



# CLUB News

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## From the President



It's a busy time for the Club across Australia. For a full weekend in March, we hosted Club Leaders from all over Asia as part of the annual Harvard Asia Pacific Leaders Conference in Sydney. Guests from Japan, India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and, of course, Boston descended on Sydney for three days to discuss how Harvard alumni can work more cohesive across the region. The conference was a huge success – thanks are due to Peter Hasko for the hours he put in behind the scenes making this all happen, Zeke Solomon for hosting a dinner for us on Friday night, and John Conde for arranging back stage passes at the Opera House for the conference attendees.

Our selection panel recently sat and selected the Menzies Scholarships to

Harvard for 2014/15. This is no doubt the most prestigious award for post graduates in Australia. The calibre of our winners this year again reflects this. Thanks to Charles Irwin and Jeffrey Bentley-Johnston for their continued work on the panel.

We have also just announced the winners of the Harvard Club of Australia Non Profit Fellowship Awards. This award is the most highly sought after scholarship in the Non Profit Sector. Funded by Bill and Lea Ferris, and chaired by Ted Blamey now for 14 years, the presentation of the fellowships is one of the clubs signature events. Please do your best to attend this year's Award Lunch on June 13 where our guests will include Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir and Lucy Turnbull AO. Thanks are warranted to Lisa George, Ben Sebel, Amanda Goodman and Tony Massaro for their help



*Justin Greiner, Zeke Solomon & Patrick Regan*

in interviewing and selecting our fellows.

The selection rounds for our Wolfensohn Scholarship are to begin soon. This supports the work our future leaders do in the state and federal public service. It is a wonderful recent initiative of the club and our thanks go to Naomi Flutter and Aaron Patrick for co-ordinating this, and to Sir James Wolfensohn for his continued support.

We also have just selected six Public School Principals to attend Harvard in July as part of our Harvard Club of Australia Education Scholarship. This award has grown dramatically in only two years and it is a very difficult task for our panel to choose which six of all our hard working school principals are most deserved. Thanks to Ricky Campbell-Allen for her dedication to this very important scholarship.

The subsequent pages of this new letter and the last have shown events springing up in Perth, Canberra and Brisbane as our club continues to grow across Australia. We had scholarship winners last year across WA, NSW and Queensland and expect the same this year. It's a great time to be around the club and I thank you for your continued support. See you at a function soon.

**Patrick Regan, HCA Club President**

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# 2014 Harvard Asia Pacific Clubs, Contacts & SIG Leaders Meeting

HCA had the honour of hosting this year's joint HAA and HBS Asia Pacific Clubs meeting in Sydney (March 14-16). The meeting was attended by the President of the Harvard Alumni Association, Kate Gellert; 1st Vice President Cynthia Torres, as well as, HAA staff and representatives from 12 Asian Clubs.



Kate Gellert, HAA President

The welcome dinner venue provided great views of Sydney and the harbour on Friday night. It was hosted by Zeke Solomon and the Partners of Allens in their office in Deutsche Bank Place.

Interesting information shared with the leaders during Saturday's working session included:

- An update from HAA and HBS developments in Cambridge including



Alice Hill and Pippa Norris

the current Harvard Campaign to raise \$6.5BN for the University;

- The exciting development of HarvardX offering free online courses for alumni to maintain the philosophy of lifelong learning;
- Information about the HBS Research Centers; and,
- Experience exchange about best practices in the region and how to attract new members, fundraising for scholarships, and develop an effective online presence for the clubs.

The day ended with dinner at Aria, followed by a guided tour behind the scenes of the Opera House, and a concert by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra kindly supported by SSO Chairman John Conde.



Patrick Regan and Anjali Raina from India



Club and SIG members enjoying a day on the harbour

On Sunday, it was time to show our visitors the beauty of Sydney with a harbour cruise ending in Watsons Bay to enjoy the views from the Gap and dinner at Doyles on the Beach.

**Peter Hasko**



*Pippa Norris, the McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and ARC Laureate Fellow and Professor of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney, provides an energetic lecture on Challenges of Electoral Integrity, which is a current issue in many countries around the world. Ms Norris presented the lecture during the recent Welcome Dinner at the 2014 HAA and HBS Asia Pacific Clubs' meeting in Sydney.*

*"I not only enjoyed the event but gained real value in discussing the issue Pippa is advancing in her project. I also met new members and am discussing the issue of Ukraine and Russia with them. Thanks to Zeke for organising." Mike Ahrens*

## Interest Builds in the Queensland Chapter



David Henderson

Following on from the Queensland Chapter's annual Thanksgiving Dinner in 2013, five Harvard alumni have stepped forward to join David Henderson on the Queensland Executive and support more activity in Queensland. They are Joana Brand, Michael Johnson, Patrick Largier, Jon Lindsay and John Simpson.

