



# CANBERRA REGION LANGUAGES FORUM UPDATE

July 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1. ANU Language Teaching Forum

- Monday 22 July 4.15 – 5.15 pm
- Room W3.03, Level 3, Baldessin Precinct Building #110, ANU
- Approaches to Teaching Growing Online Language Student Cohorts
- Presenter: Peter Friedlander

The Forum is a discussion platform for language teachers and researchers across ANU colleges as well as for language educators from outside the university such as secondary school teachers and educators from community schools. The main objective is to foster the exchange of research and new approaches in language education.

For more information and/or to join the mailing list, contact Wesley Lim at [Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au](mailto:Wesley.Lim@anu.edu.au)

### 2. 2019 Canberra Writers Festival

- Wednesday 21 to Sunday 25 August 2019
- Various times, venues and prices
- Festival theme 2019: 'Power Politics Passion'.

Stellar line-up of 160 local, national and international authors: writers, journalists, intellectuals and raconteurs. Nearly 80 events at a range of venues around the city.

For full program details, see [www.canberrawritersfestival.com.au](http://www.canberrawritersfestival.com.au)

### 3. Burmese Literature Today

- Tuesday 27 August 2019, 4.30 - 7.30 pm
  - 4.30-5.30pm (English)
  - 6.30-7.30pm (Burmese)
- Light refreshments available between the two sessions.
- Auditorium, Australian Centre on China in the World, Bldg # 188, ANU
- Free but registration essential

Speakers: Ju and Sabal Phyu Nu, two famous Burmese authors. Ju will talk about the appreciation of beauty of nature as depicted in Burmese literature. Sabal Phyu Nu will discuss trends in Burmese novels over the past six decades and some of the challenges that novelists there currently face.

For more details: <http://chl.anu.edu.au/news-events/events/1162/burmese-literature-today>

### 4. ANU Language Education Symposium

- Thursday 5 September to Saturday 7 September 2019

A major symposium organised by the ANU School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific.

The symposium will bring together a range of senior and emerging academics and practitioners to discuss issues pertaining to Language Education and their implications for wider intellectual debates across Asia and the Pacific, and indeed, the world.

Keep an eye on the CHL events page for more details: <http://chl.anu.edu.au/news-events/events>

## 5. Melbourne Language Event

- Saturday 21 September and Sunday 22 September
- Centre for Adult Education, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC
- Cost: \$97

A language event in Melbourne for anyone interested in languages or language learning. Presentations from speakers on various topics related to regional languages and cultures, as well as language learning techniques. 'Hyperpolyglot' Richard Simcott is program convener.

More details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2572858806097596/>

## 6. Indian Voices: Translation workshop and reading

- Workshop; 23rd October, 10am -12pm, University of Canberra
- Reading: 24th October, 7pm, Manning Clark House
- Free entry.

The International Poetry Studies Institute at the University of Canberra will present a free translation workshop 'Indian Voices' facilitated by Subhash Jaireth as part of a forming festival 'fringe' at Poetry on the Move 2019.

The workshop will be followed by a special evening reading at Manning Clark House as part of their poetry reading series.

For more information: [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/indian-voices-translation-workshop-tickets-65022437862?mc\\_eid=c6d0493251&mc\\_cid=c68dc8fd46](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/indian-voices-translation-workshop-tickets-65022437862?mc_eid=c6d0493251&mc_cid=c68dc8fd46)

## NEWS and RESOURCES

### 7. Indigenous language teachers win Patji-Dawes Award 2019

There were two joint winners of the award this year:

- Sophia Mung, a Gija woman from Purnululu (East Kimberley, WA), who has worked for decades ensure the Gija language is passed down to future generations, and
- Brother Stephen Morelli, a Christian Brother, teacher and linguist who has worked closely with Aboriginal communities on the mid-north coast of NSW for over 30 years to revive and teach the Gumbaynggirr language.

The Patji-Dawes Award is Australia's premier award for achievement in teaching languages other than English. It is an initiative of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language and supported by the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations and the Languages and Cultures Network for Australian Universities.

### 8. Vietnamese resources for young children

Some wonderful free resources developed and shared online by Bombie, a mother raising her 3 year old bilingually. She uploads new stories every month or so and is happy to take requests for more children's books to add to the collection. .

