From the President

Recent months have been a case of “living in interesting times” for the IAG Council. There has been significant progress on many matters, and the launch of a number of initiatives that have helped strengthen the IAG. More work needs to be done, particularly on matters of governance and administrative support for the hard-working elected representatives on the IAG Council. Before summarising a few key points, I would like to thank in particular Robyn Bartel (Secretary), Robert Gale (Treasurer), Julie Kesby (Public Officer and website/Facebook manager) for their work, and to acknowledge all the other councillors for their ongoing contributions.

You can now follow the IAG on Facebook (thanks to the initiative of IAG Member James Gordon). This strengthens our social media presence. We have also improved our communications with members, by increasing the number of issues of the IAG Newsletter from two to three per annum, and ensuring that the timing fits better with major events such as the IAG Conference and the announcements of competitive grants. Thanks to Amanda Davies for her excellent work on the institute’s newsletter, and please support Amanda by continuing to provide important material for inclusion in the newsletter. Direct communication has also involved my visits to six universities in Melbourne and Sydney (with potential for visits to other universities) where there are geographers. These visits have been fruitful in learning about various schools and in communicating issues and initiatives of the IAG.

Behind the scenes, a lot of work is happening around finances, membership databases, securing administrative assistance since the retirement of Alaric Maude, and governance issues. There is a Special GM in Sydney on 5 April to help bring the IAG up-to-date with regulatory requirements. There is also the inaugural Planning Day for the councillors on this date so that we look at the strategic direction of our institute, something that is often overlooked in the very busy schedule of day-to-day business at IAG Council meetings.

Other recent initiatives include an IAG Membership drive that involved communications with 26 senior geography academics in 26 Australian universities, particularly aimed at promoting membership of younger and newer geographers, and a personally addressed letter to established geographers who appear not to be members of the IAG, inviting them to join.
Thank you to the senior academics that responded very positively and have helped promote the IAG within their academic institution.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our editors on various publications (IAG News – Amanda Davies, and GEOView – Andrew-Gorman Murray and the Editorial Board). This work is excellent and important. Our institute journal, Geographical Research, has celebrated Volume 50 with excellent articles by geography professors, and continues to perform well in the rapidly changing environment that is academic publishing. I wish to particularly thank Phil O’Neill, Clive Forster, Brian Finlayson and Wayne Stephenson for their excellent service as editors of the journal. Phil and Clive have announced recently that they will be not be continuing in this role, but fortunately Brian and Wayne are available to further serve as editors and we are in the process of developing a new board that integrates experience with a broad coverage of geography themes and trends.

Finally, holding the IAG Conference in Perth in early July, 2013, is very exciting. It is the first time that the conference has been held in Australia’s fourth largest city since 1998, and prior to that it was in 1986. The IAG continues to support postgraduate attendance at this conference, the postgraduate day event, study groups and the various activities that help build the institute and the profile of geography in Australia. Looking ahead, our 2014 conference is currently being planned, and will be a joint IAG/NZGS conference in Melbourne.

As you will see in this edition of the IAG Newsletter, there is much happening in geography in Australia at the moment. Having a strong IAG to promote the study and practice of geography in Australia, and to advance the study of Australian geography internationally, is in the interests of all Australian geographers.

Phil McManus
The University of Sydney

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**IAG Travel Grants for Postgraduate Students**

The Institute of Australian Geographers supports the active participation of its postgraduate members in national and international conferences. To further this aim Council is offering travel grants to assist eligible Research Higher Degree students to attend the 2013 IAG Conference in Perth.

The following describes the selection criteria and application process for postgraduate members of the IAG who wish to apply for funding to attend the National Conference. Travel grants are awarded at the discretion of the IAG Council.
Eligibility criteria
You must be:

- a current financial member of the IAG (Note: Eligible applications from student members outside Australia will be considered);
- enrolled on the date you apply for funding in either a Masters degree (Research) or a Doctoral degree;
- presenting a paper at the conference; and
- registered to attend the conference for its full duration.

Grant recipients must write a 500 word report for the IAG Council. The report should outline your participation in the conference, your reflections on the conference and detail how you spent the grant money. Your report should be submitted to the Vice-President (Past President), within 90 days of the conclusion of the conference. Reports may be reproduced in part or full in the IAG Newsletter.