The expanded executive has met twice since then and has developed a plan for the year. Events being organised include a welcome function for Prof Ali Khademhosseini, (visiting Brisbane as a 2014 Australia-Harvard Fellow), a social Japanese dinner with sake tasting, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and other educational events centered on distinguished Harvard alumni and faculty visiting Queensland.

The Executive members are also canvassing their contacts for Harvard alumni to expand club membership in Queensland. Details of activities will be posted on the Harvard Club website and interstate members are encouraged to participate when in Brisbane.

**David Henderson and the Executive of the Queensland Chapter**

## HCA members hosted sessions with the Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business (HUWIB) Club

In January this year, a group of 22 Harvard undergraduate women made a trip to Sydney as part of their 'Career Exploratory Trip.' This annual trip is a select group of undergraduate women on a career exploratory trip to a new location, providing a unique opportunity for attendees to gain exposure to new industries and locations. HCA Club members hosted the women and provided valuable insight into diverse careers. Comments from session hosts included:

*"LeapFrog has built a profit-with-purpose investment firm by recruiting extraordinary people with entrepreneurial and globalist mindsets; we see these kinds of conversations as priming the pump for future jobs and career leaps."*

**Dr. Andrew Kuper, CEO and Founder, LeapFrog Investments**

*"We feel privileged to have had the honour of hosting the Harvard Undergraduate Women in Business group. We love sharing the RedBalloon story with others, and being able to share this story with a global audience of female leaders of the future was incredibly special. We've been able to create connections with the students through LinkedIn and would welcome the opportunity to participate again."*

**Megan Bromley, Head of Employee Experience, RedBalloon**

*"It was a chance to see young talent and intellect. There is a dearth of good people working in comedy as "live" performers. I wanted to show them what good fun it is being a performer, and how highly-valued live performance is. I think that a discussion on different types of comedy, and on the purposes and theories of humour, may have stimulated the students as they more critically analyse the field. I was able to learn how similar young people are the world over. I loved their enthusiasm and their optimism."*

**Rodney Marks, Comedian**

*"I was impressed and pleased that these young women were interested in the community sector and took the time to meet with me on a career exploratory trip. It's clear that the next generation values their contribution to society as much as their career progression, which is exciting to see."*

**Lisa George, Head, Macquarie Group Foundation**



Lisa George, with members of HUWIB



"Career Exploratory Trip" participants

## 2014 Australia-Harvard Fellowships

Harvard Club of Australia Foundation congratulates successful nominees for its 2014 Fellowships. They include three Harvard University researchers intending collaborative scientific research in Australia and one Australian researcher headed to Harvard.

**Professor Simon C Robson, MD, PhD**, is Chief of Gastro-Hepatology and Director of Liver Research at Harvard's Liver Center and Transplant Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He will work with Assoc. Prof. Wayne Hawthorne who is Director of the National Pancreas and Islet Transplant Laboratories for Sydney University at Westmead Hospital. Professor Robson will also lecture at post graduate education courses in Sydney and be a keynote speaker at a meeting of TSANZ (Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand).

**Professor Ali Khademhosseini, PhD**, of Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard Medical School, and associate faculty at Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering. He will work with Professor Dietmar Huttmacher at the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation at Queensland University of Technology. Professor Ali will also conduct two workshops on research translation "for the entire Brisbane research community." See QUT's promotion of Prof Khademhosseini's Fellowship at <http://www.news.qut.edu.au/cgi-bin/WebObjects/News.woa/wa/goNewsPage?newsEventID=71239>

**Christopher S Rogan, PhD**, is a Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, at Harvard's Department of Physics. His Australian collaborator is Dr Paul Jackson, leader of Adelaide University's experimental particle physics group. Dr Rogan will participate in various nationwide workshops and meetings at the Centre of Excellence for Particle Physics (CoEPP) universities such as Monash, Melbourne and Sydney.

