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Introduction

In April 1979 the first African Studies of Australia Newsletter was published by members of the African Studies Association of Australia (AFSAA), which had just formed in 1978 at its inaugural conference. Tom Spear from La Trobe University was the first editor of this newsletter (see http://afsaap.org.au/assets/1979-no-1-April.pdf). Reading back over these back issues of the newsletter, you will discover that AFSAA membership fees were a modest $4 or $2 for students. Importantly this first newsletter included a list of some of the courses that were available at the time in Australian universities on African themes. Compared to the more recent 2017 Audit of African Studies related topics in Australian and New Zealand Universities, we can see that not much has really changed since then in relation to university offerings on Africa – and that it remains only a scattering of topics available. On this particular issue see AFSAAP (2017) “An Audit of African Studies in Australia 2017: A Snapshot of Courses and Topics available in Australian and New Zealand Universities, in addition to names of researchers working on issues related to Africa”, and also see Tanya Lyons (2017) “Trends in African Studies in Australia and New Zealand”, a paper presented at the 2017 AFSAAP Conference, and now available from the AFSAAP Archives online (see http://afsaap.org.au/resources/afsaap-archives/)

The African Studies of Australia Newsletter has gone through a number of name and format changes since the first issue in 1979. From 1980 until June 1994 it was called the African Studies Association of Australia and the Pacific Newsletter. From December 1994 until December 1996 it was the
African Studies Association of *Australia* and the Pacific *Review and Newsletter*. From June 1997 until December 2000 it was called the African Studies Association of *Australasia* and the Pacific *Review and Newsletter* (emphasis added). Then in June 2001 it became the *Australasian Review of African Studies*, and has remained so for the last 17 years. For most of these incarnations, Cherry Gertzel was ever behind the scenes editing and producing *ARAS*, creating its current format as a fully peer reviewed academic journal, and did so with dedication until her retirement in 2004. Helen Ware took on the Editorial role from 2005 – 2007, whereupon Liz Dimock guest edited the 2008 Edition. Tanya Lyons has been editing the journal since 2009. Notwithstanding the name, format and editorial changes, the fundamental objectives of *ARAS* have remained the same – promoting African Studies in this region.

*ARAS* has published many excellent articles on African Studies, with a strong focus on the African Diaspora in Australasia, African Politics, and Australia’s relations with Africa. *ARAS* has also published original research based on fieldwork conducted by scholars from the Australasia and Pacific region and beyond.

*ARAS* articles are available from most university library database subscription services, and are also open access from the AFSAAAP website. Researchers would be remiss to ignore the substantial content available in these 39 Editions. Cite an *ARAS* article today in your academic publications and research. Of course this would increase the profile of *ARAS* and the work of its committed editors and authors working in African Studies in the Australasia and Pacific region, but it would also value add to your research. To assist researchers and authors of African Studies prepare their literature reviews, we have prepared a complete list of ARAS articles published since 1984, when the newsletter began publishing academic articles, and other research notes. This is the most comprehensive list of African Studies materials in Australasia, and spans the remarkable history of the postcolonial continent, and in particular Australia’s relations with the countries of Africa, from government to non-government perspectives.

The following articles are listed thematically and by the African country or region that it is relevant to. All articles are hyperlinked to their corresponding online pdf articles, so that you can easily access them (you will need to be viewing this article in electronic pdf format to enable the hyperlinks – go to https://doi.org/10.22160/22035184/ARAS-2018-39-1/144-169 or see http://afsaap.org.au/ARAS/search-articles/. We now invite you to wander through the research below and relish in the rich history of African Studies in Australia.

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