How to apply To apply for funding you must complete the Postgraduate Travel Grant Application Form which is available online at https://www.iag.org.au/postgraduates/travel-grants-for-postgraduates/ and email it to the Vice-President (Past President) iain.hay@flinders.edu.au no later than 1 May 2013. You must attach:

(i) evidence of your registration at the conference;
(ii) advice of the acceptance of your paper (where available);
(iii) a copy of your paper’s abstract and title; and
(iv) proof of your enrollment in either a Masters degree (Research) or a Doctoral degree.

Whilst the total level of funding is generous, grants available to individuals will depend on the number of applicants.

Geographical Research News
Did you know that the on-line version of an article in Geographical Research can include high quality colour images? This is worth considering as you plan your next submission. Maps, photos and figures in colour will enhance the impact of your work. Details can be found here:
http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/illustration.asp

IAG 2013 Conference - PERTH

1-4 July

Only a few more short months to go and many of you will be making your way to Perth for the 2013 IAG conference. Having secured considerable sponsorship, this event promises to be one not to miss.

The conference is being jointly hosted by The School of Earth and Environment, University of Western Australia (Matthew Tonts) and the Faculty of Humanities, Curtin University (Roy Jones). The conference will be held in the very appealing grounds of UWA which is set on the banks of the Swan River, a short 7 min bus ride from Perth City (or a lovely 35 min walk along the Swan river).

The conference theme is “Multi Speed Planet: Multi Speed Geographies?”. This theme acknowledges Western Australia’s present position in the economic fast lane as a result the current – and mainly China driven – mining boom. However, it also seeks to encompass the environmental and social changes occurring at different rates and with differing effects in different locations and at different scales, from the decline in rainfall in South Western Australia in recent decades to the aging of the population in much of the developed world, the putative dawn of the ‘Asian century’ and the varied impacts and implications of climate change.

The conference seeks to encompass all areas of geography and welcomes contributions from geographers working in education, government and industry as well as cross disciplinary input from scholars and practitioners in related areas. Given Western Australia’s proximity to and growing links with Asia, we also take pleasure in inviting Asian geographers to share their experiences with their Australian colleagues.

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE ON the 19th APRIL and can be submitted via this link

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSES ON the 12th May and can be completed via this link
https://www.cvent.com/events/institute-of-australian-geographers-conference-2013/registration-cc4d3657acb40a0acd3290168f85b70.aspx

Accommodation in Perth can be a little on the pricy side if you book last minute, so please keep this in mind and book early. The conference organising company have secured some good rates at a number of city hotels. You could also investigate discount websites such as ‘wotif.com’ and ‘needitnow.com’. There are quite a number of houses for short stay rental in the Nedlands and Shenton Park areas (which are adjacent to the UWA campus). If you have a small group this could be a very cost effective solution for accommodation. You may also wish to stay in the historic city of Fremantle. There is a regular service linking Fremantle and the UWA campus, with the bus ride taking about 25 mins.
Field Trips if you are making the trip across to Perth, why not take the opportunity to explore Perth and its surrounds through participating in one of the post conference field trips.

Trip 1- Thursday 4th July (Approx. 8.30am-12.30pm)

Heritage from Above and Below: Sites of Dispossession, Protest and Affirmation, Conflict and Memorialisation in Central Perth

This half day field trip will, broadly speaking, follow the north bank of the Swan River from the University of Western Australia to Burswood. This riverfront is valorised by both the Noongar and the settler populations of Western Australia and its use, development and redevelopment are therefore prone to contestation and controversy. The field trip will provide geographical, historical, planning and heritage contextualisations for a number of these disputes. Sites to be visited/ issues to be considered include: The Old Swan Brewery/ Goonininup and Heirisson Island/ Matagarup, the locations of recent Aboriginal protests and occupations; Kings Park, the epicentre of memorialisation in the city; Solidarity Park, a heritage listed site commemorating those who died in the workplace; and Elizabeth Quay, a major riverfront development currently under construction. Weather permitting, the trip will entail a moderate amount of walking.

