

Welcome to the latest edition of the Faculty of Education's Bulletin, where today we have all the news that's fit to print.

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- **Thanks to Brian Hemmings, hello Dr Deb Clarke!**

This is not the last bulletin under the watch of Dr Brian Hemmings, who will be retiring after 30 years of service at CSU shortly, but almost! Brian has done a wonderful job in the role of Sub-Dean Graduate Studies for the past 6 years and taking over the role until the Faculty restructure is in place (mid-2016) will be Dr Deb Clarke, School of Teacher Education. Many of you will know Deb through her work with Honours programs, and was the Principal Supervisor of Lindy Cavanagh who was CSU's Trans-Tasman Three Minute Thesis representative in 2013. Welcome Deb!

- [HDR Candidate News](#)
 - **Congratulations to the following candidates recently approved for graduation**
 - Tamara CUMMING.** Supervisors: Prof Jennifer Sumsion, Dr Sandie Wong.
Making Visible Early Childhood Educators' Ways of Negotiating Complexity
 - Erin HUNTER.** Supervisors Prof JoAnne Reid
One Foot in Both Worlds
 - Sarah VERDON.** Supervisors: Prof Sharynne McLeod and Dr Sandie Wong
Embracing Diversity – Creating Equality: Supporting the speech, language, and communication of culturally and linguistically diverse children
 - Tina STRATIGOS.** Supervisors: Prof Jennifer Sumsion
A case study of belonging for an infant in family day care
- They join the following doctorates already conferred this year:

John RAE. Supervisors: Prof Bill Green and Dr Donna Mathewson-Mitchell

Practising creativity: An arts-based investigation of creativity in professional practice, with specific reference to public health services

Lucie ZUNDANS. Supervisors: Associate Prof Alan Bain and Prof JoAnne Reid

Self-organisation in course design: A collaborative, theory-based approach to course development in inclusive education

- **Endorsement of Candidature**

Wade Kelly – School of Information Studies – 3.00pm, 7 December 2015

Community-Engaged Academics: Exploring Conceptions of Identity, and Social Responsibility

Wade will present his proposal from the Seminar Room in the School of Information Studies, Wagga and streamed via Adobe Connect. Please log in <https://connect.csu.edu.au/endorsmentsession/> and wait to be allowed into the virtual room.

- **HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction - Research Office Professional Development Calendar**

The Research Office coordinates a variety of professional development programs for HDR Candidates, HDR Supervisors and Researchers each year. The final workshop for the year is the HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction. If you're a new candidate (yes, I'm looking at you), the next online induction is being held on 9 December 2015 and is a compulsory component of HDR probation.

Click here to register <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/professional-development/program-calendar>

- **Application numbers**

Since July, the Faculty has received 48 applications for entry to the doctoral program.

22 applications have been rejected:

No fit with Faculty research foci / no appropriate supervision in the Faculty/ 14

Insufficient research background 8

18 applications were determined to meet entry requirements and a number of these applicants are now awaiting the outcome of the University/Faculty scholarship rankings

5 applicants were accepted into the program but withdrew their application

3 applicants have accepted their offer and have commenced study. These candidates have been welcomed via previous bulletins.



➤ **Faculty of Education/School of Indigenous Australian Studies Indigenous Research Summit**

It's not too late to register!

Faculty of Education staff and HDR candidates are warmly invited to attend the Faculty of Education's Indigenous Research Summit, 3rd – 4th December, at the Convention Centre, CSU Wagga Wagga.

The Summit will bring together researchers from various disciplines to consider opportunities for collaborative, interdisciplinary, cross-School and cross-Faculty research. The Summit's design presents a series of interactive workshops over two days, developed by keynote 'discussants' with a range of expertise and practice-based experience.

In particular, the Summit is designed to explore:

- Building partnerships with Indigenous communities;
- Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, researchers and standpoint;
- Respect for different knowledge sources, ways of doing, and ways of being.

Further information, including the registration form and schedule, can be found on the Faculty of Education's Research website <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/education/research/indigenous-summit>

Discussants:

- Tony Duke, Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources.
- Chrissy Grant, Chair of the AITSIS Research Ethics Committee.
- Dr Sandra R. Phillips, Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology.
- Associate Professor Gethin Thomas, Director, CSU Research Office,

As previously announced by the Acting Executive Dean, the Faculty will fund travel for Faculty of Education staff and HDR candidates to attend. Further details are on the website.

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➤ Faculty Compact Funding Opportunities

The Faculty of Education is pleased to announce two Compacts funding opportunities in support of applications for external research income. Application forms for these schemes are available from the [Faculty of Education's Research website](#).

1. **External Research Grant Development Scheme** – to provide support for academic staff with established track records to apply for external funding (with the Faculty as the lead organisation) from Category 1, 2 and 3 granting agencies. The Faculty will consider applications requesting up to \$5000 to support the development of a research grant application.
2. **Request for Institutional Support Commitment** – to provide support on Category 1 applications that require (e.g., ARC LIEF), or would be strengthened by, a commitment of institutional funding. The Faculty will consider applications requesting funds (typically, to a maximum of \$5,000) to be included at the time of the grant application submission. Applications for institutional support must be received at least one month prior to the Research Office deadline for grant submissions.

Please contact Prof Lisa Given, Associate Dean Research (lgiven@csu.edu.au) if you have any questions or to discuss a proposed application. Staff are also encouraged to discuss their proposed application plans with their Head of School and (for members) the Director of RIPPLE, Prof Jennifer Sumsion.

