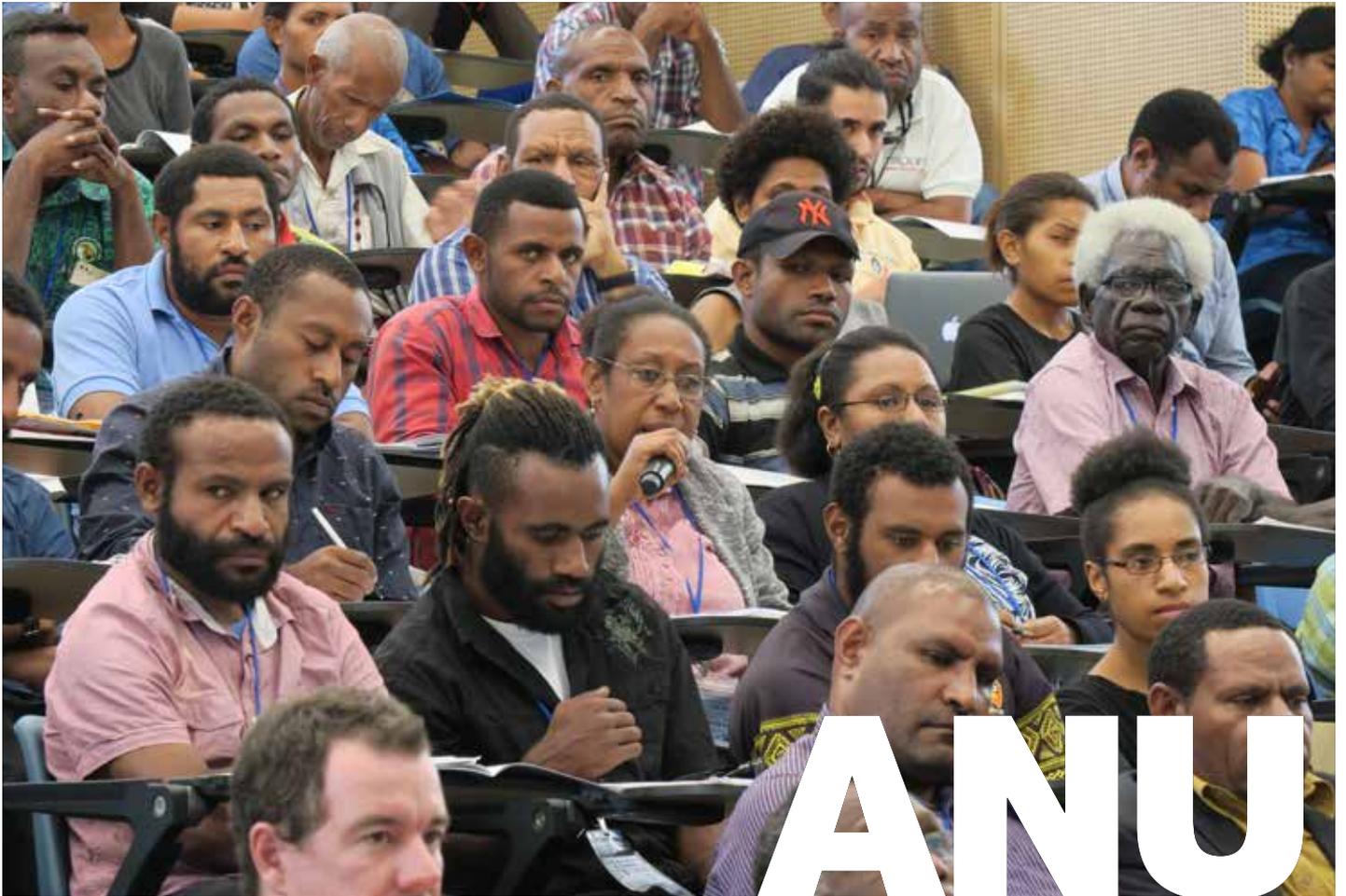




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Senator Penny Wong delivering the opening address at the 2018 Australasian Aid Conference in February



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WELCOME

When I first joined the Development Policy Centre to support its communications in 2011, most of my previous work experience had been in big, bustling newsrooms. As I sat at my quiet desk in the quasi-bushland surrounds of the ANU campus, surrounded by the mysterious bookish creatures known as academics, I wondered if I might get bored.



Seven years later, I haven't had time to get bored yet, and 2018 was no exception.

We again held our suite of regular events: the Australasian Aid Conference, every year bigger than ever before; our Aid

Budget Breakfast; the PNG Update conference in Port Moresby, going from strength to strength with more participation from PNG researchers; the Pacific Update in Suva, now firmly part of the regional calendar; and our Mitchell Oration, compellingly delivered by Sir Richard Feachem. We also began new initiatives — our inaugural ANU-UPNG Summer School being a particular highlight. And we progressed some major research projects, including our third aid stakeholder survey, and surveys on corruption and domestic violence in Papua New Guinea.

But these were all the things we planned to do. As the year unfolded, there were also surprise developments that shaped our work and opened up new opportunities for engagement.

At the beginning of 2018, we didn't know that the Pacific would suddenly become the cool kid on the geopolitical block. Phones were running hot with requests for comment and knowledge on China's role in the region, while infrastructure announcements from both sides of Australian politics threw up new things for us to research and analyse.

We also didn't know that a new agricultural visa would be proposed, nor that major changes would be floated for the backpacker visa, both policy shifts that would threaten seasonal work opportunities for Pacific islanders. Our evidence-based advocacy mode kicked in, engaging the media and stakeholders, drawing on our substantial body of research on Pacific labour mobility.

We did know that PNG would be hosting APEC, but we weren't sure how it would go, nor of the range of issues that would arise in the lead-up. Lively commentary on the blog from a range of writers tracked the impact of this landmark event for PNG and the wider region.

Among the many things we can't anticipate is when staff decide to leave the Centre to pursue new opportunities. Lhawang Ugyel left his role in Port Moresby to lecture at the University of New South Wales at the end of 2018, while Matthew Dornan, fellow Centre stalwart and Deputy Director, joined the World Bank in early 2019 to continue his work on the Pacific. But there are new faces too. In Canberra, we were joined by Madeleine Flint as Program Officer in August, and Nematullah Bizhan in Port Moresby as a lecturer at the beginning of 2019.

What will 2019 hold? It's sure to be a busy year. In particular, we'll be looking forward to those surprise opportunities to influence, inform and improve policy and public debate.

Ashlee Betteridge
Centre Manager



THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE – AN OVERVIEW

The Development Policy Centre (Devpolicy) is an academic think tank for aid and development serving Australia, the region, and the global development community. We undertake independent research and promote practical initiatives to improve the effectiveness of Australian aid, support the development of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the Pacific island region, and to contribute to better global development policy.

We were established in September 2010 and are based at Crawford School of Public Policy in the College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University (ANU).

Our publications, discussion papers, policy briefs and reports make our research available for all. Our events are fora for the dissemination of findings and the exchange of information and ideas. The Devpolicy Blog is our platform for debate, analysis and discussion.

We are currently a team of about 15 full-time equivalent staff. We benefit from the participation of several visiting fellows and a large network of associates, and we are home to several PhD students and interns.

In the past eight years, the Development Policy Centre has become a leading source of analysis on the areas we cover. You can read about our contributions in this report, under our three research pillars. Our blog (devpolicy.org) is Australia's most active online forum for the discussion and debate of aid and development policy. During 2018, the Centre published nine discussion papers, three reports, and three blog compilations, and made submissions to four government inquiries. We also hosted 15 public lectures and seminars and one conference in Canberra, and co-hosted two conferences in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea and Suva, Fiji.

Our foundational donor is the Harold Mitchell Foundation. Core funding is provided by ANU and a number of generous individual donors. We receive significant funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in support of work in PNG and the Pacific, and from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in support of our work on Australian aid. An anonymous donor provides funding to support our Greg Taylor scholars.

