

**Theorising Reception Studies Down Under**  
**Classical Reception in Australia and New Zealand**

**A Think-Tank, 20-21 February, 2014.**

Classical Reception is an exciting and increasingly vocal element of Classical Studies today. While much research has been done on the interconnections between antiquity and modernity in terms of the United States, Europe and Britain, there has not been a thematic focus on the interchanges between the ancient worlds and Australia and New Zealand.

This two-day think-tank seeks to unpack the role of Reception Studies and its place within Australia and New Zealand from multiple perspectives. Each day includes a round-table think-tank:

Think-tank 1: Classical Reception Studies, the current state-of-play, opportunities for collaboration, networks, joint-publications (Moderator: Alastair Blanshard)

Think-tank 2: Opportunities for collaboration, grants, etc (Moderator: Liz Hale)

There is also the opportunity for paper presentations on:

- Theorising Australasian Reception Studies
- Australian and New Zealand receptions – connections/disconnections
- Historical contexts, including early colonial representations through to modern times
- Literature
- The Fine Arts
- Theatre
- Creative Works by practitioners
- Pedagogies – theoretical and practical perspectives

Papers are 30 minutes (+ 10 minutes q&a)

Postgraduate students are warmly invited to present

**WHEN: 20-21 FEBRUARY 2014**

**WHERE: THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE, NSW**

**ABSTRACTS: Please send abstracts between 150-300 words plus a brief biography by 1 November 2013**

**REGISTRATION: \$100 or \$55 [postgraduates / unwaged] REGISTRATION**

**DEADLINE: 1 February 2014**

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**Organiser:**

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Dr Alastair Blanshard (Classics & Ancient History), University of Sydney  
Dr Elizabeth Hale (English), University of New England  
Dr Jane Montgomery Griffiths (Theatre & Performance), Monash University  
Special Thanks to Dr Anna Jackson (English), Victoria University of Wellington,  
who will be reading excerpts from her poetry collections, *Catullus for Children & I*, Clodia

#### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

##### DAY 1

##### ACTIVITY

##### TIME

Rego finalities, coffee

8.30-9 am

Welcome, house-keeping

9-9.15 am

Session 1 x 3 papers

9.15 am

Morning Tea

11.15 am

Session 2 x 2 paper

11.45 am

Lunch

1.05 pm

Session 3 x 3 papers

1.30 pm

Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm

Think-tank 1

4.30 pm

Dinner [Restaurant tba]

7 pm

##### DAY 2

Session 4 x 3 papers

10 am

Lunch

12 pm

Session 5 x 3 papers

1 pm

Think-tank 2

3 pm

Poetry Reading by Anna Jackson *Drinks*

4-6 pm

#### DETAILS:

Held at 'The Treehouse,' Shortland Union, Callaghan Campus, The University of Newcastle; for a map, see

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/contact>

For accommodation in Newcastle, 10.4 km from the Callaghan Campus, see:

Chifley Apartments Newcastle, Building 7, 14 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle / +61 2 4910 4910  
<http://www.chifleyhotels.com.au/newcastle/chifley-hotel-newcastle/>  
Honeysuckle Executive Apartments, 2 Settlement Lane, Honeysuckle / +61 2 4941 6669  
<http://www.honeysuckleapartment.com.au/>  
Noah's on the Beach, Corner Shortland Esplanade & Zaara Street, Newcastle / +61 2 4929 5181  
<http://www.noahsonthebeach.com.au/page3110/Locate.aspx>  
Crowne Plaza Newcastle, Corner Merewether Street & Wharf Road, Newcastle / +61 2 4907 5000  
<http://www.crowneplazanewcastle.com.au/>  
Backpackers by the Beach, Corner of Hunter & Pacific Street, Newcastle / +61 (02) 4926 3472  
<http://backpackersbythebeach.com.au/>  
Ibis Newcastle, 700 Hunter Street, Newcastle / +61 2 4925 2266  
<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3236-ibis-newcastle/index.shtml>  
For accommodation closer to the university, see:  
Jesmond Executive Villas, 185-193 Newcastle Road, Jesmond / + 61 2 4955 5888  
<http://jev.com.au/apartments>  
Hotel Jesmond, 182 Newcastle Road, Jesmond / +61 2 4955 9206  
<http://www.hoteljesmond.com.au/>  
Best Western Travellers Motor Village, 295 Maitland Road, Mayfield West / + 61 2 4968 1394  
<http://www.bestwestern.com.au/newcastle/hotels/best-western-travellers-motor-village/>  
Apartments at Callaghan, 10 Moore Street, Birmingham Gardens / +61 2 4955 7722  
<http://www.apartmentsatcallaghan.com.au/apartments.html>

#### Getting to Newcastle:

##### Road

Newcastle is 2 hours drive north of Sydney and is accessible from the following major Highways: F3, Pacific Highway, New England Highway and the Golden Highway. For driving directions to Newcastle visit [www.whereis.com](http://www.whereis.com). For the latest road and traffic conditions check out the RTA's website or phone 13 27 01. Newcastle Taxis services all of Newcastle 24 hours a day seven days a week, including Newcastle Airport. Choose from a sedan, station wagon, wheelchair taxi, or maxi taxi to carry up to 11 people at a time. Bookings can be made by calling 133 300 or on-line at [newcastle taxis'](http://newcastle-taxis.com.au) website.

##### Rail

Newcastle is part of the New South Wales City Rail network. There are frequent return services daily from Sydney. For timetables and fares visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) or call 131 500.

CountryLink trains and coach network connect Newcastle via Broadmeadow station to Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and other NSW country centres. For timetables, fares and online bookings visit [www.countrylink.info](http://www.countrylink.info) or call 13 22 32.

##### Air

Newcastle Airport is located 30 minutes from Newcastle city centre and is the fastest growing regional airport in Australia with direct flights from Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, the Gold Coast and Ballina. For a current flight timetable visit [www.newcastleairport.com.au](http://www.newcastleairport.com.au).

For direct transfers, the Newcastle Airport Information Services desk is your one stop shop to book your airport transfer, including shuttle and hire car and limousine services. Please call 4928 9822 or email direct on [nais@newcastleairport.com.au](mailto:nais@newcastleairport.com.au)

Coach/Bus

Newcastle is serviced by coach companies throughout Australia with regular connections to and from various locations. For further information visit the Greyhound website at [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au).