Trip 2 – Thursday 4th July to Sunday 7th July

WA is Not Just a Mining State: Exploring the Western Australia’s Northern Wheatbelt
- Financially Supported by the IAG through a grant provided to the Rural Studies Group -

This 4 day, three night trip takes participants into Western Australia’s northern wheatbelt region. This is a really interesting region as it tends to be a ‘forgotten region’ given it does not have a strong mining or tourism base. However, the region is rich with history and innovation. The field trip will explore some of the socio-economic development challenges facing the region and also the opportunities for growth, innovation and extension in the region.

The tour will take us through a diverse range of landscapes from the vineyards of the Swan Valley, to the well watered ‘tree change’ Chittering Valley, to dryland cropping regions and through to the unique and scenic ‘Coral Coast’.

The cost of the trip will be $270 per person (costs are subsidised thanks to a grant from the IAG to the IAG Rural Studies Group). Inclusions: 3 nights accommodation, all travel, all meals, all scheduled activities (drinks not included).

Leave Perth at 10am Thursday 4th (pick up from UWA or city hotels)
Return to Perth City 1.30pm, Perth Airport 2pm - Sunday 7th.
This trip is limited to 20 participants

Following closure of registrations delegates will be sent a full itinerary, information about what to bring, and supporting information.

Important note : Rooms are twin share (and some triple). This is due to room availability, and so delegates will not have the option of paying a higher tariff to secure a single room
Grant and Award Opportunities

Griffith Taylor Medal
The medal is awarded for distinguished contributions to geography in Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded in each two year period.

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
The Fellowship is awarded for distinguished service to Australian geography through furthering the aims of the Institute. The award was called the ‘Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographer’ prior to 2008.

Australian-International Medal
In recognition of either outstanding contributions by Australian (or Australia-based) geographers to the advancement of Geography worldwide or of outstanding contributions to the understanding of the geography of Australia by geographers permanently residing outside Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded each year.

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
Is awarded for sustained service to the geography profession in Australia

Past Winners

Griffith Taylor Medal
- Mrs Ann Marshall 1989 (citation)
- Dr Les Heathcote 1997 (citation)
- Dr Joe Gentilli 1998
- Professor Fay Gale 2001 (citation)
- Professor Bruce Thom 2004 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor John Holmes 2006 (citation)
- Professor Joe Powell 2008
- Professor Michael Webber 2011 (citation)
- Professor Janice Monk 1999
- Professor Reginald Golledge 2000
- Professor Tom McKnight 2001
- Emeritus Professor Harold Brookfield 2005 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Douglas 2006 (citation)
- Professor John Connell 2009 (citation)
- Professor Katherine Gibson and Professor Julie Graham 2010 (citation)
- Associate Professor Louise Johnson 2011 (citation)
- Professor Murray McCaskill 1989 (citation)
- Professor Bruce Thom 1992 (citation)
- Professor John Holmes 1997 (citation)
- Associate Professor Arthur Conacher 1998 (citation)
- Mr Laurie Olive 1999
- Dr Morgan Sant 2001
- Associate Professor Richard Howitt 2004
- Mr Alex Lyne 2010

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
- Professor Iain Hay 2008
- Associate Professor Tony Sorenson 2008
- Professor Arthur Conacher
- Professor Kay Anderson 2009
- Adjunct Associate Professor Patrick Armstrong 2009
- Mr Terry Birtles 2009
- Professor Bill Boyd 2009
- Professor Robert Freestone 2009
- Professor Roy Jones 2009
- Professor Brian G. Lees 2009
- Professor Richard Le Heron 2009
- Emeritus Associate Professor Bob Loughran 2009
- Professor Pauline McGuirk 2009
- Professor Phil O’Neill 2009
- Associate Professor Elaine Stratford 2009
- Emeritus Professor Murray Wilson 2009
- Professor Hilary P.M. Winchester 2009
- Dr Robert Burne 2010
- Dr Jocelyn Davies 2010
- Dr Ruth Farmer 2010
- Ms Julie Kesby 2010
- Emeritus Professor Bruce Ryan 2010
- Dr Robin F Warner 2010
- Professor Robyn Dowling 2012
- Dr Ashley Webb 2012
- Professor Chris Gibson 2012
- Associate Professor Deirdre Dragovich 2012
- Professor Jim Forest 2012
- Dr Ashley Webb 2012
Grants and Awards Received

Phillip O’Neill (Western Sydney) has been awarded an ARC Discovery Project grant titled “Tracing modes of infrastructure financing and their effects on cities.” The project includes researchers from the Open University, John Allen and Michael Pryke, as Principal Investigators. The three-year project will examine the ways financial practices affect urban infrastructure items differently as the practices migrate across cities and projects.