The Harold Mitchell Foundation's foundational support

In November 2012, prominent businessman Harold Mitchell AC announced a donation from the Harold Mitchell Foundation to the Development Policy Centre of \$2.5 million over five years. The final instalment of this seed funding was transferred to the centre in 2018. The Mitchell donation has supported the centre's core functions, enabled it to develop its research programs and outreach work, and to begin a wide range of initiatives and projects. It has been invaluable for our program of work on Australian aid, which requires independent, non-government funding. More broadly, the core funding from the Harold Mitchell Foundation has enabled the centre to seek out new projects, supporters and collaborators, and has been crucial to the centre's growth. Quite simply, the funding has put us on a sustainable pathway.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Harold Mitchell for his support, and for his vision and understanding of the need for Australia and our region to be better placed in global development debates.



Harold Mitchell presenting the 2018 Mitchell Humanitarian Award to Shamima Ali of the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre in February

WHAT WE RESEARCH: A SUMMARY

Australian aid

Though Australia's aid program has been scaled down, it is still significant in size. Australia's aid efforts are also supported by a substantial community of non-government organisations (NGOs) and individual Australians looking to work or volunteer to support the cause of international development. Rigorous research and informed public discussion can serve to enhance Australia's and Australians' engagement with aid and development in our region and around the world. We focus our analytical efforts in two areas:

- > **Government aid:** Our research on Australia's official aid program focuses on aid effectiveness and is undertaken through a mix of case studies and thematic analyses.
- > **Aid and the community:** We conduct research on the role of development NGOs, and public opinion on aid and development in Australia and New Zealand.

PNG and the Pacific

Our research seeks to diagnose constraints and illuminate opportunities for growth and improved human development outcomes in PNG and the Pacific, and the role that Australia can play to support these, organised under the following three themes:

- > **The PNG Project:** We work in a range of partnerships with key academic institutions in PNG. Our staff and collaborators conduct research on a number of topics, including: macroeconomic and fiscal issues; infrastructure; health and education; family and sexual violence; corruption and governance; and labour markets.
- > **Pacific growth and integration:** Our research explores the most promising approaches to growth and development in a region characterised by small and isolated states.
- > **Pacific migration and labour mobility:** Labour mobility is recognised as increasingly important for the prosperity of the Pacific region.

Global development policy

While our focus is primarily on Australia and the Pacific, we conduct research on a number of other global aid and development issues, including state fragility and aid from emerging donors.



2018 ANU-UPNG Summer School students departing Port Moresby



The ANU-UPNG Research Showcase panel at the 2018 PNG Update conference



Graduates from the School of Business and Public Policy at UPNG with ANU-UPNG lecturer Manoj Pandey

2018 RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1. Australian aid

1.1 Government aid

We conducted the 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey, to obtain feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the Australian aid program. More than 300 stakeholders took part in the 2018 survey. The results were launched at the 2019 Australasian Aid Conference — a summary of the findings are in the box on the right.

Our written outputs included a submission to DFAT's soft power review, a discussion paper on lessons for aid advocacy from aid spending expansions in Australia and the UK, a report on the innovationXchange, a flagship aid initiative of the Coalition government, and a paper on trends in Australian aid to the Pacific.

We held the 2018 Aid Budget Breakfast, where Stephen Howes gave Devpolicy's annual Australian aid update, including an analysis of aid trends in Australia and overseas, looking at both government and non-government aid.

We regularly conduct fora to explore the evaluation of aid projects. One aid evaluation forum in April, co-hosted with the Office of Development Effectiveness, explored an evaluation on DFAT's support for disability-inclusive development. Another explored a number of evaluations of aid to PNG.

Terence Wood coordinated and presented at a conference on the future of New Zealand aid.

Devpolicy staff provided media commentary on a variety of Australian aid issues, and met with a wide range of stakeholders such as DFAT, the RDI Network, the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Foreign Affairs and Aid, and the Murrumbidgee Electorate Branch of the Liberal Party. Devpolicy staff participated in the OECD Development Assistance Committee's review process, and presented on Australian aid to KOICA (the Korean Development Agency) and at the annual Korean Development Studies Association conference.

We continued to regularly update the Australian Aid Tracker website (devpolicy.org/aidtracker).

In 2018 we were awarded a second grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to continue our research on Australian government and NGO aid.

Australian aid five years on: the 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey

The Development Policy Centre has run stakeholder surveys of aid experts in 2013, 2015 and 2018. These surveys provide a detailed picture of how the quality of the Australian government aid program is perceived by expert aid practitioners.

Stakeholder surveys have two phases. Phase 1 (with 114 respondents in 2018) targets senior staff from Australian NGOs and aid contracting firms. Phase 2 (with 233 respondents in 2018) is open to anyone with a good knowledge of Australian aid. The 2013 Stakeholder Survey established a benchmark. The 2015 Stakeholder Survey delivered a clear set of findings: Australian aid was getting worse. The 2018 Stakeholder Survey was more complex to interpret, but brings with it a range of important findings.

Stakeholders offered a more positive assessment of overall Australian aid effectiveness in 2018 than in 2015, though a less positive one than in 2013. A focus on women's empowerment was viewed as beneficial by stakeholders, but the rise of an innovation agenda was viewed less positively. An aid for trade focus was viewed in a negative light by most. The rise of facilities – large contractor-managed entities comprising many aid projects – was one of the hot topics in 2018. A majority of respondents thought facilities were reducing the effectiveness of Australian aid and adding to transaction costs.

For the full findings and recommendations from the 2018 survey, download the report at bit.ly/2018stakeholder.

1.2 Aid and the community

Terence Wood worked with the Australian Council for International Development to complete their landmark State of the Sector report on Australian NGOs. Terence also continued his research on public opinion and aid.

We continued to publish our aid profiles series (devpolicy.org/aidprofiles), which showcases stories of Australians, or those with an Australian connection, who have made a substantial contribution to the cause of international development. The 2018 profiles, on Elizabeth Reid, Motivation Australia and Sanasa, made up the shortlist for the 2019 Mitchell Humanitarian Award, which was presented to Elizabeth Reid at the 2019 Australasian Aid Conference. Read more about the profiles and award in the box opposite.

Australian aid publications

Betteridge, A 2018, 'Submission to DFAT's soft power review', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Day, B 2018, 'Political attention and aid policy change: lessons for aid advocacy from the aid spending expansions in Australia and the United Kingdom', Discussion Paper No. 71, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Howes, S 2018, 'iXc: the first four years', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Howes, S 2018, 'Submission to the "Inquiry into the strategic effectiveness and outcomes of Australia's aid program in the Indo-Pacific and its role in supporting Australia's regional interests"', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Spratt, J & Wood, T 2018, 'Change and resilience in New Zealand aid under Minister McCully', *Policy Quarterly*, vol. 14, issue 2, pp. 25-31.

Wood, T 2018, 'Can information change public support for aid?', *The Journal of Development Studies* (online).

Wood, T 2018, 'Submission to the review of New Zealand's policy on aid and sustainable development', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Wood, T & Hoy, C 2018, 'Helping us or helping them? What makes aid appeal to Australians?', Discussion Paper No. 75, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Mitchell Humanitarian Award and Aid Profiles series

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award, named in honour of leading businessman and philanthropist Harold Mitchell AC, recognises Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Its aim is to educate and inspire, and it is awarded annually to a contribution that inspires others, is of lasting and significant value, has a link to Australia, and has not yet been adequately recognised.

The successful awardee is selected by a distinguished panel from a shortlist of Aid Profiles authored by the Development Policy Centre. The first award in February 2017 went to veterinarian Robyn Alders for her efforts to eradicate Newcastle Disease in chickens, improving rural women's livelihoods. The 2018 award was presented to the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, for their multi-decade efforts to reduce gender-based violence in the Pacific region.