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➤ 1-Day December Bootcamp For Research Writers

Research writers who would like to give themselves the gift of a burst of progress before the end of the year might like to come to the 1-Day Bootcamp, on Thursday the 17th of December.

As always, we will run the bootcamp simultaneously online in Adobe Connect and face-to-face in Wagga (where there may be a couple of holiday treats).

If you would like a calendar invitation with the links, location and schedule, please email me at ccharles@csu.edu.au

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➤ **Research Writing Support**

If you you'd like some research writing support, don't forget the fantastic resources available from Cassily Charles, the Academic Writing Coordinator for postgraduate students.

There's a veritable cornucopia of online/face to face support and resources available – check [here](#) for further details.

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➤ **For those off to conferences...**

If you're heading off to a conference over the next few months, consider live tweeting (not forgetting the conference hashtag!) to broaden your networks, create a buzz around your work and possibly start conversations with potential PhD students and research collaborators.

As The Research Whisperer article [3 reasons why you'd live tweet](#) points out, live tweeting always leads to various professional opportunities. And I agree! Live tweeting from conferences has definitely expanded my network and brought the Faculty many new friends and supporters.

If you're new to Twitter, don't be shy, call Lisa McLean, Hannah Guilfoyle the Faculty's Media/Communication contact in the Division of Marketing, or your friendly Faculty Liaison Librarian for assistance.

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➤ **Is your research area a hot topic?**

Is there a current issue in the media that resonates with your area of research? Do you have something new to contribute to public conversations? Are you looking for research participants or releasing new and interesting data? Published a new book?

If you've answered 'yes' to any of these questions, [Hannah Guilfoyle](#), Media and Communications Officer in the Division of Marketing can help you get your story into the news.

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➤ **Faculty of Education Low Risk Ethics Committee – final meeting 2015**

The final meeting of the Faculty ethics committee is being held on 15 December, with the agenda closing on 7 December. The first meeting in 2016 will be held on 9 February.

Further information about ethics, how to apply for approval and dates for 2016 meetings are [here](#) on the Faculty's research website.

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➤ **2015-2016 NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards**

Nominations are now open for the **2015-2016 NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards**. The purpose of the NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards is to acknowledge, encourage and most importantly promote the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December 2015.

Categories open for nomination:

- Aboriginal Education Council Aboriginal Education Award
- Australian Super Career Kick Start Award
- Freemasons NSW & ACT Community Service Award
- Santos Indigenous Achievement Award
- The Coffee Club Arts and Fashion Award
- Who Printing Environment & Sustainability Award
- First National Real Estate Leadership Award

To nominate online today please follow this link: www.bit.ly/nswactyaa

Sarah Verdon, School of Teacher Education, last year won the Australian National University Science Leadership Award <http://www.awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/nsw/current-winners/>

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➤ **Change Proposal – update about the Faculty Research & Graduate Studies Office**

As many of you are aware, the Service Improvement Plan change proposal has had a major impact on all Faculty professional staff. Round One translation/appointment of positions were recently announced, and the current position of Faculty Research & Graduate Studies Office has been ‘translated’ to Faculty Research Liaison Officer, which is a Research Office position embedded in the Faculty and will provide “multi-skilled support for academic staff engaged in research within the designated Faculty including the promotion of research opportunities, administration of grants (pre and post award), research partnership support, research data and compliance reporting, and support of Faculty research and ethics committees.”

The appointment to Faculty Graduate Studies Liaison Officer, responsible for providing “multi-skilled support for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students within the designated Faculty from the point of initial enquiry to completion of candidature” has not yet been finalised.

If you would like to keep up to date with announcements and other decisions relating to this change proposal, join the **RREWG Interact2 Organisation** site via Interact2.

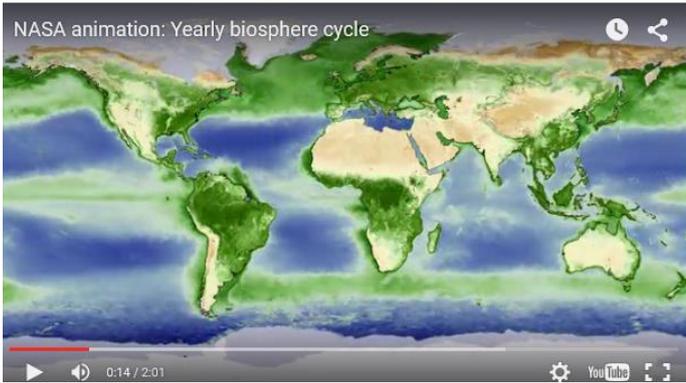
If you missed the update on the Three Faculty Structure, Council approved the move as follows:

- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Arts and Education – all current Faculty of Education schools remain in the same Faculty, joined by Humanities & Social Sciences, Communication and Creative Industries, Theology and the Centre for Islamic Studies & Civilisation
- Faculty of Business, Justice, and Behavioural Sciences

Transformational change like this can be challenging to navigate but can also open up lots of new possibilities and opportunities – let’s take advantage of them!

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➤ **And finally... Earth's yearly cycle of plant life**



NASA has created an animated video of Earth's yearly plant life cycle... it's quite mesmerising!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIAE-L8xTpo>

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Have a great weekend!

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