Kristian Ruming (Macquarie), along with Kathy Mee and Pauline McGuirk (Newcastle) were awarded an ARCDP grant for a project entitled Building a More Sustainable City: Official and Everyday Practices of Regeneration. By exploring urban regeneration at a city-wide scale, the project will investigate how the urban fabric is changed by both official large-scale regeneration projects and the everyday practices of households. The research will address critical gaps in our understandings of how cities can be regenerated and how to mobilise transitions to urban sustainability.

Jenny Cameron and Paul Hodge (Newcastle) were awarded a pilot grant by the UoN Faculty of Science and IT to work on a project entitled Identifying the Strengths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities in Rural and Remote Australia.

Kristine Peters (Adelaide) has been awarded the John Lewis Medal for Geography 2012 by the Royal Geographical Society of SA for her PhD thesis and will receive her award at Government House in June. Kristine was supervised by Andrew Beer and Alaric Maude.

Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt (ANU) was awarded an Australian Research Council ‘Discovery Project’ grant of AUD 295,193 for Research project: ‘Beyond the Resource Curse: Charting A Path to Sustainable Livelihoods for Mineral-Dependent Communities’.

Conferences

International Conference on Geography and Geosciences
29-30 April 2013, Johannesburg, South Africa
https://www.waset.org/conferences/2013/johannesburg/icgg/

2013 Institute for Australian Geographers Conference
1-4 July 2013, University of Western Australia, Perth
4th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies
1-3 July 2013 at the University of Groningen, The Netherlands

15th International Medical Geography Symposium
7 - 12 July 2013, Michigan State University, Michigan, USA
http://www.geo.msu.edu/imgs/index.php

Indigenous Peoples Knowledges and Rights Commission - IGU – Study Tour to Hokkaido
31 July - 3 August 2013
http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/

IGU Kyoto Regional Conference
4 - 9 August, 2013, Kyoto, Japan.

RGS-IBG Annual International Conference 2013
28 - 30 August 2013, Imperial College London, UK
http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+international+conference.htm

2nd International Conference on Water and Society
4-6 September 2013, Wessex Institute of Technology
http://www.wessex.ac.uk/13-conferences/water-and-society-2013.html

Shaping Canberra: The Lived Experience of Place, Home & Capital
17-20 September 2013, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University
http://hrc.anu.edu.au/100yearsinthemeaking

5th Australian Housing Theory Symposium: ‘Housing and Space’
26-27 September 2013, Brisbane

First International Conference on Global Food Security
29 September - 2 October 2013, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
http://www.globalfoodsecurityconference.com/

36th Applied Geography Conference
30 October - 11 November 2013, Annapolis, Maryland USA
http://applied.geog.kent.edu/
Conferences

6th State of Australian Cities Conference (SOAC6)
26-29 November, 2013, Sydney

8th International Conference on Urban Regeneration and Sustainability
3-5 December 2013, Patrajaya Malaysia
http://www.wessex.ac.uk/13-conferences/sustainable-city-2013.html

Conference/ Workshop Reports

IAG Legal Geography Study Group Workshop
By Robyn Bartel and Meg Sherval.

At the end of January 2013 a group of very keen legal geographers assembled in the pleasant climes of Armidale for a workshop spanning three days at which papers were discussed and grand publishing and research plans made.

Dr Stewart Williams was awarded the honours for having travelled the furthest (from UTas). Sydney society came out in force as Dr Jason Prior (UTS), Dr Daniel Robinson (UNSW), and Dr Nicole Graham (UTS) were all in attendance. Newcastle nobility was represented by Dr Meg Sherval (Newcastle), Canberra class by Dr Robert Gale (UNSW) and the loitering locals (UNE) were Paul McFarland, Dr Maria Cotter and Dr Robyn Bartel.