In 2018 we authored three profiles: on Elizabeth Reid, a pioneering feminist figure who also worked on HIV/AIDS in both Australia and internationally; Kylie Mines and her organisation Motivation Australia, which improves access to rehabilitation and assistive devices for people living with disability across the Pacific; and Sanasa, a Sri Lankan microfinance and cooperative movement success story, in which Oxfam Australia provided crucial early support. At a gala dinner at the Australasian Aid Conference in February 2019, Elizabeth Reid was named the winner of the 2019 award.

For more details on the award, and to read the Aid Profiles series, visit devpolicy.org/aidprofiles.

2. PNG and the Pacific

2.1 The PNG Project

Devpolicy manages The Australian National University's partnership with the School of Business and Public Policy (SBPP) at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG). Five ANU academics based in Port Moresby, as well as other staff supported by us, convened 21 courses for 597 undergraduate and postgraduate students in 2018. Meanwhile, two UPNG staff members completed their ANU Master's degrees in Canberra, and have returned to lecture in economics at UPNG. A third scholarship student commenced his studies in Canberra at the beginning of 2018, and a fourth, the first female recipient of the award, commenced in 2019.

The inaugural ANU-UPNG Summer School took place in January and February 2018, bringing ten of the best final-year undergraduate students in economics and public policy to study at Crawford School for a month.

The 2018 PNG Update conference was titled 'PNG in the Year of APEC' and attracted more than 1,000 attendees across two days. The conference showcased 77 presentations, and received considerable media attention in PNG. Keynote presentations were delivered by: Charles Lepani, Chairman, APEC Coordinating Authority; Treasurer Charles Abel; Shadow Treasurer Ian Ling-Stuckey; and Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum. These were subsequently published in a PNG Update book.

The PNG aid evaluation forum in May brought together the authors of a number of evaluations of Australian aid projects in PNG with expert commentators, who discussed the findings.

The Centre continued to support significant PNG-related research in 2018 on a wide range of economic and public policy issues. Grant Walton completed research on PNG public servants' perceptions of governance and corruption (published in early 2019), and also conducted initial comparative research into the political economy of the Philippines and PNG rice industries.

Michelle Rooney undertook and published initial results from research on the impact of family and sexual violence in Lae, collaborating with Miranda Forsyth, Dora Kuir-Ayius and Mary Aisi.

Using household surveys, Rohan Fox and Chris Hoy conducted research examining the factors that affect female responsibility and participation in household financial decision making in PNG.

Amanda Watson continued research on digital-for-development technologies with UPNG colleagues, while Lhawang Ugyel examined decentralisation policy and the effectiveness of district development authorities.

Dek Sum and Bao Nguyen undertook research into macroeconomic shocks facing PNG.

The 2018 PNG economic survey, a collaborative effort by Devpolicy and UPNG economists, was presented at the PNG Update, and subsequently published.

Devpolicy researchers provided commentary on a range of issues in the lead-up and during the APEC Leaders' Summit, both in the media and on the Devpolicy Blog.

2.2 Pacific growth and integration

Chinese investment and interest in the Pacific region became a hot topic of national debate in 2018. Matthew Dornan provided substantial media commentary on this issue throughout the year. Matthew Dornan and Rohan Fox undertook research into Chinese lending to Pacific countries and debt stress in the region.

Matthew Dornan published research on power regulation in small island developing states of the Pacific, and on climate change adaptation finance. Grant Walton researched anti-corruption reform in Solomon Islands.

The 2018 Pacific Update conference was held on 5-6 July at the University of the South Pacific's Laucala Campus in Suva, Fiji. The conference was attended by more than 320 participants, and was viewed online through a livestream by a further 300 people. Devpolicy also contributed to the 2018 ANU State of the Pacific Conference.

The Centre now hosts the *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies* journal, providing support for the journal's continuation through the Pacific Research Program, with a goal to increase Pacific content. Stephen Howes joined the journal as Editor-in-Chief.

2.3 Pacific migration

The Centre's program of research on Pacific labour mobility continued to grow during 2018.

Richard Curtain presented on economic impacts of labour mobility at the Vanuatu Labour Mobility summit, and on sending country labour mobility governance at the Pacific Update conference. He also presented to the Government of Vanuatu Taskforce on Labour Mobility in October on future directions for labour mobility in Vanuatu. Stephen Howes and Richard Curtain both presented at the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands, in October.

Throughout the year, Richard Curtain conducted research on PNG's involvement in the Seasonal Worker Programme and presented on the subject at the PNG Update, and through a discussion paper. The Centre was involved in the appraisal of the design of the Pacific Labour Facility, and published a paper comparing the Australian and New Zealand seasonal work schemes. Richard Curtain, Matthew Dornan, Stephen Howes and Henry Sherrell published their comparative research on New Zealand's and Australia's Pacific seasonal work programs.

The Centre commented actively in response to changes to Australia's backpacker visa, and the potential introduction of a new agricultural visa.

PNG and Pacific publications

Betteridge, A 2018, 'Above the noise: the importance of Australian broadcasting in the Pacific', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Boussalis, C, Coan, T, Peiffer, C & Walton, G 2018, 'Trends in complaints to the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption, 2007-2014', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Clark, L & Walton, G W 2018, 'Drivers of electoral and institutional money politics in Papua New Guinea', *The Australian Journal of Asian Law* 18, vol. 2, pp. 1-13.

Curtain, R 2018 'What can Papua New Guinea do to lift its numbers in the seasonal worker programs of Australia and New Zealand?', Discussion Paper No. 70, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Curtain, R, Dornan, M, Howes, S & Sherrell, H 2018, 'Pacific seasonal workers: learning from the contrasting temporary migration outcomes in Australian and New Zealand horticulture', *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 5, iss. 3, pp. 462-480.

Dornan, M 2018, 'Review of "The new Pacific diplomacy"', *Small States & Territories*, vol. 1, no. 1.

Dornan, M 2018, 'When international 'best practice' is not: power sector reform in small island states', in L Briguglio (ed.) *Handbook of Small States*, pp. 313-325.

Dornan, M & Duncan, R 2018, 'The Pacific islands in the twenty-first century', *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 5, iss. 3, pp. 390-392.

Dornan, M, Morgan, W, Cain, T N & Tarte, S 2018, 'What's in a term? "Green growth" and the "blue-green economy" in the Pacific islands', *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 5, iss. 3, pp. 408-425.

Dornan, M, Muller, S & Wood, T 2018, 'Aiding the Pacific: the changing nature of Australian foreign aid to the region', in P Thomas (ed.) *Development Bulletin No. 80*, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra.

Howes, S, Betteridge, A, Sause, L & Ugyel, L 2018, 'Evidence-based policy making in the tropics', in M Fabian & R Breunig (eds.) *Hybrid public policy innovations*, Chapter 15.

Howes, S & Pillai L N (eds.) 2018, '2018 PNG Update: PNG in the year of APEC', Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Mansur, A, Doyle, J & Ivaschenko, O 2018, 'Cash transfers from disaster response: lessons from tropical Cyclone Winston', Discussion Paper No. 67, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Rooney, M N 2018, '(K) No (w) boundaries: returning through urban lands' seduction', in P Thomas (ed.) *Development Bulletin No. 80*, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra.

Spratt, J & Spencer, G 2018, 'Palliative care in Solomon Islands', Discussion Paper No. 67, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Ugyel, L 2018 'Integrating formal and informal institutions: towards a healthy community in the Pacific', Discussion Paper No. 69, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Walton, G W 2018, 'Fee-free education, decentralisation and the politics of scale in Papua New Guinea', *Journal of Education Policy*.

Walton, G W 2018, 'Korapsen (Papua New Guinea)', in A Ledeneva (ed.) *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality Volume 1*, UCL Press.

Wood, T 2018, 'Aid policy and Australian public opinion', *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 5, iss. 2, pp. 235-248.

Wood, T 2018, 'Development trajectories and possibilities in the Pacific', in P Thomas (ed.) *Development Bulletin No. 80*, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Canberra.

Wood, T 2018, 'The clientelism trap in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea, and its impact on aid policy,' *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, vol. 5, issue 3, pp. 481-494.