**Associate Professor Roger Fulton, PhD**, is co-Director of Imaging Sciences at Sydney University's Brain and Mind Research Institute. He has four inter-related programs planned at the Center for Advanced Medical Imaging Sciences (CAMIS) at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), working with 2013 Australia-Harvard Fellow Professor Georges El Fakhri, Director of CAMIS at MGH and Professor of Radiology, Harvard Medical School.

**John Turner, Chairman and Secretary, Australia-Harvard Fellowship Program, Harvard Club of Australia Foundation**

## Hit-Making and Risk-Taking in the Entertainment Industry

Dinner in Sydney, 6 February with guest speaker Professor Anita Elberse HBS - Entertainment, Media and Sports Strategic Marketing) Observations:

"I took two guests along to the talk. We all enjoyed what was an entertaining and informative evening. While the entertainment industry is more directly relevant to my guests than it is me, the talk and following discussion held many interesting lessons and comparisons for the broader field of business. The evening raised some provocative ideas about the nature of risk and how following the perceived 'cautious' path may, in fact, be the more risky of two options. It has caused me to reflect on and perhaps rethink elements of our strategy at my business.

The HCA events are always well thought through and there is always something interesting to take away from them even if the topic is not directly relevant to your own field of endeavour. I have found that friends and colleagues can also benefit tremendously from the events and greatly enjoy attending. Keep up the good work."

**Adrian Warner**

"It was entertaining and there were some challenging questions from an entertainment lawyer. Although entertaining, I don't think any of the observations were surprising or out of keeping with those in other industries where there is a star culture. I would go again."

**Hugh MacNally**

"I enjoyed the evening. I think the general format was good. It is interesting to receive talks from key Harvard people - the format with substantive content, followed by questions, is good. I prefer the functions with substantive content rather than just pure social gathering. For this reason I have always like the Monday club events too."

**John Young**

## VALE

Don Spearritt, Fulbright Scholarship to Harvard in 1955, PhD 1961, Harvard Club Foundation Member.

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?pid=168094706>

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/obituaries/don-spearritt-spent-his-life-lifting-educational-standards-20140306-349id.html>

Tony York, MBA 1964, Harvard Club member since 1964, Club President 1970 – 71

<http://tributes.smh.com.au/obituaries/smh-au/obituary.aspx?n=tony-york&pid=168926678>

# Monday Club Run Down

## Richard Zeckhauser at the Monday Club

For HCA members who have attended lunchtime seminars before, the late **January** offering with Professor Richard Zeckhauser brought a new energy and freshness of format. So successful was it that this will surely be but the first of many future events jointly hosted with the Economic Society of Australia at the Reserve Bank of Australia Building in Sydney's Martin Place.

Richard Zeckhauser is the Frank P. Ramsey Professor of Political Economy at the Harvard Kennedy School. His course 'Analytic Frameworks for Policy' is well regarded as one of the toughest and most rewarding courses available at the Kennedy School. Many loyal alumni of his course were at the lunch time event.

Zeckhauser used this lunchtime seminar on "Decisions, Ignorance and Public Policy" to both entertain and test the attendees. He asked all attendees to answer three questions by writing down three answers for each, including their best guess followed by two 'bookend' answers: one where there was only 1% possibility that the answer could be higher and one where there was only 1% possibility that the answer could be lower. Coming up with a 98% probability answer range seemed straightforward enough for Zeckhauser's questions: "the

number of kangaroos in Australia?"; "the number of Minki whales in all the world's oceans?"; and "tonnes of iron ore mined in Australia last year?" Yet, when it came to passing answers to others for 'marking' the results amply highlighted Zeckhauser's key point that we are lousy at appreciating how wrong we could be and we tend to bound our margins far too tightly for error around our own perceptions of what the answer is.

According to attendee Paul Hunyor (MBA and MPA 2007), Zeckhauser's observations of the typical Sydneysider's love of the great outdoors had the biggest impact on him, as he reportedly quipped, "I'm not sure how you get anything done everyone seems to be constantly jogging."

## February – Australian Law and the War on Terror

At February's Monday Club, Professor George Williams AO, Scientia Professor, University of New South Wales, gave a sobering talk about human rights in Australia. His premise was that the restrictive legislation brought in to Australia since the 9/11 tragedy had been more draconian than in other countries, including the United Kingdom. He said that certainly, some anti-terrorist laws should remain on the books, but many should not. He worried about the effect such legislation would continue to have on the restriction of human rights in Australia.

