

CHASS Newsletter August 2017

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Message from Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, the Patron of the CHASS Australia Prizes

For parents, governments, and many students, higher education is valuable because it opens the door to a good job. There is nothing wrong with this; a fulfilling career is an important part of a good life. But, while we are teaching students the state of various arts, we should also be concerned with the state of their hearts.

Although Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) subjects also lead to jobs, they go beyond vocational training. Life, death, love, beauty, courage, and loyalty have no place in most vocational courses. Yet, when it comes time to sum up our lives, they are the only things that ever really matter to anyone. We need the arts, humanities and social sciences to remind us of what it means to be human; they are the heart of society.

Fortunately, HASS continues to attract huge interest. Historical books, documentaries, and dramas attract huge audiences. Philosophy has spread to the pub and art galleries, symphonies and dance performances attract huge audiences. Social scientists are increasingly having their voice heard in government policy circles. But we cannot take this interest for granted. We need to keep HASS front and centre of our national conversation. This is the purpose of the CHASS Australia Prizes.

These prizes were created four years ago to honour distinctive achievement in HASS areas. This year, there will be four prizes: for a book; for distinctive work (including artistic performance); for future leaders and for a HASS student.

The prizes will be awarded at a gala dinner on October 10th in Melbourne. [Bookings are now open](#). Please join us, meet the winners, have a great night and help promote the value of the humanities, arts and social sciences.



2017 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner 10 October 2017 Melbourne

Join us as we honour distinguished achievements
in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia.

Venue: The Auditorium, Storey Hall, Building 16, RMIT University
336-348 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Drinks hosted by **Mr Martin Bean CBE**
Vice Chancellor, RMIT University from 6.15pm till 7pm
Please be seated for dinner by 7pm

Tickets (incl. GST):
\$121 | CHASS members
\$132 | General
\$108 | Concession & Student

Dress code: Business attire

Bookings: Divya Das 03 9925 3935 or
membership@chass.org.au
Limited seats only
Tickets will not be available for purchase at the venue

[Book now](#)

Shortlist announcement - 2017 CHASS Australia Prizes

Our jury members are hard at work and we will announce the four shortlists in the second half of September. Related announcements will be made on our social media channels, so please [like/follow](#) us to stay tuned. The longlist for the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book will be announced next week. Winners of this year's Australia Prizes will be announced on 10 October in Melbourne.

Update on the CHASS Early Career Researcher event, 17 August 2017, Melbourne

Earlier this month, we organised an event for Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. The theme was **HASS Careers 'Where do you want to go and how will you get there'** and topics for discussion

included *Employment, Applying for Funding, Publishing, Peer mentoring, and Engaging with your audience*.

This event presented participants with the opportunity to meet representatives and leading academics from the HASS sector, explore current issues, foster collaborations, and participate in discussions around best practice related to research outcomes.

Thanks to speakers Dr Peter Binks (Business Higher Education Round Table - BHERT), Associate Professor Maryrose Casey (Monash University, ARC College of Experts), Associate Professor Kay Cook (Swinburne University of Technology, ARC Future Fellow), Natalie Davall (Routledge/T&F), Misha Ketchell (The Conversation), Dr Tseen Khoo (Research Whisperer, La Trobe University), Associate Professor Jo Lindsay (Monash University, The Australian Sociological Association - TASA, CHASS Board member), Jonathan O'Donnell (Research Whisperer, RMIT University), Jeannie Rea (National Tertiary Education Union - NTEU) and Professor Joanne Tompkins (Australian Research Council - ARC) for sharing their valuable insights and experiences with delegates.

Thanks to all ECRs for participating on the day and for sharing your feedback with us.

Photographs from the event can be [viewed here](#). Special thanks to all those who were live-tweeting the proceedings - [#CHASSECR](#) was trending on Twitter for over seven hours!

We have received a lot of interest in bringing this event to other cities and are looking for event partners. If your university/organisation would like to get involved, please contact us.

Notice: 14th CHASS Annual General Meeting, 10 October 2017, Melbourne

Members are hereby notified that the 14th CHASS Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2017 at Meeting Room, Level 5, Building 37, RMIT University, 411 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

All members of CHASS are invited to attend the AGM. Participants are requested to arrive by 1.45pm to register and the AGM will formally begin at 2.00pm.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following items:

- Report from the CHASS President on activities during the financial year 2016-17
- Statement of accounts and auditor's report for FY 2016-17

Voting rights and proxies: Only current financial members have voting rights. Please advise the CHASS office of your intention to participate in the AGM by completing and returning the 'Form of appointment of Delegate'. Members who are unable to attend but would like to nominate a proxy are requested to complete and return the 'Form of appointment of Proxy'. These forms can be [downloaded here](#) and need to be submitted no later than 5pm, Monday 2 October 2017 by [email](#) or by regular mail to CHASS, PO Box 12226, Franklin Street Post Shop, A'Beckett Street, Melbourne, VIC 8006.

[RSVP](#)

Renewing your CHASS membership

As a CHASS member, your organisation is part of an essential network for communication and collaboration across the diverse disciplines and institutions operating in this sector. A unified voice for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) sector and revitalised advocacy are of increased significance as we face new challenges, and we hope to have your continued participation in our work.

CHASS members have access to various services such as the daily media monitoring update, event listings on our website and newsletter, profiling opportunities in our newsletter, and social media support and promotion. This year, members will be able to take advantage of discounted tickets to attend the 2017 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner. Only current financial members are able to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership renewal letters and invoices were sent to you in July. If you haven't received your invoice or your organisation's staff/billing details have changed, please [contact](#) us. Subscriptions can be paid via EFT/cheque/credit card (Visa and MasterCard only, merchant fees apply).

We look forward to continuing our association with you and seeing you at the next CHASS event.



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MEMBERS RECEIVE:**

- ✓ Support of advocacy of key issues through collaborations with peer groups and sector leaders in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- ✓ Access to our extensive network of leading academics, practitioners & policy makers
- ✓ Special discounts for attending CHASS events
- ✓ Promotion opportunities in the monthly e-newsletter
- ✓ Social media + website support for national conferences/events
- ✓ Opportunities of representation to the Federal Government

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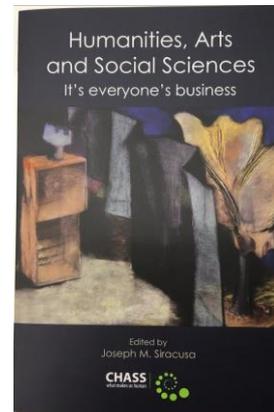
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CHASS Book - Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences *It's everyone's business*

Published by Routledge with essays collated and edited by CHASS President Professor Joseph M. Siracusa, [Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences: It's everyone's business](#) is a must-read. In producing this pocket book featuring a range of essays by prominent Australian and international researchers, CHASS's goal is to illustrate the diverse ways in which the humanities, arts and social sciences provide essential services to all citizens in all walks of life.



The book was officially launched by our distinguished dinner speaker Robyn Archer AO at the 2016 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner in October 2016 in Melbourne. Robyn has also written the book's Foreword. We have distributed over 1500 copies nationally since the launch. If you haven't received a copy, [please download it here](#).

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