Wood, T & Muller, S 2018 'Samoan election results: trends and patterns 1964-2016', Discussion Paper No. 73, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

3. Global development policy

The Centre's work on global development policy in 2018 focused on fragile states, with two discussion papers by PhD student Tobias Haque looking at economic and public financial reform in fragile states, and published research on Afghanistan by Nematullah Bizhan.

Key events included the annual Australasian Aid Conference (details in the box to the right) held in partnership with The Asia Foundation, which covered a wide range of global development issues. PhD student Kongkea Chhoeun continued his comparative research into Chinese and Australian scholarships to Cambodia.

The 2018 Mitchell Oration was delivered by Sir Richard Feachem in June, and focused on the changes needed in the global aid industry to meet emerging challenges.

The Centre continued its partnership with KAIDEC, the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation, with two centre researchers presenting at their annual conference.

Global development policy publications

Bizhan, N 2018, 'State-building in Afghanistan', *Asian Survey*, vol. 58, no. 6, pp. 973-994.

Bizhan, N, Willner-Reid, M & Bhatia, J 2018, 'Special issue on power, politics and development in Afghanistan', *Asian Survey*, vol. 58, no. 6, pp. 967-972.

Haque, T A 2018, 'A 'good governance' paradox? Re-examining reform of economic institutions in post-conflict settings', Discussion Paper No. 68, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

Haque, T A 2018, 'Pushing on a string? Public financial management reform and institutional transmission mechanisms in fragile states', Discussion Paper No. 72, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University, Canberra.

2018 Australasian Aid Conference

The annual Australasian Aid Conference (AAC) began in 2014 as the Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop, and has since expanded in size and reputation to become Australia's premier aid and international development conference. Held in February each year in partnership with The Asia Foundation, the AAC has become an integral part of the Australian and regional aid calendar. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers from across Australia, the Pacific, Asia, and beyond who are working on aid and international development policy to share insights, promote collaboration, and develop the research community. The 2018 conference brought together more than 500 researchers, policymakers, students, and representatives of NGOs and the private sector from across the Asia-Pacific region and the world. The event included an exhibition of the work of author, photojournalist and film-maker Nick Danziger, followed by two full conference days including 40 parallel sessions, two plenaries on Asian civil society and global health security, and a keynote address on the 'strugglers' by Nancy Birdsall, President Emeritus of the Center for Global Development. The return of '3MAP: the 3-Minute Aid Pitch' – a competition where speakers are given three minutes to present an innovative idea to improve Australian aid or development policy – saw Rosanna Duncan take the title with her pitch on diversifying talent in aid.

The Devpolicy Blog

The Devpolicy Blog is a platform for analysis and discussion relating to our core research areas: Australian aid, PNG and the Pacific, and global development policy.

In 2018 we published 299 blog posts, bringing the total number since the blog began in 2010 to 2,297 from 783 contributors.

Blog posts are shared widely through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and are often re-published by other organisations. An increasing number of people receive our blog posts daily by email: 3,506 by the end of 2018. For subscription options, visit: <http://devpolicy.org/>.

Blog compilations

PNG: Devpolicy Blogs in 2017-18, June 2018

Pacific Stories: Devpolicy Blog posts in 2016-18, June 2018

Analysing Pacific labour mobility: Devpolicy Blog 2017-18, September 2018

Outreach

Email

We provide email services through opt-in subscription available on our website, blog, and at our events. A daily email sends subscribers a copy of our blog posts on the day they are published, and our fortnightly newsletter updates subscribers on all recent and upcoming Devpolicy activities, events, and publications. As at the end of 2018, our fortnightly newsletter went out to 6,457 individuals. We also have monthly newsletters focused on our PNG-related work, and on labour mobility and migration.

Social media

As of the close of 2018, 5,377 people have 'liked' our Facebook page (up from 4,677 in 2017), and we gained more than 1,000 new Twitter followers this year (now at 9,818).

Media

In 2018, our researchers' work and perspectives have appeared in various domestic, regional, and international media outlets including *The Guardian*, *Radio Australia Pacific Beat*, *Devex*, *PNG Post Courier*, *The Conversation*, *Loop PNG*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *Vanuatu Daily Post*, *news.com.au*, *The Lowy Interpreter*, *Nikkei Asian Review*, *The Fiji Sun*, *The National (PNG)*, *Fiji Times*, *The Diplomat*, *SBS News*, *The New York Times* and *ABC News*, among others. Our research was mentioned or quoted in more than 200 media items over the course of the year. We also contributed to other blogs, such as Policy Forum and East Asia Forum. In addition, our own Devpolicy Blog posts are frequently re-published by a range of outlets, including in local papers in several Pacific island countries.

Podcasts

In 2012 we launched a podcast series, which makes audio recordings of our events and interviews available for download through Soundcloud, iTunes, RSS and our website. In 2018 we published 45 new podcasts, bringing the total to 281 podcasts, which were played 32,825 times in 2018.

Collaborations

Individual staff at the Centre, and the Centre as a whole, collaborated with a range of organisations in 2018, including: The Asia Foundation; the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID); the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); the Developmental Leadership Program, Birmingham University; the Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU; Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC); the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT); RDI Network; ANU Transnational Research Institute on Corruption (TRIC); University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy; and The University of the South Pacific (USP).

Talks

In addition to presentations at the Centre's events, summarised in the next section, Devpolicy researchers and staff gave a number of lectures and presentations in Australia, around the region and the world throughout 2018.

Events

In 2018, we hosted a total of 18 public events (lectures, seminars, conferences and forums) in Canberra. All of our events are shared with a global audience via frequently-downloaded podcasts available through Soundcloud, iTunes, RSS and our website.

We also partnered in two overseas conferences: the Pacific Update with the University of the South Pacific on 5-6 July in Suva, and the PNG Update with the University of PNG on 14-15 June in Port Moresby.

Below is a complete list of events in chronological order. Details of all these events can be found on our website (<http://devpolicy.anu.edu.au/events/>).

1. The social contract, preferences for redistribution, and tax morale

17 January. David Doyle, Associate Professor of Politics, Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford; and Gerard McCarthy, Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, and Associate Director of Myanmar Research Centre, ANU.

2. Aid for trade in Asia and the Pacific

On 12 February this public seminar launched two ADB reports *Aid for trade in Asia and the Pacific* and *Trade facilitation for a more inclusive and connected Asia and Pacific region*. Speakers discussed how aid for trade can further strengthen inclusive, trade-driven growth amid an uncertain global economic environment.

Speakers: Frances Adamson, DFAT; Cyn-Young Park, Asian Development Bank; Yasuyuki Sawada, Asian Development Bank; Shiro Armstrong, ANU.

3. Lives in times of war, famine and civil unrest

As part of the Australasian Aid Conference, on 12 February photojournalist Nick Danziger shared his experiences documenting the lives of people in some of the poorest countries in the world. The talk coincided with the opening of his exhibition 'Revisited' at Drill Hall Gallery, ANU.

Speaker: Nick Danziger, Author, Photojournalist and Film-maker.

4. 2018 Australasian Aid Conference

The fifth annual Australasian Aid Conference was held on 12-14 February, once again in partnership with The Asia Foundation. See the box on page 12 for details.



Australasian Aid Conference

5. Decent work in global supply chains

26 March. Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, Open Society Foundation Fellow and Trafficking in Persons Ambassador (ret.), US Department of State.

6. World Bank report launch: Australia's Seasonal Worker Programme

The Seasonal Worker Programme attracts more than 6,000 workers each year from the Pacific and Timor-Leste to Australian farms. This report launch on 28 March examined the benefits and costs of the scheme for households in the Pacific, as well as the experiences of workers in Australia, and included recommendations for reform.

Speakers: Senator Claire Moore, Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific; Michel Kerf, World Bank; Michael Fryszler, Connect Group; Melissa Dennings, Embassy of Timor-Leste; Jesse Doyle, World Bank.