Thanks to the IAG for funding the workshop and for supporting the Legal Geography Study Group since its inception at IAG Cairns in 2009. Thanks also to the University of New England and the School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences for providing the venue and administrative support. Finally greetings to absent friends who were unable to attend this time.

Draft papers had been circulated amongst participants several weeks prior to the workshop. Some of these had their origins in papers presented in Legal Geography sessions at previous IAG conferences. Feedback on each paper was then canvassed in a roundtable fashion. Papers spanned a vast territory of legal geography topics including both Australian and international case studies. The diversity in scope however was no challenge for linkages to become apparent and common themes included multidisciplinarity and materiality, contingency and connection, relevance and relationality, law and its limits, governance and geography (all aspects!).
The workshop was one in a series which the Legal Geography Study Group plans will culminate in several publishing and research outputs.

The Legal Geography Study Group is also calling for papers for the IAG conference in Perth so if you would like to present in the area of Legal Geography please select "Legal Geography" from the drop-down list when you submit your abstract by April 19! If you would like to find out more about the Legal Geography Study Group please email rbartel@une.edu.au.
News From the Universities

The Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide

The Australian Population and Migration Research Centre (APMRC) was formally established in early 2012 but includes a research group who have established a global reputation as a leading research group on migration and other population issues in the Asia-Pacific-Australia region. Under the leadership of Professor Graeme Hugo the APMRC provides a supportive mentoring environment for young researchers and a range of opportunities to not only facilitate, encourage and support individual research projects but to provide the foundation for the development of a successful career in research.

The APMRC is located within the Discipline of Geography, Environment and Population at the University of Adelaide but has a strong multi- and interdisciplinary orientation which is facilitated by its location in the School of Social Sciences in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. It currently comprises 14 full-time staff and 12 adjuncts, along with a strong association with 23 PhD students within the Discipline of Geography, Environment and Population, all working on population and migration issues in Australia and its region. The APMRC includes a skilled and experienced research support staff in GIS, census and survey data collection and analysis, census and migration data analysis and qualitative research approaches. The Centre currently has a number of national competitive grants including an ARC Australian Professorial Fellow, a Queen Elizabeth II Research Fellow and an ARC DECRA recipient. If you would like to know more about the APMRC research team and the types of projects they are undertaking please go to: http://www.adelaide.edu.au/apmrc/

Selected Current Projects:

Circular Migration in Asia, the Pacific and Australia: Empirical, Theoretical and Policy Dimensions (ARC Discovery Project). International migration has seen two major shifts - from permanent settlement to transnationalism and from a preoccupation with brain drain to an approach in which migration can benefit development. In both discourses circular migration plays an important role. This research uses a number of unique data sets and field studies to conceptualise, measure and analyse circular migration in the Asia-Pacific-Australia migration system, provide a better empirical and theoretical understanding of the migration process and develop new approaches to migration policy in origins and destinations.

Climate Change and Migration in China: theoretical, empirical and policy dimensions (ARC Discovery Project). This study analyses the complex relationship between climate change and migration by focussing in depth on two areas in China anticipated being major hotspots of Climate Change impact. It provides insight into national and international policy development in Climate Change mitigation and adaptations.

Australia's Baby Boomer Generation, Obesity and Work Patterns, Causes and Implications (ARC Linkage Project). Baby boomers have the highest level of obesity of any Australian age cohort and this threatens to increase chronic disease incidence thus potentially increasing health costs and reducing their capacity to maintain and/or extend their participation in the workforce. This project identifies and investigates factors influencing the eating and exercise patterns of baby boomers. The study aims to identify key intervention points and provide policy makers with evidence and guidance for targeted interventions. Final report due in mid-2013.
University of Technology of Sydney

Michele Lancione has been developing an informal reading/discussion group on the "urban" @ UTS. It is called the "UTS Urban Forum".

The group meets once a month inviting people from other universities to come and speak about their research on the urban. Michele comments “The interesting thing is that the Forum is interdisciplinary - we have people from Architecture, Business, and the Humanities. In a sense, it is more than just about geographers - actually, I think that I am the only geographer there! But the focus that we have is very geographical indeed”.