[https://www.facebook.com/viva.Queen.Bee/media\\_set?set=a.10156512179863283&type=3](https://www.facebook.com/viva.Queen.Bee/media_set?set=a.10156512179863283&type=3)

### 9. Community Languages Australia Parent Project

Researchers at Monash University have designed this project to help inform and support community language teaching and learning in Australia. Parents of children enrolled in a weekend or after school-hours community languages school are invited to answer a short survey. All data is anonymous and cannot be connected to any individual person or school.

For details: [https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a5IWfiOuEFJ8353](https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a5IWfiOuEFJ8353)

## **SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **10. Burmese language at ANU**

ANU is the only University in Australia that offers a degree (Minor) for Burmese language studies. For details of Semester 2 courses, contact Dr Yuri Takahashi at [Yuri.Takahashi@anu.edu.au](mailto:Yuri.Takahashi@anu.edu.au)

For other Asian languages at ANU: <http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/languages>

### **11. French with Alliance Française de Canberra**

Variety of language programs for all levels and ages from pre-school up and a centre for cultural exhibitions, resources and activities related to France and French language.

Join their mailing list to keep up to date with programs and events, for example:

#### Sur la Route du Tour France workshop

- Saturday 27 Jul 2019, 10am - 3pm
- Learn more about
  - the race, its history and cycling related terms
  - the culture of different regions of France and what you can find there.
- Special guest: Florent Malezieux, L'Etape Australia Director

From 8pm, see screening of the last Alpine race, with cheese platter and a drink

For costs and more details: <https://www.afcanberra.com.au/>

### **12. Indonesian**

Fun evening classes with skilled native speaker teachers organised by the Australia Indonesia Association (ACT). Classes range from total new Beginners through to Advanced.

Term 3 classes start the week beginning 22 July. For more information: email [vp-australian@aia-act.org.au](mailto:vp-australian@aia-act.org.au) or phone 0406 930 835

### **13. Italian**

The Dante Alighieri Society of Canberra offers a range of Italian language classes from beginner to advanced levels and runs Italian conversation groups. Private lessons for individuals or small groups can also be arranged.

For more information: <http://danteact.org.au/language/>, email [info@danteact.org.au](mailto:info@danteact.org.au), or call the Dante office on 6247 1884.

### **14. Mandarin Chinese**

#### Language Exchange on ANU campus

Run weekly during semester by the Education pillar of the Australia China Youth Association (ACYA) at ANU. Different conversation themes and language games every week, with the aim of providing a casual and comfortable environment for practicing English and Chinese (food is also usually provided!).

All language levels are welcome, and while most members are ANU students, anyone from the wider community is welcome. For information about the weekly time and location for second semester 2019, keep an eye on their Facebook page at [@acyaanu](https://www.facebook.com/acyaanu)

#### Mandarin Community Tutoring Project

Studying Chinese or have learned it in the past? This free Mandarin Community Tutoring Project coordinated by the Association for Learning Mandarin in Australia offers the chance to practice one-on-one with a native speaker living here in the ACT. More details at: <https://www.learningmandarincanberra.org/mandarin-community-tutoring.html>

Free Mandarin conversation group at Woden library on Friday lunchtimes.

Contact Claire at 0412 305 538 for more details

## 15. Polyglot Club ANU

Conversation groups in French, Spanish, German and Danish.

- Every Monday 5.30-7pm
- Cellar Bar, University House ANU
- Cost: \$20 per year (\$10 for students and retirees)

New members always welcome, especially German speakers and learners. More details from Peter at [pgibson2611@gmail.com](mailto:pgibson2611@gmail.com) or 0408 231153

## 16. Other language learning opportunities, including English

- ANU Centre for Continuing Education <https://cce.anu.edu.au/our-courses/languages.aspx>
- CIT Solutions: [https://citsolutions.edu.au/courses/at\\_home/languages\\_and\\_writing](https://citsolutions.edu.au/courses/at_home/languages_and_writing)
- ANU: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/study-options-1/languages>
- Other programs for adults: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-adults.html>
- Programs for children: <https://actbilingual.weebly.com/language-programs-for-children.html>

**FEEDBACK ON UPDATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE UPDATES WELCOME**

**Copies of previous Forum Updates are available at**  
<https://canberralanguages.blogspot.com/p/forum-updates.html>