



From the Executive Director's Desk

The CHASS Forum for 2015 will be held at Woodward Conference Centre at Melbourne University next week on 15 and 16 October. There are a few places left, so get in quick.

The theme of this year's Forum is "[Inspiring a Creative Australia](#)" and being inspiring is what the Forum is all about.

Over two days, you will be inspired by professional artists, heads of granting agencies, members of government departments, museum directors, researchers and leaders of charitable bodies. [Speakers include](#) The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial; Tony Grybowski, CEO of the Australia Council; Dr Lisa O'Brien, CEO of The Smith Family; Sally Warhaft from the Wheeler Centre and the ABC; Claire Spencer, head of the Arts Centre Melbourne; Professor Ian Chubb AC, the Chief Scientist, and many more.

The program has been created to ensure that there is something of interest for everyone involved in the arts and the humanities.

Also, in response to popular demand, we will reprise the popular session called "Speed Dating for HASS Researchers". Learn what the judges think and be prepared to vote for your favourite presenter.

Delegates also have the opportunity to subscribe to the Australia Prizes Lunch on 15 October. Not only will you have the pleasure of being the first to learn the winners of the four 2015 CHASS Australia Prizes, you will also hear from distinguished guest speaker and artist, Deborah Cheetham.

If you only go to one meeting this year, make it the 2015 CHASS Forum. You won't be sorry.

Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, FASSA



2015 CHASS National Forum *Inspiring a Creative Australia*, 15 and 16 October, Melbourne

Last few tickets are remaining. Book your Forum package before 12 October to save \$60 per person. CHASS members can save an additional \$66 per person, that's a total saving of \$126!

[Click here to view the final program](#)

Speakers include Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb AC, Tony Grybowski (Australia Council for the Arts), The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson (Australian War Memorial), Dr Lisa O'Brien (The Smith Family), Claire Spencer (Arts Centre Melbourne), poet Chris Wallace-Crabbe AM, and Sally Warhaft (The Wheeler Centre).

The 2015 CHASS Australia Prizes will be announced over lunch on the 15th. Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of authors, artists, practitioners, leaders and students in the humanities, arts and social sciences in Australia with our lunch keynote speaker, Deborah Joy Cheetham AO.

Senior school students and groups can avail of exclusive cut-price tickets - \$190 for Day 1/Day 2 or \$370 for both days. T&Cs apply. Please contact us to know more.

[Click here to view the list of confirmed speakers](#)

[Click here to register via Eventbrite](#)

[Book your ticket now!](#)

**12th CHASS Annual General Meeting, 16 October,
Melbourne**

CHASS members are hereby notified that the annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday, 16 October. If you are yet to confirm your attendance, please contact us by 5pm AEDT on Friday, 9 October.

Venue: Law Boardroom, Law Building, Level 10, The University of Melbourne, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton VIC 3053

Time: 8am - 9am (please arrive by 7.45am to register, tea/coffee will be served)

All members of CHASS are invited to attend the AGM. The agenda includes the following items:

- Report from the CHASS Vice-President on activities of CHASS during the financial year 2014-15
- Statement of accounts and auditor's report for financial year 2014-15

If you haven't renewed your annual membership yet, please do it before the AGM. Current financial members can vote at the AGM and stand for elections of the Board, when there is an opportunity. Members have access to services such as the daily media monitoring update, event listings on our website and newsletter, profiling opportunities in our newsletter, and social media promotion. This year, members will also be able to take advantage of [additional discounts to attend the 2015 CHASS National Forum](#), which will take place in Melbourne on 15 and 16 October. So be sure to renew your membership and continue to remain part of an essential network for communication and collaboration across the diverse disciplines and institutions operating in the HASS sector.

[Register for the 12th CHASS AGM](#)

Public Lecture - After the Fall: Content, Context and Co-creation after the Decline of Print Media, 6 October, Melbourne

We would like to thank Professor Anthony Elliott FASSA, Executive Director of the Hawke EU Centre for Mobilities, Migrations and Cultural Transformations at the University of South Australia, and the RMIT EU Centre for partnering with us for this successful event held on 6 October in Melbourne.

We would also like to thank Ralf Blomqvist from Main Dialog, Sweden for his talk and Misha Ketchell from The Conversation for participating in the discussion.

Please [click here to view the event's photos](#).



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