7. Australian aid evaluations: disability inclusive development

Since 2009 the Australian aid program has had strategies to support disability-inclusive development. This event on 11 April discussed a 2017 evaluation of the effectiveness and credibility of this support, which found that Australia is seen and valued as a leader in disability inclusion in the development process.

Speakers: Peter Versegi, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT; Karen Ovington, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT; Mika Kontiainen, DFAT; Colin Allen, International Disability Alliance; Jim Adams, Chair of the Independent Evaluation Committee, DFAT.

8. 2018 Aid Budget Breakfast

For the sixth edition of Devpolicy's annual Aid Budget Breakfast on 9 May, Director Stephen Howes gave an analysis of aid trends in Australia and overseas, looking at both government and non-government aid, and examined the federal budget's impact on aid and development.

Speaker: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre.

9. Film screening: Aliko and Ambai

15 May. Theresa Meki, Assistant Producer, Aliko and Ambai and PhD Candidate, ANU.



Australian aid evaluations: disability-inclusive development

10. PNG aid evaluation forum: drought, roads and health

PNG is Australia's largest aid recipient, receiving more than \$500 million a year in development assistance. This event on 30 May brought together authors of evaluations on the response to the 2015 drought, support for the roads sector, and funding for multilateral organisations to strengthen PNG's health sector, with expert commentators to discuss the findings of these evaluations, their robustness, and the implications for the Australian aid program.

Speakers: Wendy Jarvie, Adjunct Professor, University of NSW Canberra and Member, Independent Evaluation Committee, DFAT; Ian Anderson, Associate, Development Policy Centre; Mike Bourke, Honorary Associate Professor, ANU; Bernard Broughton, Independent Consultant; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre; David Slattery, Director, Office of Development Effectiveness, ANU; Colin Wiltshire, Research Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU.

11. PNG Update

The annual PNG Update, held on 14-15 June at the University of PNG in Port Moresby, is the premier forum for discussion of research and analysis relating to contemporary economic and public policy issues in PNG. The Update explored a variety of topics, including PNG's economy, health programs and performance, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, politics and elections.

12. 2018 Mitchell Oration

Sir Richard Feachem delivered the sixth annual Mitchell Oration on the topic 'Reengineering the aid industry: a priority for the 21st century' on 28 June at ANU.

Sir Richard is Director of the Global Health Group at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Institute for Global Health, and Professor of Global Health at both UCSF and the University of California, Berkeley.



Pacific Update

13. Pacific Update

The 2018 Pacific Update was held on 5-6 July at the University of the South Pacific's Laucala Campus. Each year, this annual conference brings together policymakers, academics, researchers, business people and development practitioners to discuss economic, social, political and environmental developments in the Pacific. In 2018 the conference included a keynote from Hon Dr Mahendra Reddy, Fiji's Minister for Waterways, in addition to a plenary on the Fiji economy, and 17 parallel sessions on topics of importance to the region.

14. The IFC, development finance and our region: in conversation with Nena Stoiljkovic

23 August. Nena Stoiljkovic, Vice President for Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation.

15. Options for a National Integrity Commission – acting on new evidence on corruption and trust

13 September. Professor A J Brown, Professor of Public Policy and Law in the Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University.

16. Public work programs vs active labour market programs: evidence from Papua New Guinea

20 September. Chris Hoy, PhD Candidate, ANU, and Lecturer, University of Sydney.

17. The Australian launch of the World Development Report 2019: the changing nature of work

17 October. Michal Rutkowski, Senior Director for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank.

18. Power Meri screening

14 November. Screening of Power Meri and Q&A with PNG Orchids Head Coach, David Westley.



Options for a National Integrity Commission

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES

Director



Professor Stephen Howes has a PhD in economics from the London School of Economics. He served in various positions at the World Bank for a decade, before becoming AusAID's first Chief Economist in 2005. He is now a Professor of Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, where he directs the Development Policy Centre. He is the Editor-in-Chief of *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*.

Deputy Director



Dr Matthew Dornan was a Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the Development Policy Centre throughout 2018. In February 2019, he joined the World Bank to continue working on Pacific labour mobility issues. During his time at the Centre, his research focused on economic development in the Pacific islands and Papua New Guinea and included work on infrastructure (especially in the energy and transport sectors), foreign aid, labour mobility, and climate change financing. Matthew led our research on Pacific growth and regional integration, and the economic stream in the Pacific Research Program. He was the Editor of the Development Policy Centre's Discussion Paper series, sat on the editorial board of *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*, and led the Energy for Development cluster of the ANU Energy Change Institute.

Staff



Ashlee Betteridge was appointed as the Development Policy Centre's Manager in early 2018. She has worked with the Centre since March 2013 as a Research Officer and then Program Manager, and also worked for us during 2011 while completing a Master of Public Policy at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Prior to joining the Centre, Ashlee was a newspaper journalist and editor working in Australia and Indonesia. She has also worked on development communications in Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Ashlee manages the Centre's outreach, communications, administration and projects, including those in PNG and the Pacific. She built and updates the Australian Aid Tracker website, coordinates the Aid Profiles series, and provides oversight of the Australasian Aid Conference and the Centre's portfolio of conferences, websites, publications and seminars.



Dr Nematullah Bizhan is a Lecturer working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG. He is also a Research Fellow at Oxford University, where he studies the role of identities and networks in establishing state legitimacy and effectiveness in fragile and conflict-affected societies. In addition, he is working with the Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development, a joint initiative of the Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government and London School of Economics (LSE). He has a PhD in Political Science and International Relations from The Australian National University and was previously a high-level participant in the post-2001 government of Afghanistan.



Dr Richard Curtain is a Research Fellow, specialising in Pacific labour mobility. As a public policy consultant, he has worked on labour mobility on assignments related to the Australia-Pacific Technical College, and in Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu. In 2018, he completed a Devpolicy Discussion Paper 'What can Papua New Guinea do to lift its numbers in the seasonal worker programs of Australia and New Zealand?'. He also co-authored a paper with Matthew Dorman 'A pressure release valve? Migration and climate change in Kiribati, Nauru and Tuvalu' and was a lead author of a report to the government of Vanuatu on a proposed labour mobility framework.



Cleo Fleming was a part-time Program Officer for the Centre during 2018. She is also a regular contributing author for the Aid Profiles series. She has a Master of International Development from RMIT University, and is currently studying Community Service and Development at the Canberra Institute of Technology. Cleo previously worked as the Centre's Program Officer from 2010-2012 and Publications Editor from 2012-2016.



Madeleine Flint is Program Officer at the Development Policy Centre, joining in August 2018. She is currently studying a Masters of International and Community

Development at Deakin University, and holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from ANU. Prior to moving into her current role, Madeleine worked with development organisations in Timor-Leste.



Rohan Fox is a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre. He holds a Masters in International and Development Economics from ANU and is currently working on varied analyses of the PNG economy. He previously worked in Port Moresby as a Lecturer in economics at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) and as Project Coordinator for the Centre's partnership with the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy.



Husnia Hushang was a part-time Program Officer for the centre during 2018. She also provided research support to Dr Grant Walton. Husnia holds a Master of Public Policy from Crawford School of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Law and Political Science from Kabul University, Afghanistan. She previously worked as a Provincial Development Planning Facilitator, Community Development Officer and Capacity Development Officer for the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in Afghanistan. She has previously worked in administrative and research support roles at the Centre in 2016 and 2017.



Sachini Muller is a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre and Co-Editor of the Devpolicy Blog. She is currently completing a Master of Globalisation at ANU. She assists in the coordination of the annual Australasian Aid Conference and the Pacific Update, and provided research support on the analysis of the 2018 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey.



Dr Bao Nguyen is a Lecturer in Economics, working in Port Moresby as part of the ANU-UPNG partnership. His current research focuses on the relationship between energy and commodity price dynamics and macroeconomic performance on various economies (Australian, Chinese and the US). Prior to completing his PhD thesis at ANU, he worked as a Lecturer at the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City and Harvard Program in Vietnam.



