

Season's greetings from CHASS

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## *We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Hello readers, and welcome to the final CHASS newsletter of 2016.

We extend our sincere thanks to all those who have supported us during the year - our members, sponsors, partners, friends from industry bodies, stakeholders, vendors, and volunteers.

Thank you for supporting our 2016 Australia Prizes. As you may know, we received over 230 nominations across the four categories in 2016, our highest total so far! We would like to thank all nominators and nominees for their support of our annual endeavour to acknowledge and celebrate distinguished achievements in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) in Australia. Thanks also to jury members, chairs, and our wonderful sponsors. Special thanks to all those who joined us for the Australia Prizes Dinner on October 20 in Melbourne, and congratulations to the winners. Nominations for the 2017 Australia Prizes will open in late February/early March, so watch this space for related announcements.

This year, we launched a new CHASS publication, 'Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences: It's everyone's business'. Published by Routledge and edited by CHASS President Professor Joseph M. Siracusa, this pocket book features a range of essays by prominent Australian and international researchers. In producing this book, 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 at the 2016 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner. Robyn has also written the book's Foreword. Some of you may have noticed the book in your conference delegate satchels at the 2016 DASSH Conference in Hobart, the 2016 TASA Conference in Melbourne, and the 2016 Cultural Studies Conference in Sydney. If

you attended the opening session of the 2016 AULLA Conference in Melbourne, you would have seen us and our books there. Many thanks to our members and supporters who were happy to have our books, and there's also an online version for those of you who have not received a copy. [Please click here to download it.](#)

We would like to thank all our members who attended our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Melbourne. Our President's annual report, outlining our projects and achievements for the last financial year, was presented at the meeting. [This report can be downloaded here.](#) Audited financial statements corresponding to the period were also tabled at the AGM.

Following the AGM, we invited nominations from member organisations for recent vacancies on our Board. We would like to thank all those who responded to the call-out. All related announcements will be made early next year.

Our office will remain closed from 23rd December till 3rd January. Our daily media update service for members will be suspended during that time. For urgent queries during the shutdown period, please contact us via [email](#).

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year. We look forward to catching up with you in 2017.



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