Michele has also developed a website, which may be of some interests to the IAG network. In the website Michele publishes news on conferences, books, and other interesting material related to the urban and to advertise upcoming meetings. The website could potentially become something bigger, extending its audience far beyond UTS.

The website address is: [http://utsurbanforum.wordpress.com](http://utsurbanforum.wordpress.com) (you can go to the "about page" in order to find info on the Forum).

The Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Adelaide

The centre welcomed the following new staff members in February 2013:

- Emeritus Professor Chris Paris who is a specialist in housing and planning research. He has been an Emeritus Professor of the University of Ulster since 2008, having previously been Professor of Housing Studies. He has held other research and teaching positions at the University of Canberra, the ANU, the Centre for Environmental Studies (London) and the University of Birmingham. He has held visiting professorships at the RMIT and Hong Kong Universities and visiting fellowships in many other universities including the ANU, La Trobe, Flinders, QUT, Cambridge and Oxford. Chris has wide international experience of scholarly and applied research. His current research includes multiple home ownership in affluent societies and the housing needs of older people. Chris is author/co-author/editor of over 30 books, monographs and research reports on housing, planning and urban policy and over 100 journal publications.

- Ms Charmaine Thredgold, Planner. During her career in the public service she was involved in several projects of significance to the state and government. While employed with the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet she was a project officer for the Adelaide to Darwin Rail project and a key member of a team who developed the State’s first Population Policy.

MPhil student Rafe Pfitzner has been awarded one of 10 grants given to post graduate students by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) to attend their annual conference and present a paper. More than 100 students applied and Rafe’s win is evidence of his outstanding qualities.
**University of Newcastle**

Paul Hodge and Jenny Cameron are currently working closely with the UoN Family Action Centre on a collaboration with the Centre for Appropriate Technology, an Indigenous-led and owned non-profit organisation based in Alice Springs. CAT has been operating for over 30 years throughout Northern Australia and employs over 100 staff. CAT’s activities include training and employment programs and community planning, and providing infrastructure, including solar power, housing and water management so people can live ‘on-Country.’ The CIs are currently training CAT staff in strengths-based approaches. This is part of an organisational change process that CAT is undertaking in order to consolidate its operations as a strengths-focused organisation.

Pauline McGuirk is involved in the ESRC-funded network: Urban Low Carbon Transitions: A comparative International Network: Australia, China, India, South Africa, US and UK (CI Prof Simon Marvin, Durham). Her involvement will include participation in four annual international workshops bringing the collaborating researchers together (from UoN: University of Durham; Indian Institute for Human Settlement; City University of Hong Kong; Stellenbosch University; National Centre for Atmospheric Research: Hunter College CUNY). The first workshops will take place in May 2013, at Durham University.

**Curtin University**

Following the retirement of Alan Pilgrim, Roy Jones and Garry Moore, Amanda Davies took on the roll as major coordinator and moved from a mostly research position into a mostly teaching position.

Although Roy Jones officially retired in November 2012, the Curtin staff have seen not evidence of that. Roy was granted Emeritus Professor status December and has been kept busy with PhD student supervision, a number of ongoing research projects and organising the IAG 2013 conference (with Matthew Tonts @ UWA).

**Geographers are Working On...**

Laurence Troy and Kurt Iveson (Sydney) have been mapping the accessibility of public transport across Sydney, as part of a wider campaign on public transport by the Sydney Alliance. The Sydney Alliance is a coalition of trade unions, community organisations and faith-based groups working together for a more just and sustainable Sydney. Kurt Iveson is Co-Chair of the Sydney Alliance’s Transport Research Action Team, and Laurence Troy and Ron Horvath are both active members of that team.

Laurence and Kurt's maps were the basis for a major interactive web feature in the Sydney Morning Herald (http://www.smh.com.au/data-point/for-many-public-transport-is-now-a-privat e-hell-20121110-294wx.html) and several media stories, and Kurt recently published an opinion piece to ABC’s The Drum on transport in Western Sydney (http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/4557568.html).
Geographers are Working On...