Dr Manoj Pandey is a Lecturer in Economics, working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG. Prior to joining ANU, he worked as a Fellow in Official Statistics and Coordinator of the Official Statistics Program at the School of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of the South Pacific. Dr Pandey has a background

in statistics, applied econometrics and economics, and a PhD in economics from the ANU. His interests include ageing, development, health, labour, gender and wellbeing.



Dr Michelle Rooney is a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre, working for our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea. She received her PhD from the Department of Pacific Affairs in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU in 2017. Michelle also holds a Masters of Arts in Development Economics from University of Sussex, UK, and a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from ANU.



Dek Sum is an Associate Lecturer and Project Coordinator, working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG. He holds a Masters in International and Development Economics from ANU, and was awarded the Excellence in Tutoring Awards from the ANU College of Business and Economics in 2017. His research interests include time-series econometrics and development economics.



Dr Lhawang Ugyel was a Lecturer working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG, finishing up in

December 2018 to join the University of New South Wales. His field of research is comparative public administration, specialising in public sector reforms, policy transfer, evaluation studies and cross-cultural studies. Prior to completing his PhD at ANU, he worked for the Royal Government of Bhutan in various capacities.



Dr Grant Walton is a Research Fellow and Lecturer at the Development Policy Centre. He researches issues related to corruption, anti-corruption, education policy, international development and civil society. He is the author of the book *Anti-Corruption and its Discontents: Local, National and International Perspectives on Corruption in Papua New Guinea*. Grant leads our research into the effectiveness of health and education spending in PNG, and undertakes research into perceptions about and responses to corruption in PNG, Solomon Islands and Fiji.



Dr Amanda H A Watson is a Lecturer with ANU, working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea. As well as lecturing, she continues her research interests in new media technology, the strategic uses of mobile phones in healthcare and citizen engagement, and the telecommunication and media sectors in Papua New Guinea. Her PhD thesis explored the uptake and use of mobile phones during the earliest days of mobile phone adoption in Papua New Guinea. She has also conducted research on strategic uses of mobile phones in Papua

New Guinea in corruption prevention, healthcare provision, remote data collection, and education.



Dr Terence Wood is a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre. He undertakes research on Australian and New Zealand aid, particularly the domestic political economy of aid, as well as research on Melanesian politics. His PhD research focused on studying voter behaviour in Solomon Islands. Prior to commencing his PhD, Terence worked for the New Zealand Government Aid Program.



Shannon Young is the Partnership Officer at the Development Policy Centre. Prior to moving into her current role, Shannon was a Program Officer at the Centre. She has a Masters in International Development from the University of Canberra and previously worked in various human resources and administration roles for organisations such as CARE Australia and Australian Red Cross.

Visiting Fellows



Fessehaie Abraham was the First Eritrean Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand (1993 - 1997) and the founding Coordinator of the Eritrean Relief Association in Australia (1978-1992). He was also a Board Member (1998-2006) of the Fred Hollows Foundation in Australia, and worked closely with the late Professor Fred Hollows to set up an Intraocular Lens Laboratory in Asmara, Eritrea. Fessehaie holds a Master of Business Administration (Executive) from the Australian Graduate School of Management, UNSW, a Master of Science in Industrial Chemistry and Chemical Engineering (UNSW) and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Chemistry (UNSW). He joined the Centre as a Visiting Fellow in August 2017 to work on a book on Australia-Eritrea relations.



Robin Davies was Associate Director from December 2012 to August 2017, based in Geneva from May 2014, and led the Centre's third research pillar, global development policy. He also contributed to our work on Australian aid effectiveness. He is now Head of the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. From 1993 to 2012, he held a range of senior policy and program management roles in the Australian Agency for International Development, serving in Paris and Jakarta, and in July 2014 was made an Honorary Professor of ANU.



Dr Martin Davies is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Washington and Lee University. His research interests include international trade and development. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, and has taught at UPNG, St John's College Oxford, and the Foreign Commonwealth Office (UK). He has held a post at the Australian Treasury, and is a visitor to the University of Papua New Guinea under the ANU-UPNG partnership.



Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya worked as a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre in 2012 and 2013. He has undertaken research and evaluation work for the Asian Development Bank and the Australian government, and been Research Director for Red Elephant. He previously worked as the Evaluation Advisor to the Asian Development Bank's Impact Evaluation Committee and as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the World Bank Group.



Robert Lamontagne is a Griffith University doctoral candidate researching Australian governance and anti-corruption aid to PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He completed his award-winning master's thesis on Australia's anti-money laundering aid to Papua New Guinea while interning at Devpolicy under Dr Grant Walton in 2014. Prior to coming to Australia, Rob worked in politics in the United States.



Dr Francis Odhuno is Senior Research Fellow leading the Economic Policy Research Program at the National Research Institute (NRI) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. He joined NRI after completing his PhD at the University of Otago in New Zealand. Prior to that he completed a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Arts at Kenyatta University in Kenya, and became a Certified Practising Accountant (CPA) in Kenya in 2001. He has previously worked at Ernst & Young in Nairobi as a Consultant in international trade and tax issues, and with the Ministry of Trade and Industry (also in Nairobi) as an Economist/Statistician and Industrial Development Officer. Dr Odhuno is currently teaching in the Masters of Economic and Public Policy program at UPNG on a part-time basis under the ANU-UPNG partnership.



Dr Gordon Peake has worked extensively in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific. His book *Beloved land: stories, struggles and secrets from Timor-Leste* was winner of the 2014 ACT Book of the Year and People's Choice Awards. Gordon received his PhD from the University of Oxford.



Dr Jonathan Pickering is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra. He completed his PhD thesis on climate change financing for developing countries at ANU in 2013. Previously, he worked at AusAID from 2003 to 2009.



Dr Marcel Schröder is a Visiting Fellow at the Centre, and in 2015-16 was a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Papua New Guinea, as part of the ANU-UPNG partnership. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Lebanese American University. His research focuses on macroeconomic aspects of economic development.



Dr Bill Vistarini is a Visiting Fellow at the Centre. He is currently based in Canberra. Since 1970 he has managed aid projects, lived and taught in Laos, Cambodia, Vanuatu and Indonesia. He has successfully supervised doctoral students from all these countries and Australia. He completed his PhD at La Trobe University in 1994. His postgraduate research was on traditional belief systems in Laos, which included the arrival and impact of Buddhism and the French. He is particularly interested in the practical application of research.



Carmen Voigt-Graf was a Fellow with the Development Policy Centre from October 2014 to October 2017. She was based in Port Moresby as a Senior Research Fellow at the National Research Institute (NRI), leading our research partnership with NRI. Carmen has a PhD from the University of Sydney and has held academic positions at ANU and the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. She also served as an Economic Adviser with the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser in Vanuatu. Carmen works on a range of economic issues in the Pacific, particularly in the areas of labour markets, skills development, labour mobility, migration, and regional integration.



Bob Warner has worked at the Productivity Commission, the World Bank, the Centre for International Economics, and Crawford School of Public Policy (where he was Director of Pacific Research Partnerships and with *Asia & the Pacific Policy Studies*). He has been a long-term advisor in Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, and a short-term advisor and consultant to governments in a number of developing countries, particularly in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

PhD students

The Centre encourages the involvement of PhD students, based at Crawford School of Public Policy or elsewhere, working on topics relating to our research agenda. There are currently four PhD students working under the supervision of Development Policy Centre researchers:



Chris Hoy is undertaking a PhD in economics, with a focus on survey data from PNG and Indonesia. He holds a Masters of International and Development Economics from Yale University.



Kongkea Chhoeun is researching aid-funded scholarships to Cambodia, supervised by Stephen Howes.



Paskal Kleden is undertaking research on aid to Indonesia, supervised by Stephen Howes.

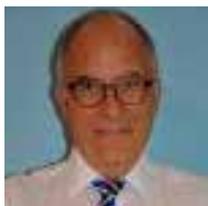


Edwina Fingleton-Smith is researching how energy access can be more effectively utilised for development outcomes in Kenya, and was supervised by Matthew Dornan in 2018.

