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Book Launch and Thirteenth Annual ANME Lecture



Guest lecturer Professor Fitzgerald, ANME Chair, Professor Pamphilon AM and ANME Director Dr Beazley AM

On Tuesday 17th September, Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM, Interim Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education, together with University of Canberra students Joanna Richards and Christina Starr, launched the book titled *Jean Blackburn, Education, Feminism and Social Justice*, written by Associate Professor Craig Campbell and Dr Debra Hayes. The occasion was held in the University of Canberra Inspire Centre prior to the 13th Annual Historical Perspectives on Education Lecture, this year delivered by Professor Robert Fitzgerald, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education Strategy, at Charles Darwin University. The title of the Lecture was *Mindstorms 4.0: Children, Technology*



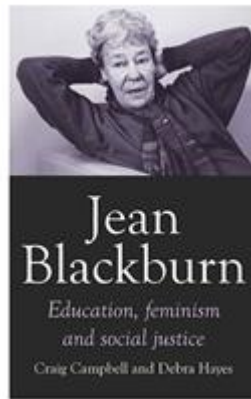
DVC Professor Crisp welcomes guests

and Learning. Professor Fitzgerald has built an international reputation for innovation in education design in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, working with schools and universities in Australia and overseas. Guests were officially welcomed to the lecture by UC’s Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Geoffrey Crisp.

Jean Blackburn, the subject of the biography launched on this occasion, devoted much of her working life to the development of socially just education policy. She was the architect of both the Disadvantaged Schools Program and the *Girls, School and Society Report* of 1976. She was the inaugural Chancellor of the University of Canberra.



Book Launch MC Professor Ting Wang



Author Craig Campbell



UC Student Christina Starr



*Jean Blackburn Portrait
(UC Collection)*



UC Student Joanna Richards

Photos by courtesy of Peter Fock

Heritage Student Wins ANME Prize

Congratulations to Maren Innes, a Bachelor of Arts (Heritage) student, who is this year’s recipient of the ANME Prize. It is awarded to a student in either Education or Heritage, who has achieved academic excellence in his/her course and has made a significant contribution to the ANME as a Work Integrated Learning student. A cheque for \$500.00 and a certificate were presented by the ANME Chair, Professor Pamphilon, AM at this year’s annual lecture.



*Professor Pamphilon AM presents
ANME Award to Marren Innes*

Visit From Fellowship of Australian Writers



Carolyn Wanganeen, Jo Forestier, President Jenni Warren and Barbara Horton

On Sunday afternoon 3 November in the midst of storms and soaking rain, representatives from the Fellowship of Australian Writers (Canberra and Region Branch) headed by President, Jenni Warren, visited the ANME and were hosted by the Director Dr Malcolm Beazley AM, with an introduction talk and a tour of the collection. Each visitor brought collectable dishes for afternoon tea, which included fairy bread, butterfly cakes, chocolate crackles, macaroons, etc., all reminiscent of children's parties.

The writing topic for the afternoon was "School Days" and all present shared their writing, which they had prepared in advance. Jenni Warren, a former nursing sister, had an association with the University of Canberra for many years, as her name has been given to the UC Nursing Collection, the Newman-Warren Collection. A copy of her book, *Royal Canberra Hospital: An Anecdotal History of Nursing 1914-1991*, which she co-authored with Janet Newman, is held in the ANME Collection.

Collection Highlight: *The Commemoration of Her Majesty's Reign*

One of ANME's very rare documents is the Colony of NSW official program for the Public Schools' celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee held in the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday 21st June 1897. Included within the day's official events was the official opening by the Governor of NSW, Viscount Hampden, and a rendition of the National Anthem "God Save the Queen", "Rule Britannia" and "Australia's Sunny Clime" by a combined choir of 3000 school children and school bands. On page 4 of this rare ephemera item are details of the Public Schools and Athletics Association of NSW which was established in 1888. The names of the President and Committee of the organization are listed along with the names of all the sports officials involved in this event.



The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria was celebrated by a variety of events in all Australian Colonial schools. Concerts, sports events, official visits to schools by local colonial and municipal officials, local mayors and military officials. At that time in 1897, the British Empire, of which colonial Australia was one of its wealthiest and most loyal components, had reached its zenith as the predominant world power.

Recent Acquisitions: 1897 Commemorative Medallion



Quite a number of Australian towns, shires and municipalities produced specially minted commemorative medallions for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, which were distributed to all primary school children in their respective local schools. The ANME has recently been given one of these 1897 commemorative medallions to accompany the above Athletics Association program. The medallion is currently on display in Room 5A31 together with the Commemorative Athletics program.

Visitors to ANME



Mrs Clark. Photo courtesy of Grace Turner

During the last few months there have been a number of visitors to ANME including Mrs Jean Clarke, who in past years has donated many items to the ANME collection. Her granddaughter Grace Turner was a student volunteer in the ANME during her undergraduate years in the Heritage and Museums course at the University of Canberra. Timothy Crockford and his wife Breanna and son Rockwell also visited our collections. Other visitors included Jamie Fry, Richard and Geraldine Winnett and Harry Oppermann.



*Mr Oppermann,
Mrs and Mr Winnett*

Christmas Greetings

The ANME Director, Dr Malcolm Beazley AM and ANME Chair Professor Barbara Pamphilon AM, together with members of the ANME Board of Management convey their best wishes to all our friends, volunteers and readers for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

