

CAIS NOTES



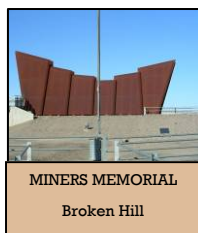
Prof. Lynette Russell

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Director's Cut

A couple of weeks ago I travelled to Broken Hill and surrounding region with the National Centre for Australian Studies and a large group of International students. I was there to deliver the Outback Oration on the Saturday at the Geological Centre. The lecture was really well attended and lots of interesting questions were asked. There seems to be a real absence and silence in this area with regard to the local Aboriginal people so it was a great opportunity to remind everyone that we all walk on Aboriginal land.



MINERS MEMORIAL
Broken Hill

We were introduced to the mining history of Broken Hill and visited the stunning Broken Hill memorial which was



erected to reflect on the lives of the many who have been killed in the mines.

At dusk we travelled to the Outback Sculpture Park where we enjoyed the atmospheric landscape and a magnificent sunset. To add to our experience a stunning comet or perhaps it was a meteor travelled across the sky with a big red plumed tail. We watched it for about 15 minutes before it disappeared again.

The next day we witnessed the endless expanses of Eldee Station and the Mundi Mundi Plain. Mad Max was filmed here and students had the opportunity to ride camels and visit the ghost town of Silverton.

For me the highlight of the trip was to meet the Indigenous custodians at Lake Mungo National Park. Lake Mungo stands on the lands of the Mutthi Mutthi, Paakantji and Ngiyampaa people. We were hosted by Aboriginal Elder Graeme Clark who gave the students an unforgettable tour of the area complete with a reading of the ancient landscape and deep time.

The students and staff all had a wonderful experience—a real taste of life away from the cities. I was feeling really inspired by the ideas and am committed to creating an Indigenous tour for our students to also have an 'outback' moment.

Points of Interest

- New IT Scholarship
- Barry's brush with fame
- New Adjunct Professor
- Ngarrindjeri Research
- Copyright update

Congratulations to Adjunct Professor Uncle Henry Atkinson



Adjunct Professor
Henry Atkinson

CAIS proudly endorses the University Council's decision to appoint Henry Atkinson as an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Education. Prof. Atkinson is held in high esteem within the University and Indige-

nous communities. He is a Yorta Yorta Elder of the Wolithiga Clan and is widely regarded as a leader and role model for all Australians. With his generosity, extensive experience and advocacy for Indigenous people, Prof. Atkinson contributes to the quality of education and sensitivity to the University's education and research programs.

Launch of New Scholarship for Information Technology

Infosys Australia has funded a very generous scholarship for an Indigenous student studying Information technology at Monash in 2010. At the recent launch, recent graduate Rhyannon Fricker spoke about the many benefits of receiving financial support, such as being able to cut back on part-time work and focus on your studies. The CEO of Infosys indicated that they are looking forward to developing an on-going relationship with the recipient and providing the support needed. Judith

Cooke, Manager Indigenous Student Services, stated that the scholarship was a terrific incentive for someone wanting to study in this field.



Roser Bosch is currently visiting CAIS as a PhD researcher from Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona. During her two month stay in Australia, Roser hopes to undertake substantial research into Australian Indigenous contemporary art. Many of Melbourne's fine galleries and museums are high on Roser's list of things to visit. In addition to her stay in Melbourne, Roser has organised a visit to Central Australia to become acquainted with Indigenous artistic production and tourist consumption. We hope Roser's visit with CAIS will be rewarding and she returns to Spain inspired with new ideas and opportunities.



DR BARRY JUDD MEETS HIS MATCH



Assoc. Prof. Chris Hallinan presenting at the ICC Conference Oxford.

Assoc. Prof. Chris Hallinan (CAIS Research Fellow) and Dr Barry Judd recently attended the International Cricket Council (ICC) Conference at Oxford University, England

Celebrating the centenary of the ICC this conference brought together academics, officials, professional commentators and past players to discuss the past, present and future of world cricket.

Chris and Barry presented a paper on the absence of Aboriginal cricket in the 20th century. Based

on a paper written about Cricket at Coranderrk their paper was the only one to address the relationship between international cricket and Indigenous populations. Their contribution to the Conference was well received by the English and they have been invited to contribute a chapter to an edited volume that will focus on the Ashes.

They mentioned that the silence from the Australian participants was overwhelming, however, they were able to win over some participants from the West Indies including cricketing legend Clive Lloyd. In Clive Lloyd's own presentation on the West Indies team, Mr. Lloyd quoted a statement of racial equality from Chris and Barry's paper.

Chris and Barry later had a conversation with Clive in which he declared that the future of Australia-

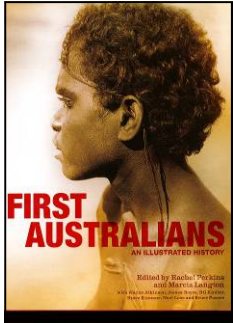
lian cricket requires that an Indigenous team join the Sheffield Shield. This and the photo opportunity that followed was the highlight of their conference experience.



Barry meets former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, at the International Cricket Council (ICC) Conference, Oxford University.

Chris and Barry plan to develop an ARC Linkage Project with Cricket Victoria and with the support of the ICC will explore how the game might become more relevant to Indigenous communities.