Congratulations to Ian Anderson who completed his PhD in 2018.

Centre Associates

The Development Policy Centre's Associates form a network of researchers and professionals based at ANU, elsewhere in Australia and overseas, who interact with, contribute to and support the Centre's work.



Dr Ian Anderson has more than 30 years of international development experience with AusAID, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and as an independent economics consultant. In 2018 he completed a PhD on health priorities and funding in Asia and the Pacific at Crawford School of Public Policy. He is also a regular Devpolicy blogger.



Dr Sharon Bessell is the Director of Research at the Crawford School of Public Policy and Director of Crawford School's Children's Policy Centre. She is part of an international research team working on a new, gender-sensitive measure of poverty – the Individual Deprivation Measure.



Dr Carola Betzold is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Policy and Management at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. Her research concerns the interplay of climate change and development cooperation, with a specific focus on aid

and adaptation in small island developing states, in the Pacific and beyond. Carola holds a PhD in Political Science from ETH Zurich, Switzerland.



Derek Brien is the Executive Director of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy in Vanuatu.



Dr Sean Burges is a Lecturer in International Relations at the School of Politics and International Relations, ANU. His research interest is non-traditional aid, with a particular focus on Latin American aid.



Camilla Burkot was a Research Officer with the Development Policy Centre, and Editor of the Devpolicy Blog, from February 2015 to October 2017. She has a background in social anthropology (BA Hons, University of Cambridge) and holds a Master of Public Health from Columbia University. In 2018 she was working for the Burnet Institute, and she is now with the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security.



Dr Tess Newton Cain is the Principal of TNC Pacific Consulting and is a Visiting Fellow to the Development Policy Centre. She is a citizen of Vanuatu, where she lived for almost 20 years, and is now based in Brisbane. Tess is a specialist in Pacific regionalism and sub-regionalism, with a particular interest in the Melanesian Spearhead Group. She is a regular contributor to the Devpolicy Blog, where she often co-writes with Matthew Dornan. She is the coordinator of the 'Pacific Conversations' series, in which she discusses politics and policy with established and emerging leaders from the Pacific island region.



Professor Satish Chand is Professor of Finance at the University of New South Wales and Adjunct Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU.



Dr Jessie Connell recently completed her PhD with the Mekong Research Group, University of Sydney, focusing on population displacement and the resettlement safeguards of international financial institutions. She is currently working for the International Organization for Migration in Canberra.



Dr Jack Corbett is an Associate Professor of Politics at the University of Southampton. He is the author of *Being political: leadership and democracy in the Pacific islands* and has just written a book on the history of the Australian aid program, with support from Devpolicy.



Dr Pierre van der Eng is an Associate Professor in the Research School of Management, College of Business and Economics, ANU. His research interests include the history of Australia's foreign aid programs in Indonesia during the 1950s-1980s and its impact on Australia's international business, and the role of China's foreign aid and 'South-South cooperation' in the internationalisation of Chinese companies.



Paul Flanagan has a longstanding interest in public policy issues in Australia, PNG and more broadly. His 35-year public service career was evenly shared between Treasury/Finance and AusAID. He headed up Treasury's International Finance and Development Division from 2008-2011 before being seconded to a Senior Advisor position in the PNG Treasury until August 2013. He is a leading commentator on economic developments in PNG.



Benjamin Day is an Associate Lecturer in the ANU Department of International Relations. His research seeks to understand how recent changes in the international system are affecting how traditional donors use foreign aid as an instrument of foreign policy. Ben is a frequent blog contributor on Australian aid policy and global development issues.



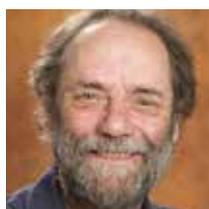
John Eyers has worked in the Australian Treasury, Asian Development Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, Office of National Assessments, PNG Treasury, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. His research interest is foreign assistance to fragile and transition states.



Dr Neelesh Gounder was the 2016/2017 recipient of the PNG and Pacific Greg Taylor scholarship. He co-organises the annual ANU-USP Pacific Update, and is currently Senior Lecturer in economics and Deputy Head of School (Research and International) at the University of the South Pacific, Suva. He has PhD in economics from Griffith University. Neelesh's research areas include tourism, trade and growth in Pacific island countries, poverty and economic performance of Pacific island countries and the banking sector and financial development in Pacific island countries.



Dr Björn Dressel is a Senior Lecturer at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Among other things, he works on the political economy of public financial management.



Dr Colin Filer is an Honorary Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy. His research interests include the social context, organisation and impact of policies, programs and projects in the mining, petroleum, forestry and conservation sectors.



Dr Susan Harris Rimmer is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Associate Professor at the Griffith Law School, and an Adjunct Reader in the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at The Australian National University. She was previously the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International



Professor Ron Duncan is an Emeritus Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. His research is currently focused on the binding constraints to growth and 'clientelist' politics in the Pacific.

Development (ACFID). Susan helped to consolidate ACFID's Academic Linkages Network, and has previously worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the National Council of Churches, and the Parliamentary Library.



Tony Hughes is a freelance consultant in economic management. He lives in Solomon Islands and has worked in a number of Pacific island states. His current research concerns lessons from the experience of development practitioners who have been working in the Pacific in the last 20-30 years.



Dr Janet Hunt is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at ANU, where she teaches and conducts research about Indigenous development in Australia. She was previously Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development and Executive Director of the International Women's Development Agency. She is part of an international research team working on a new, gender-sensitive measure of poverty – the Individual Deprivation Measure.



Ryohei (Ryo) Ikarii was a Research Intern at the Centre under the supervision of Matthew Dornan from January to July 2018. He analysed and presented on rural electrification in Pacific island countries at the 2018 Pacific Update with a background in the energy industry. He holds a Masters in International and Development Economics (IDEC) from ANU, and now works for the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on transport and energy infrastructure projects.



Dr Rim El Kadi has research interests including public sector management and reform in developing countries, sustainable development, and aid. Her PhD research, undertaken at the University of South Australia, covered water sector reform in Lebanon, with a particular focus on the role of aid and development agencies in promoting reform and sustainable development, in the context of a weak state and a fragmented social fabric.



Lindy Kanan was the Development Manager of Femili PNG, a case management centre in Lae that assists survivors of family and sexual violence, from 2016 to 2018. Lindy is an experienced international development practitioner and has worked for the United Nations, the Australian Government and various non-government organisations including Oxfam Australia and ChildFund Australia.



Dr Patrick Kilby is the Program Coordinator for the Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development Program, ANU, and a regular Devpolicy collaborator and blogger. In 2015 he published *NGOs and political change: a history of the Australian Council for International Development*.



Sam Koim is a Papua New Guinean lawyer whose career has focused on anti-corruption efforts. He was a Principal Legal Officer at the PNG Department of Justice and Attorney General, before becoming Chairman of Investigation Task Force Sweep, PNG's multi-agency anti-corruption body. He led this body for five years and was involved in investigating and prosecuting corrupt offenders, penalising and recovering unpaid tax, identifying and recovering proceeds

of crime, and working with other agencies. He is also a Council Member of the Papua New Guinea University of Technology. He was a Visiting Fellow at the Development Policy Centre for several months in mid-2017.



Maholopa ('Maho') Laveil completed a Masters in International and Development Economics (IDEC) at the ANU in 2018 after being awarded a scholarship under the ANU-UPNG partnership. He is now teaching at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG). He started his academic career as a Researcher Cadet at the PNG National Research Institute (NRI) in 2014, after graduating with a Bachelor in Economics from the University of Papua New Guinea in 2013.



Belinda Lawton is a PhD candidate at Crawford School of Public Policy researching not-for-profit, non-government hospitals and clinics in fragile countries in Asia. Belinda is a communications specialist who has worked with several health-related NGOs in Timor-Leste, Bangladesh and Thailand. Belinda is a regular contributor to the Devpolicy Blog, writing on global health issues.