## March - ANZAC Day - 100 Years On

In an entertaining address, the former Director of the Australian War Memorial, Major General Steve Gower AO, told members that he did not go for the scale of commemoration that the next five years was likely to see concerning Australia's role in the First World War. He felt such celebrations were over the top and did not reflect the reality of the times and the enormous damage war did to Australian society.

## April – The Coroner

We were delighted to have as our guest speaker Mary Jerram, the just-retired Coroner of New South Wales. In what must be one of the liveliest luncheons for some time. Mary told us how a Coroner and her associates operate, usually while chronically understaffed and under-financed. She took us through some of her outstanding cases, including a soldier who accidentally shot himself in Iraq, and the Brazilian student who, while under the influence of drugs on a Sydney street, was tazered to death by the police in 2013.

Mary told us that the Coroner acts on behalf of dead people, even missing ones. Some of what she said was macabre, but highly informative and full of interest. Mary spoke to a full house of around 23 guests, among which were at least two new alumni.

**Richard Broinowski, Convenor, Harvard Monday Club**

## Champagne Masterclass with Anne Deraisme, Henriot

In April, 20 club members participated in an educational masterclass on Champagne with the export director and highly regarded wine expert of Champagne Henriot, Anne Deraisme.

All were spoiled by a series of tastings of Champagne 'Brut'



Anne Deraisme and Fred Chilton

(Henriot's Brut Souverain), 'Blanc de Blancs' made exclusively from chardonnay grapes and 'Rose' which is made by blending 'Blanc de Blancs' with Pinot Noir wine. The treat of the evening was a taste of the excellent 2005 Vintage Champagne. These were all enhanced by selected hors de oeuvres. Anne explained the historic development of Champagne from the 1700s until today, the characteristics of the different parts of Champagne, as well as, the specific characteristics of the Champagnes of the House Henriot.

Former Club President Peter Hasko and his son, Benjamin, from Bootleggers, are the exclusive wholesalers of Henriot Champagne in Australia.

**Fred Chilton, LLM 1975**

# 17th Annual Leadership Program

## Competitive and Political Advantage

### Lucy Turnbull to Headline the Club's 14th Non-Profit Fellowship Program

Eight out of 20 strong CEO candidates have been shortlisted for interview with our selection committee. They represent such diverse field as Healthcare, Addiction, Youth at Risk, Disability, Housing, Medical Research and the Arts. The task for those on the selection panel, as always, will be tough.

Again, we are indebted to Bill and Lea Ferris for funding the \$10,000 awards that take our Fellows to the landmark course at HBS. The program's annual event will be held on Friday, June 13. Her Excellency the Governor will present the awards and Philanthropist Lucy Turnbull will deliver the 2014 Non-profit Leadership Address.

### Ted Blamey, Chairman, The HCA Non-profit Fellowship Program

## HCA Senior Leaders Luncheon

### Guest speaker Lt General David Morrison

The Chief of the Army, David Morrison, spoke to a Harvard Club lunch in April at the Union Club in Sydney. The Lieutenant-General gave a compelling speech about leadership and the army's role in a democracy. He said popular culture sees "the Australian soldier as a rough-hewn country lad – invariably white – a larrikin who fights best with a hangover and who never salutes officers... especially the Poms," he said.

This "caricature" has become a "double-edged sword" for the military because it undermines recruitment and creates complacency about the reality of military service. General Morrison is trying to attract more women, gays and people from diverse backgrounds in addition to traditional Anglo-Celtic recruits.

General Morrison, whose three-year tenure will be extended by the Abbott government from July, has earned a



HCA Seniors' Leaders at the Union Club

reputation as a crusader for better treatment of women in the military and may be one of the most important Army-modernisers since World War II. Last June, he released a video which went viral that urged those in the Army who wanted to demean, exploit or abuse women to resign.

### Aaron Patrick, Councillor

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## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



### Kroks in Sydney in July

The Krokodiloes will be performing in Sydney this coming July. They are the oldest performing a capella group at Harvard College. The tradition--and our lucky privilege--is for the Kroks to stay with Harvard alumni when they come to Sydney to minimise their expenses. This provides an added benefit which is that they can connect with Harvard alumni like you. If you could welcome a Krok to your home on July 7, leaving on July 11 please email [leila\\_morsy@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:leila_morsy@mail.harvard.edu).

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