Kurt Iveson (Sydney) will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Los Angeles, where he has convened a session called 'Making Space Public'. He will presenting some of his work on the spatial politics of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, alongside papers by others including Setha Low, Don Mitchell, Lyn Staeheli, and Sophie Watson. Kurt is also part of the newly-established Max Planck International Working Group on Public Space and Diversity, led by Setha Low and Darshan Vigneswaran. [http://www.mmg.mpg.de/subsites/public-space-and-diversity/homepage/]

Dr Christopher Dean (Tasmania) is working on a project titled ‘Carbon Dynamics of Anthropogenic Forest Use’. An introduction to the project and an update on the Tasmanian fieldwork stage in the tall wet-eucalypt forests can be found at the following website: http://www.utas.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/369099/CDean_PhD_news.pdf

Gavin Malone (Flinders University) has recently completed his PhD ‘Phases of Aboriginal Inclusion in the Public Space in Adelaide, South Australia, since Colonisation’. The thesis identifies six distinct phases, which link to broader historical and social periods or events, in the evolution of Aboriginal representation. The phases documented reflect the gradual and ongoing decolonisation process; a nation coming to terms with its treatment of Aboriginal peoples through Reconciliation; an evolving self-determination by Aboriginal people; and movement towards control of cultural production and cultural representation by Aboriginal people in the public space. The thesis is now available on-line at http://theses.flinders.edu.au/public/adt-SFU20130222.141233/index.html.

As well as concluding the PhD, Gavin has been undertaking several cultural mapping research reports for local government, and contributing to public space master planning and design projects, including the regeneration of Adelaide’s civic heart, Victoria Square/Tarndanyangga. He collaborates with Karl Telfer, Kaurna cultural custodian and designer, on developing the understanding and design of a bi-cultural, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, cultural landscape in the urban space, by using cultural mapping to inform public space art and design outcomes.

Dong Xing (Sydney), a PhD student supervised by Phil McManus, has recently completed the following interviews relevant to his PhD research;


- **On 7 March 2012**, an interview was broadcast on SBS radio. The focus of interview was on ‘Environmental Science Development & Green Roof Policy in Australia and China’ (in Mandarin).

- **22 March 2012**, a live interview was broadcast on ABC radio. The interview topic was 'International Water Day: urban, industrial and agricultural water crisis in China' (in Mandarin).
Sarah Wright (Newcastle) is currently in Africa working closely with small-scale farmers in Kenya. The purpose of the research is to use a case study to better understand what is meant by people-led development from the perspectives of communities.

Sarah McGowan (University of New England) is currently developing a methodology to develop predictions for future sea levels with climate change as part of her PhD thesis. The research is innovative in a number of ways in that it is the first study to use evidence from past episodes of sea level behaviour during the Holocene and Pleistocene to develop predictions for the end of the 21st century. It introduces the concept of using multiple scenarios for future planning and also identifies the need to account for periodicities in mean sea levels from the past to model future shorelines. The methodology is being applied to the case study areas of Hexham and The Macleay, NSW. The work is supported by BCSS (UNE) and AINSE Research Awards.

Bill Boyd (Southern Cross) is currently the Visiting Professor at the Centre for Australian Studies, University of Barcelona. Bill also has a number of recent publications including in ‘Coolabah’. Coolabah is the journal of the Centre for Australian Studies, University of Barcelona, and is an open source journal. Anyone can download, for free, any or all of the articles.

Bill’s most recent paper can be found within a special issue of Coolabah at http://www.ub.edu/dpfilsa/Coolabahindexvol11.html. This Special Issue of Coolabah is supported by two websites containing further material to complement the papers: COOLABAPlacedness: celebrating Australian placidness http://collabahplacedness.blogspot.com.au/ and COOLABAPlacedness IMAGERY http://coolabahplacedness-images.blogspot.com.au/
Members Publications

2013 Books


http://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/take-back-the-economy


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**Frank Vanclay** (University of Groningen) and Ana Maria Esteves (eds.) 2011. *New Directions in Social Impact Assessment*. Edward Elgar. Available from: [http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Print_product_detail.lasso?id=13943](http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Print_product_detail.lasso?id=13943)