

## Newsletter: Aid budget | Rosie Batty in PNG | Opinions on Australian aid

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### Aid budget proposals and analysis

After several rounds of large cuts, the 2017-18 federal budget is likely to be the first to see an increase, albeit a modest one. Bob McMullan and Robin Davies analyse recent trends in allocation and propose allocation priorities for 2017 and beyond. Read their blog [here](#), and policy brief [here](#).

Meanwhile, [Australia's OECD donor ranking has fallen](#), but [NGO donations have increased](#). The [Australian Aid Tracker](#) has been updated to reflect all the latest data.

To find out more about the 2017 aid budget, join us on Wednesday May 10 at 9am for the Development Policy Centre's annual budget breakfast. Details on the event [here](#). Register your interest [here](#).

### Rosie Batty in PNG

Rosie Batty, 2015 Australian of the Year and prominent anti-violence campaigner, will visit Papua New Guinea from 24 to 28 April 2017. You can read more about Rosie's visit [here](#), including lectures at both UPNG and Unitech and dinners in both Lae and Port Moresby.

Meanwhile, a reminder that the [call for papers](#) for the 2017 PNG Update has been issued, with the deadline for submission of abstracts Friday 28th April, 2017. Finally, we are inviting [applications](#) for two Port Moresby based positions (supported by Australian aid) lecturing in economics and public policy at the University of Papua New Guinea.

### Seeking: your opinions on Australian aid

In 2016, we placed a set of questions about aid in a large public opinion survey, the [Australian Survey of Social Attitudes](#) (AuSSA). We're now interested in comparing what the general public told us with what members of the Australian aid and development community think. To help us with this, [please fill out the survey](#) if you currently or previously worked in aid, or are a volunteer, academic or student working on international development issues. The survey is targeted specifically at those involved with Australian aid, though not limited to those who are based in Australia. It will only take about 5 minutes to complete.

### Coping with high risk and uncertainty in aid policy design and practice – Adam Fforde

On Wednesday April 26 at 12.30pm, the Development Policy Centre will host a public seminar by Professor Adam Fforde on risk and uncertainty in development practice. Read about the event [here](#), and register [here](#).

### Upcoming events

*Coping with high risk and uncertainty in aid policy design and practice – Adam Fforde*  
12.30 – 1.30pm, Wednesday 26 April, Seminar Room 7, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU. Details [here](#).

### *Aid Budget Breakfast*

9 – 10.30am, Wednesday 10 May, Molonglo Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Why forests? Why now? The science, economics, and politics of tropical forests and climate change – Jonah*

*Busch*

2 – 3.30pm, Tuesday 16 May, Acton Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*2017 Pacific Update*

20 - 21 June, The University of the South Pacific (USP), Suva, Fiji. Details [here](#).

*2017 PNG Update*

10 - 11 August, The University of Papua New Guinea, Waigani Campus, Port Moresby. Details [here](#).

## **Blog highlights**

[Holding non-citizen aid advisors to account](#)

[The surprising effect of anti-corruption messaging](#)

[Lessons from fragile states](#)

## **On the blog**

[Five easy pieces, and five more demanding: allocation priorities for Australia's 2017 aid budget](#) by Bob McMullan and Robin Davies

[Do anticorruption messages work? Findings so far and what they could mean for Papua New Guinea](#) by Caryn Peiffer

[Why does state fragility matter, and what can we do about it?](#) By Nematullah Bizhan

[Aid advisers in Papua New Guinea: a partial solution](#) by Carmen Voigt-Graf, Joachim Luma and Michael Anderson

[Good news for \(most\) of Australia's aid NGOs](#) by Terence Wood

[Migration and labour mobility in submissions to the Foreign Policy White Paper](#) by Henry Sherrell

[Australia's foreign aid dilemma](#) by Jack Corbett

[Outsourced labour: international surrogacy and women's rights](#) by Ashlee Betteridge

## **In brief**

[Fortnightly links: Zuckerberg, UNFPA, life expectancy, and Global Fund](#)

[What's your opinion about Australian aid?](#)

[Lecture in the Land of the Unexpected: ANU positions based at the University of Papua New Guinea](#)

[Snakes and ladders: Australia fades in the 2016 aid stakes](#)

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