://freilich.anu.edu.au>

Members Events Calendar

Did you know that if you are a member of CHASS you can post your event on our webpage? For more information contact projects@chass.org.au or log in with your member code at www.chass.org.au

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