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2016 CHASS Australia Book Prize Longlist announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the longlist for its prestigious 2016 Australia Prize for a Book. The Book Prize will be awarded to an Australian citizen or permanent resident whose book, published between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015, contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

The longlisted titles, from an entry field of 132 print and ebooks in the non-fiction category are:

- **The Story of Australia's People Volume 1: The Rise and Fall of Ancient Australia**, by Geoffrey Blainey and published by Penguin Books
- **The Eighties: The Decade That Transformed Australia**, by Frank Bongiorno and published by Black Inc. Books
- **Thea Astley: Inventing Her Own Weather**, by Karen Lamb and published by University of Queensland Press
- **Australia's Boldest Experiment War and Reconstruction in the 1940s**, by Stuart Macintyre and published by NewSouth Books
- **Illicit Love Interracial Sex & Marriage in the United States & Australia**, by Ann McGrath and published by University of Nebraska Press
- **Across the Seas Australia's Response to Refugees: A History**, by Klaus Neumann and published by Black Inc Books
- **Mannix**, by Brenda Niall and published by Text Publishing
- **Sex, Soldiers and the South Pacific 1939-45: Queer Identities in Australia in the Second World War**, by Yorick Smaal and published by Palgrave Macmillan

The shortlist will be announced in September. The winner of the 2016 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book will receive a cash prize of \$3,500. The Prize, sponsored by Routledge, will be presented at the 2016 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner on October 20 in Melbourne.

The judges for the Book prize are Colin Steele FAHA, Emeritus Fellow, Australian National University (Chair); Ian Howie, Adjunct Professor, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University; Dr Katie Hughes, Associate Director - Learning, Teaching and Innovation, Monash College and President, The Australian Sociological Association; Dr Tom Karmel, Former Managing Director, National Centre for Vocational Education Research; and Professor Joseph Siracusa, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University and President, CHASS.

EVENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR AND EVENTS PAGES:

What: 2016 CHASS Australia Prizes

Where: Storey Hall Auditorium, Building 16, RMIT University, Melbourne

When: 6-10pm, 20 October 2016

Distinguished Dinner Speaker: Singer, writer, artistic director, and public advocate of the arts Robyn Archer AO CdOAL

Cost per person (including GST): CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108

Web: <https://2016chassausprizes.eventbrite.com.au>

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Further information

About the CHASS Australia Prizes

Established in 2014, the CHASS Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the HASS (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences) areas, including academics, practitioners, philanthropists, policy makers and students. The Australia Prizes are intended to draw international attention to Australia's achievements in HASS. In 2016, four prizes will be given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and sponsored by Routledge: one for a non-fiction **Book** that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for **Distinctive Work**, an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders is for a **Future Leader**, an individual under 35 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. The Co-Op has sponsored the fourth prize valued at \$500 for a **Student** essay, exhibition, performance, project or thesis in any HASS area.

About CHASS

Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) promotes and provides advocacy services for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. It serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector. Supporting more than 75 member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, CHASS is an important network for knowledge and skills. It provides a strong voice to the sector and helps members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. For more information, please visit www.chass.org.au or call CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on (03) 9925 3935.