



Message from the CEO

Earlier this month the Academy held a successful Symposium, AGM and related events in Canberra. Highlights included:

- Announcement and presentations from our 37 wonderful new Fellows. You can [view their profiles here](#) or meet them in the short video (below) celebrating their success.
- The announcement of our [four Paul Bourke Award winners](#): outstanding early- and mid-career social scientists making significant contributions through their research.
- Presentations from three of our four [Jubilee Fellows](#), elected to the Academy in 1979.
- The thought-provoking [Cunningham Lecture](#) by the Hon Marcia Neave AO on the question of whether Australian Governments are still capable of effective policy making.
- The launch of our refreshed website (www.socialsciences.org.au), our [2019 Annual Report](#) and new [2019-2022 strategic plan](#).
- And, of course, our fantastic [Annual Symposium](#), this year focused on the critically important issue of breaking the 'consumptagenic cycle' to ensure we can live healthy and secure lives in a sustainable environment in the future.

The discussion at the symposium was particularly pertinent in the context of the ongoing bushfire crisis, and the thoughts of the Academy and our symposium convenors and presenters continue to be with all those affected by the fires.

Overall, the program of events was a resounding success and I'd like to extend congratulations and thanks to all involved; in particular our new Fellows and award winners, our symposium convenors Professor Sharon Friel FASSA; Dr Ashley Schram and Professor Christine Parker, and our hard-working team at the Academy National Office.

With our 2019 events concluded planning is already underway for several Academy symposia which will be held in Melbourne and Sydney next year (more details to follow in the new year). **And a reminder to Fellows that nominations for new Fellows are required by 30 November** (information and nomination forms [here](#)).

Otherwise, all the very best for the coming holidays and we'll be in touch with more news and events in the new year.

With best wishes
Chris Hatherly

Meet the new Fellows elected in 2019



Fellows' News

- Academy Fellows Professor Joshua Gans and the Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP have published a new book *Innovation + Equality: How to create a future that is more Star Trek than Terminator*. [More here.](#)
- Academy Fellows Stephen Crain and Rick Richardson have been appointed to the ARC College of Experts, joining a number of other Fellows of the Academy. [More here.](#)
- Academy Fellows Craig Jeffrey and Frank Bongiorno have been elected as Fellows of the Australian Academy of Humanities. [More here.](#)
- Academy Fellow Anthony Elliot has secured a prestigious Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Project grant from the European Union. [More here.](#)

Grants, Awards and Other Opportunities

- Nominations for the 2020 Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research are now open. The deadline for nominations for the 2020 Prize is Friday 14 February 2020. [More information here.](#)
 - The ARC is calling for feedback on proposals to increase the participation of women in ARC-funded research. A discussion paper and survey are [available here](#), with responses requested by 12 December, 2019.
 - The International Conference on information-communication technologies enhanced Social Sciences and Humanities (ICTeSSH 2020) will be held from 29 June – 1 July, 2020 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The conference will focus on the changing research ecosystem in SSH fields in the digital age due to the extremely fast development of ICT. A call for abstracts (due 29 November) and further details [here](#).
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