This semester’s highlight was ANIP’s 25th anniversary alumni reception at Parliament House which brought together former students from every year of the program. We were honoured to have the Presiding Officers of Parliament and the Vice-Chancellor of ANU co-host the event in the Mural Hall. ANIP alumni from a diverse range of professions were joined by current Parliamentarians, the first three Directors of ANIP (Professor John Power, Dr Jenny Hutchison and Associate Professor Robert Campbell), current ANIP interns and ANU staff. Central to the success of the reception were the organisational talents of ANIP’s Senior Administrative Officer Christina Rose, and the efforts of former interns Pippa Kuhnel and India Bullock in tracking down alumni via LinkedIn.

The reception also launched ANIP’s 25th anniversary publication, celebrating the diversity and impact of the internship research projects undertaken during the program’s first 25 years. Bringing together testimonies from hosts and alumni, ANIP’s Communications Coordinator Jasmine Henkel did an amazing job of editing and designing the publication to highlight the range of placements and projects.

In July, we reorganised the ANIP course to include an intensive two days of research and policy skills workshops at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the start of semester. We are especially grateful to ANIP alumni Gail Morgan, Joshua Kennedy-White, Angela Lenn and Rebecca Mills for contributing in workshop sessions on communication skills, engaging stakeholders and framing policy. Student feedback highlighted the value of these workshops with alumni, and given the range of expertise and experience amongst ANIP’s former students we will continue to develop this aspect of the program next year. Drawing on this, ANIP’s Administrative Officer Veronique Therasse is currently developing a series of online learning modules to support the professional skills of our students.

As the new year rapidly approaches, the ANIP team would like to wish you all the best this festive season and for 2019. Each ANIP cohort is a mix of high-achieving students embarking on a wide variety of professional journeys, and it has been really enjoyable to celebrate these during the 25th anniversary events in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. In closing I would particularly like to thank Alexandra Gartmann and Joshua Kennedy-White for their contributions over the past two years to the ANIP Advisory Board, especially for their advice on improving the program for students, hosts and alumni.

Associate Professor Laurence Brown
2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). To celebrate this milestone, we held alumni reception events in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra, reuniting alumni spanning ANIP’s 25-year history, and bringing together hosts, interns and ANU colleagues.

The first ANIP alumni reception took place at ANU house in Melbourne on 28 March, with an address by ANU Chancellor The Honourable Professor Gareth Evans, and attended by Professor John Power who established ANIP in 1993, and Associate Professor Robert Campbell, ANIP’s longest-serving director.

Celebrations continued with the second ANIP alumni reception at Parliament House in Sydney on 5 April, also attended by Professor Campbell, with an address by Associate Professor Laurence Brown, ANIP’s current director.

The 25th anniversary celebration culminated in a gathering of over 300 alumni from 1993 to present at Parliament House in Canberra on 18 September. Presiding Officers Tony Smith and Scott Ryan and The Australian National University’s Vice-Chancellor Brian Schmidt spoke at this event. Several past ANIP Directors were in attendance, including Professor John Power, Associate Professor Robert Campbell and Dr Jenny Hutchison, along with a number of Parliamentarians, current ANIP interns and ANU staff.

ANIP alumni enjoyed browsing through the display of photos from years past and reuniting with their peers. A publication was produced to mark the occasion, filled with quotes from ANIP alumni and hosts from 1993 to present. If you don’t yet have a hardcopy of this publication and would like us to send you one, email internships@anu.edu.au. Or, download a PDF of the publication from our website: http://anip.anu.edu.au/about/history

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate ANIP’s 25th anniversary. Here’s to the next 25 years!
INTERN SPOTLIGHT

Jacqueline Hickman, ANIP ’18:
Jacqueline undertook her ANIP internship at the Embassy of Uruguay. Her research project explored the use of a gravity model to examine the impact of language on Brazilian trade. It is being used by the Ministry of External Relations.

Ryohei Ikarii, ANIP ‘18: Hosted by the ANU Development Policy Centre, Ryohei’s research project looked at how renewable energy ambitions affect donor-funded rural electrification efforts in Pacific island countries. Ryohei presented his ANIP research at the 2018 Pacific Update, an international conference hosted by the Development Policy Centre and University of South Pacific’s School of Economics, held on 5 to 6 July in Suva, Fiji.

Andrea Pizzie, ANIP ‘18: Hosted by Senator Jordon Steele-John, Andrea’s ANIP research project was on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She coordinated presentations on health and disability policy by academics to Parliament, and her research will be used in Senate Estimates and to develop a policy agenda item for the upcoming election.

Annette Purdey, ANIP ’18: Annette’s ANIP internship was hosted by Senator Stirling Griff. Her research project was on the regulation of veterinary medicines, and will be used in Senate Estimates.

ANIP IN THE 2018 VICTORIAN ELECTION

At the same time as Jacqui Hawkins undertook her ANIP internship in the Commonwealth Parliament during semester 1, 2018, she was also campaigning for election in the seat of Benambra in the Victorian Parliament.

Jacqui’s ANIP internship was hosted by Ms Cathy McGowan MP. Her research project was ‘Refugee resettlement in Rural Australia through community sponsorship’.

“Each sitting day at Parliament House was a new and different adventure, bringing new office volunteers, stories and events. It is a unique place to work in and I am grateful to have had and shared this opportunity with the Office of Cathy McGowan,” says Jacqui. “Being able to sit within the walls of parliament, hear the political discussions and watch members progress, lobby and advocate for their community is fascinating. There is a fine art to these conversations and they play a vital role in being able to clearly articulate the issue at hand and the impact a policy may be having on lives of people within our community.”

Ultimately, Jacqui narrowly missed out on claiming the seat after a week of intensive vote counting, where she would have joined in Parliament fellow alumna Jacinta Allan (ANIP ’95) who was re-elected as Member for Bendigo East. Jacinta was first elected in September 1999 at the age of 25, making her the youngest woman to ever be elected to the Victorian Parliament. She is currently Leader of the House and Minister for Transport Infrastructure.

HELP SUPPORT ANIP’S NEXT GENERATION

ANIP Travel Grants enable students from across Australia to participate in the unique experiences provided by the Program. As a merit-based applied policy research project, ANIP has a strong history of promoting equity and diversity in Australia’s leading institutions, and the Travel Grants play a central role in increasing that accessibility. Donations of any size are welcome. If you would like to support the ANIP Travel Grants, visit: anip.anu.edu.au/about/anip-endowment

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