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2017 CHASS Australia Prizes Shortlists Announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the shortlists for its prestigious Australia Prizes, which will be presented on 10 October in Melbourne.

For the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book, the shortlisted titles are **Tom Griffiths, *The Art of Time Travel: Historians and Their Craft*** (Black Inc.), **Mark McKenna, *From the Edge: Australia's Lost Histories*** (Melbourne University Press), **John Murphy, *Evatt: A Life*** (NewSouth Publishing), and **Elizabeth Tynan, *Atomic Thunder: The Maralinga Story*** (NewSouth Publishing). The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Book Prize is being awarded to an Australian author whose non-fiction book, published between January and December 2016, contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

For the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for Distinctive Work, the finalists are **Myanmar Country Report: Language, Education and Social Cohesion Initiative** (Joseph Lo Bianco), **The Zest Festival 2012-2016** (ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions (CHE) Zest Contributors - Jacqueline Van Gent, Susan Broomhall, Rebecca Millar, Erika von Kaschke, Elizabeth Reid, Melissa Kirkham, Jane Davidson), **EXPERIMENTA's A Galaxy of Suns** (Michaela Gleave, Amanda Cole, Warren Armstrong, Michael Fitzgerald), and **Review of the Family Violence Common Risk Management Framework** (Monash University Gender and Family Violence Program). The winner will receive \$3,500. Sponsored by Routledge, the Distinctive Work Prize is for a performance, exhibition, project or a specific advance in policy development in any Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) field between January and December 2016.

For the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for a Future Leader, the finalists are **Ariella Meltzer, Rani Pramesti, Laura Rademaker**, and **Lisa Walton**. The winner will receive \$2,000. Sponsored by Future Leaders, the Future Leader Prize is being awarded to an individual aged under 30 demonstrating clear leadership and potential in any HASS field.

For the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for a Student, the finalists are **Bronwyn Lovell** (Flinders University) and **Camille Roulière** (The University of Adelaide). The winner will receive a \$500 voucher. Sponsored by Co-Op, the Student Prize is for a student project, performance or exhibition that best exemplifies the contribution of HASS areas to our understanding of our nation and us.

"We would like to congratulate all the finalists, and thank all nominators and nominees for the high standard and diversity of the 272 nominations received this year. These shortlists represent an exceptional array of talent and it is truly an honour for CHASS to be able to recognize the contribution of the finalists to the HASS sector. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our jury members who have worked tirelessly to arrive at such strong candidates. We look forward to seeing our finalists and jury members at the Prizes Dinner, and we invite our colleagues in the HASS sector to come along and show their support," said Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, Patron of the annual Australia Prizes.

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What: 2017 CHASS Australia Prizes
Where: Storey Hall Auditorium, Bldg 16, RMIT University, 336–348 Swanston Street, Melbourne
When: 10 October 2017
Cost per person: CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108
Web: <https://2017-chass-australia-prizes-dinner.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information or interviews, please contact Divya Das on 03 9925 3935 or membership@chass.org.au.

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Further information:

About the CHASS Australia Prizes: The CHASS Australia Prizes are awarded by CHASS annually. The 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 2017, four prizes are being given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and are sponsored by Routledge: one for a book that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third prize, a cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders, is for an individual under 30 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. Co-Op has sponsored the fourth prize. It is valued at \$500 and is for a student essay, exhibition, performance, project or thesis in a HASS area. 2017 marks the fourth edition of the Australia Prizes.

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 70 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 (03) 9925 3935.