Dr Kamalini Lokuge is a Senior Research Fellow in the National Centre for Epidemiology and Public Health, ANU. Her current research includes monitoring and evaluating support services for survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea.



Dr Sango Mahanty is currently an ARC Future Fellow, Resources, Environment & Development Group, at Crawford School of Public Policy.



Andrew Anton Mako completed his Master of International and Development Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy in 2012. He then worked as a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre, and then as a Research Fellow at the PNG National Research Institute on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project. He is currently working with the Pacific Islands Forum.



Bob McMullan has had a long and distinguished career in the Australian Parliament as one of Australia's pre-eminent Labor politicians. He is a former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development (2007-2010) and Executive Director for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



Dr Wesley Morgan is a Lecturer in the School of Government, Development and International Affairs at the University of the South Pacific. His PhD explored the PACER-Plus trade negotiations between member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum.



Matthew Morris helped to establish the Development Policy Centre and served as the Centre's first Deputy Director. Matt is a development economist with 20 years' experience. He is currently working for the government of Kiribati.



Logea Nao completed her Masters in International and Development Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, and was a 2014/2015 recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. She is currently working as a researcher at the National Research Institute in PNG.



David Osborne is a researcher focusing on economic development and public policy in PNG and the Pacific region, with a particular interest in foreign investment, aid, macroeconomic policy, and volatility. He has worked for the Lowy Institute, and was earlier Adam Smith International's Principal Economist. He has worked for AusAID and DFAT as a Senior Economist, including as Country Economist in PNG, and ran DFAT's Mining for Development initiative. He worked for the PNG Sustainable Development Program in Port Moresby as an economist for two years, and prior to that worked for government and NGOs in Indonesia.



Dr Hom Pant is an Adjunct Fellow at ANU. He is developing additional capabilities to a widely-used general equilibrium model of the global economy to enable staff and students of ANU to conduct sound analysis of policies of national and international significance. Prior to joining ANU, he was a senior economist at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences. He also served as a Senior Advisor to the National Planning Commission of Nepal, as a consultant to the World Bank, and as Research Fellow at the University of Tasmania.



Dr Joel Negin is Head of School and an Associate Professor of International Public Health at the University of Sydney's School of Public Health. His research focus is on health and development in sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific and he is a contributor to the Devpolicy Blog on global health issues.



Sabit Otor focuses his research on aid effectiveness, aid for trade, macroeconomic determinants of aid graduation, and developing countries. He holds a Bachelor Degree of Science and Education from Alexandria University (Egypt), a Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma of Economics from ANU, and a Master of International and Development Economics from ANU. In 2017, he co-authored a discussion paper with Matthew Dornan on the impact of aid on trade in Asia.



Professor Lekshmi N. Pillai is the Dean of the School of Business and Public Policy (SBPP) at the University of Papua New Guinea. He leads the partnership between Crawford School of Public Policy and the UPNG SBPP, and is a regular visitor to the Development Policy Centre and ANU.



Annmaree O'Keeffe is a Non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy.



Jonathan Pryke worked at the Development Policy Centre from 2011, and left in mid-2015 to join Lowy Institute, where he is now Director of the Pacific Islands Program. He holds a Master of Public Policy/Master of Diplomacy from Crawford School of Public Policy and the College of Diplomacy, ANU.



Ani Ila Rova has recently completed a Masters in International and Development Economics (IDEC) at ANU after being awarded a scholarship under the ANU-UPNG partnership. Ani is a long-term member of the Division of Economics at the University of Papua New Guinea, having commenced work at the university as a tutor in 2007. He has a degree in Economics from UPNG and in 2016 completed a Graduate Certificate in Governance and Public Policy from the University of Queensland.



Futua Singirok completed his Masters in International and Development Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, and was a 2014/2015 recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. He currently works as an analyst at the Bank of the South Pacific in PNG.



Ronald Sofe was a Research Associate at the Development Policy Centre working on the PNG PEPE Project, as one of the awardees of the 2014 Australian Prime Minister's Pacific Program. He has now completed his graduate studies in economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and is a Research Fellow of the PNG National Research Institute.



Nikunj Soni is a Co-Founder and Chair of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy (PIPP). He has held a range of senior positions in the Pacific region and Timor-Leste.



Dr Jo Spratt studied how aid policy changed for her doctorate at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. She is a frequent contributor to the Devpolicy Blog, and Oxfam New Zealand's Advocacy and Campaigns Director.



Dr Anthony Swan commenced as a Research Fellow with the Development Policy Centre and a Lecturer in the International and Development Economics Program in January 2013, and left the Centre in June 2017. He has a PhD in economics from ANU and a background in economic policy formulation and consulting. In 2012 he worked for the PNG National Research Institute on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) Project in Port Moresby. He has also lectured at the University of Papua New Guinea. He currently works for Gavi, based in Geneva.



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Thomas Wangi is a Research Fellow at PNG's National Research Institute. In 2014 he visited Devpolicy as the recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. He holds a Masters of Economics from James Cook University, and is currently undertaking a PhD in economics at ANU.



Paul Wyrwoll is an economics PhD candidate and Managing Editor of the Global Water Forum, Crawford School, ANU. His research focuses on the economics of improving the environmental performance of hydropower dams. He has worked with Stephen Howes on environmental problems facing Asia.



Dr Charles Yala was until recently the Director of the PNG National Research Institute. He has a PhD from ANU. His research focuses on the economics of land tenure, customary land tenure reform, development planning, competition policy and economic reform.



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Interns, research assistants, and volunteers

In 2012 we began accepting interns through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). Interns at the Centre assist with both research and administrative tasks while conducting a research project that counts toward their degree. In 2018, we hosted three interns through the ANIP program:

Ryohei Ikarii analysed aid for electrification in the Pacific, presenting his findings at the 2018 Pacific Update Conference in Fiji.

Mele Mangisi examined why remittance costs to Tonga are high and what can be done to reduce them.

Elena Ryan conducted research into the politics of PNG's rice industry.

We also employed research assistants for various projects:

Robert Lamontagne, Husnia Hushang, Sarah O'Dowd and **Philip Matthews** worked with Grant Walton to finalise the Strengthening Society and State Responses to Corruption in PNG project. They conducted literature reviews, cleaned data, transcribed qualitative findings and helped with data analysis.

Maholopa Laveil worked with Terence Wood compiling and analysing election results from the 2017 election in PNG.

Sabit Otor worked with Matthew Dornan and Terence Wood gathering and analysing data on aid project effectiveness. He also worked with Matthew Dornan and Paul Burke on examining the extent to which aid for energy affects access and consumption of modern energy services in developing countries.

A number of volunteers also supported the running of the 2018 Australasian Aid Conference: **Ryohei Ikarii, Karen Ang, Taban Donato** and **Husnia Hushang**.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The table below summarises our funding and expenditure for the 2018 calendar year. Note that the figures do not include substantial in-kind support received from The Australian National University. We also acknowledge funding and support from The Asia Foundation, the University of Papua New Guinea and The University of the South Pacific direct to the various events we co-organise.

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| Income | 4,054,637 |
| Harold Mitchell Foundation | 500,000 |
| Australian aid program | 3,004,991 |
| Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation | 214,074 |
| Other | 335,572 |
| Expenses | 3,287,338 |
| Salaries | 2,072,371 |
| Travel | 352,209 |
| Overheads | 237,970 |
| Other | 624,788 |
| Income minus expenses | 767,299 |

Devpolicy by the numbers

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Events across three countries

19

Discussion papers, policy briefs, reports, blog compilations, and submissions

299

Blog posts

3,506

Daily Devpolicy Blog email subscribers

7,928

Subscribers to fortnightly general newsletters and monthly PNG and labour mobility newsletters

9,818

Twitter followers

5,377

Facebook followers

15

Full-time equivalent researchers and staff at the Centre of a network of about 75 Visiting Fellows, Centre Associates, PhD students, Research Assistants, Interns and Volunteers



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