



# GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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## INFORMATION BULLETIN No 1.

### WELCOME

to the first Information Bulletin for the University of Wollongong's Graduate School of Medicine. We will be sending out regular Bulletins to keep stakeholders up to date with developments as we continue the process of accreditation by the Australian Medical Council.

### 2007 START DATE

You are probably aware that we have moved the planned starting date for the School to February 2007. We made the decision after consultation with the Australian Medical Council (AMC), and are pleased to have more time to prepare for our first students.

The AMC is overseeing the accreditation process and after receiving the first stage of the submission process in October, suggested that the timetable for a 2006 start was too tight and that the University would be better served targeting a February 2007 commencement date.

We were happy to take that advice as it will allow additional time to prepare our curriculum, design and construct our teaching and laboratory facilities in Wollongong and Nowra, recruit the best staff, formalise critical alliances with other medical schools in Australia and overseas and establish strategies for recruiting the right students.

That recruitment process will play a key

role in helping us achieve our aim of training doctors who want to work in regional, rural and remote areas of Australia.

We will also have more time to complete a thorough consultation process with the medical fraternity of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven and the administration of the reorganised area health service who will make such a vital contribution to the school through providing clinical placements for students, teaching and other forms of involvement.

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The Federal Government is providing \$10 million over the next two years for capital works. This will be supplemented with funds from the University for the construction of the Faculty buildings at our Wollongong and Shoalhaven campuses.

The Federal Government has allocated 72 HECS and eight international student places per annum to the School, and this will provide the operating budget.

### BUILDING DESIGNS FINALISED

We've finalised the designs for our Faculty buildings at Wollongong (pictured below) and West Nowra, and submitted Development Applications to Wollongong and Shoalhaven Councils. Work should begin on both building projects early in 2005.

### PLEASE JOIN OUR FORUM

Our principal curriculum consultant, Professor David Newble, will be leading a consultative Forum on Saturday 27 November at Seascope Manor Resort, Fern Street, Gerringong from 10am to 1pm. The Forum will be devoted to a review and discussion of our Mission Statement and Objectives.

We are seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders from the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. This consultation process is an essential component of the development of any new medical school, and Professor Newble led the same process when developing the new curriculum at Sheffield University. We are very pleased to have someone of the stature of Professor Newble as our principal consultant, and I do hope you will be able to join us for this important meeting.

**Professor John Hogg**  
Foundation Dean

### FAX YOUR RSVP

If you are able to attend please write your name in the space provided and fax this page to 4221 4341 or contact Dayna Meades by phone on 42 214677 or by email at [dmeades@uow.edu.au](mailto:dmeades@uow.edu.au)

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### WOLLONGONG CAMPUS PROPOSAL