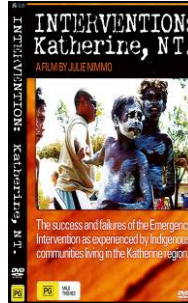
New in the Library



The Elizabeth Eggleston Library has recently acquired a copy of the 'First Australians' DVD and the companion book. The M rated DVD of 382 minutes duration, was first shown as a seven part series on SBS television in October last year. The program outlines the 'collision of two worlds that created contemporary Australia'. From the first episode 'They

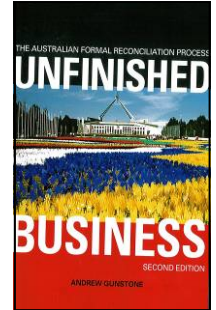
have come to stay' the series reveals true stories of friendship, revenge, loss and victory between black and white communities. Beginning in 1788 the first episode explores the collision that occurred between the British Empire and the oldest surviving culture. The DVD brings to life past events which are brought into focus by leading academics and researchers through historical documents and images. The seven episodes tell the story from the perspective of the Australian Aborigine and conclude with the 1993

Mabo legal challenge for land rights. A five star rating by members of the public accompanied comments such as, 'This video should be distributed to ALL Australian schools and made a compulsory part of all Australian children's education'. Two other items new to the library include : Andrew Gunstone's book 'Unfinished Business' and the DVD 'Intervention: Katherine, NT' by Julie Nimmo.



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Introducing Dr Karen Hughes and her Ngarrindjeri Research



Dr Karen Hughes

Dr Karen Hughes was recently in South Australia, examining archival documents for a research project on which she is working closely with members of the Ngarrindjeri

community from Raukkan (where the church on the \$50 note is located) and elsewhere in the lower Murray lakes, and Coorong area of south eastern SA. Her project sheds light on the social and political circumstances around the death through an 'overdose of morphine while temporarily insane' of Phyllis Flower, an outspoken and pro-Aboriginal Queensland missionary nurse on the Point McLeay Mission (now Raukkan) in the 1920s. Phyllis Flower was a devoted nurse, extremely popular with the Ngarrindjeri community, and her death came at a time when she was ardently express-

ing her concerns to the Protector of Aborigines regarding a string of injustices and moral transgressions perpetrated by the draconian mission superintendent. Her silencing can be seen as part of a regime of silencing of pro-Aboriginal white women in Australia in the interwar years. The research also investigates the neglect of the South Australian State in fostering the deplorable health and social conditions on the mission, which allowed such a tragedy to happen. Karen will be presenting the first part of this work-in-progress at the 10th Biennial European Association for the Study of Australia (EASA) conference in Spain in September.

She is also finishing a book, titled My Grandmother On the Other Side of the Lake, based on her recent PhD research, which weaves a cross-cultural history of intimate and domestic spaces around Lake Alexandrina, from the perspectives of Ngarrindjeri and settler-descended women's stories and lived experiences in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

Farewell to Ned

It is with great sadness that CAIS said farewell to Nareida Wyatt recently. Nareida (fondly known as Ned) bid adieu to CAIS recently



Nareida Wyatt

and has taken an exciting new position with VACCHO (Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation).

Ned's primary interest in mental health will be fulfilled in this new position.

Ned will be sorely missed by students and staff alike for her generosity of spirit and her quirky humour. We wish Ned well in her future endeavours.

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Staff Activities

- ◇ Two visiting academics are working at CAIS: Roser Bosch from Spain is researching Australian Indigenous contemporary art and Dr Victoria Haskins from the University of Newcastle is researching Aboriginal Domestic Service.
- ◇ Lynette Russell recently visited Lake Mungo and the Mutthi Mutthi, Paakantji and Ngiyam-paa traditional lands.
- ◇ Kristel Keleher, Indigenous Recruitment Officer, has been visiting schools in and around Warrnambool and the Western District.
- ◇ Stephen Pritchard, (Monash/Malaysia Liaison Officer for the Arts Faculty) has accompanied Lynette Russell on a visit to the Sunway campus, Malaysia to meet with Malaysian academics.
- ◇ Karen Hughes and Sue Taffe have attended the 10th Biennial European Association for the Study of Australia (EASA) conference in Spain.
- ◇ Barry Judd has recently returned from a research trip to South Africa and England.

Reminder to complete the Equal Opportunity (EO) Online Training if you haven't already done so -
<http://adm.monash.edu.au/sss/equity-diversity/equal-opportunity/online-training/index.html>



MONASH COPYRIGHT NEWS



Did you know?

Sharing films or music or storing your personal music and media files on the Monash IT network could breach copyright.

Staff and students are allowed to use the University's IT resources for limited, incidental personal purposes, provided such use is lawful, does not negatively impact upon work performance or damage the reputation, image or operations of the University.

The Monash network should not be used to store or transmit illegal material.

The IT Use policy and the Copyright website has some examples of infringing activities.

When in doubt about interpreting the policy, contact the ITS Service Desk or the University Solicitor's Office

Questions on copyright can be directed to the University Copyright Adviser or visit the Copyright website.

<http://www.copyright.monash.edu.au/students/>

FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 2nd September**
Dr Denise Cuthbert, School of Political and Social Inquiry.
Title: Sorry business and yet more sorry business: Reconciling the politics of black and white 'stolen' children in contemporary Australia
- **Wednesday 7th October**
Dr Shannon Faulkhead, Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash University
Title: 'Holding Gunitjmara Knowledge: People and Records Working Together'
A partnership project with the Gunitj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, investigating community archiving.

Taped copies of presentations will be available in the CAIS library