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Congratulations are in order on several fronts this month.

On Monday 11 April, **Ninti One Limited and the CRC-REP Remote Education Systems** project team celebrated five years of research, presenting *A Red Dirt Journey* at Edith Cowan University's Kurongkurl Katitjin Gallery. Led by **Associate Professor John Guenther**, **Dr Samantha Disbray**, and **Mr Samuel Osborne**, the **A Red Dirt Journey** project involved research with Aboriginal people living in remote communities, focused on remote education systems. The resultant **ten key findings** are insightful and myth-busting in nature and come with recommendations and advice for academics, policy makers and practitioners alike.

Last Thursday, we had the great pleasure of announcing the ten recipients of **2016 Student Equity in Higher Education Research Grants**. This year's successful research projects cover a wide range of topics and lead researchers include previous grant recipients **Assistant Professor Ian Li**, **Professor Penny Jane Burke** and **Dr Buly Cardak** as well as new teams led by **Professor Karen Nelson**, **Associate Professor James Smith**, **Professor Rob Strathdee**, **Associate Professor Susan Beltman**, **Dr Deanna Grant-Smith**, **Dr Wojtek Tomaszewski** and **Dr Jack Frawley**. More information on the respective projects will be shared with you all over the coming weeks.

Student Equity in Australian Higher Education: Twenty-five years of A Fair Chance for All was released earlier this month. Edited by **Dr Andrew Harvey**, **Dr Catherine Burnheim**, and **Mr Matt Brett**, the book covers 25 years of student equity policy in Australia and features chapters written by 19 prominent higher education experts including **Ms Lin Martin**, **Mr Andrew Norton**, and **Professor Ian Anderson**.

ASPIRE UNSW recently **celebrated its 10th anniversary**. ASPIRE UNSW is one of many impactful programs funded via the Australian Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Programme (HEPPP) and featured in the NCSEHE's case study publication, **Access and Participation in Higher Education: Outreach – Access – Support**.

Griffith University, along with fellow Queensland Widening Participation Consortium universities, recently released the National Priorities Pool-funded **You To Uni website**. Unique to Queensland, You To Uni offers adult learners the information needed to make decisions as to the study options and locations that would serve them best, how and when to apply, and where to go for assistance.

You To Uni is another excellent example of the good work the [Queensland Consortium](#) is undertaking.

In other news, Dr Sarah O' Shea, who will be presenting her work on first-in-family students [here at the Centre in late June](#), recently sent out [her first email newsletter](#). If you are interested in hearing more about Sarah's work, we encourage you to subscribe.

Next month, three [American Council on Education](#) (ACE) Fellows will visit Australia to spend time in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney, visiting the NCSEHE and universities in each respective state to learn about equity in higher education and higher education leadership in Australia. [Professor Joanne Goodell](#) and colleagues, [Professor Janelle Chiasera](#) and [Dr Rosalee Rush](#) will each give presentations on their areas of expertise: developing an institutional equity plan; crisis planning and communications; and performance funding and college completion metrics. More information on this upcoming event and the ACE Fellows' visit, in general, will be available for you in our next eNews Roundup.

Finally, [EPHEA](#), led by President Ms Gabrielle O'Brien, recently forwarded a submission to Education Minister Simon Birmingham, advocating for the continuation of HEPPP funding ahead of the upcoming [Federal Budget](#). EPHEA has also initiated a [Change.org petition](#) which the group invites as many equity advocates as possible to sign and share.

Yours sincerely
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Opportunity through online learning: improving student access, participation and success in online higher education

2016 NCSEHE Equity Fellow, Dr Cathy Stone from The University of Newcastle Australia, [discusses her Fellows Programme project](#) and the progress she has made to date.

25th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference: 'No Frills'

The NCVET invites you to attend 'No Frills', a well-known annual national conference where researchers and practitioners in the vocational education and training sector come together to present, discuss and share information about key issues confronting the sector. This year's 'No Frills' conference is focused on the themes of [equity, engagement and evolution](#).

32nd National SPERA Conference

The Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia (SPERA), in partnership with the SiMERR National Research Centre, invites you to attend the 32nd National SPERA Conference and 4th International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education (ISFIRE). Hosted by

CQUniversity Australia and supported by the University of Tasmania, the 2016 conference will bring together a diverse group of delegates who are passionate about rural education and **improving educational opportunities** in rural, regional and remote locations.