

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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INFORMATION BULLETIN No 3.

WELCOME

to Information Bulletin No 3 for the University of Wollongong's Graduate School of Medicine (GSM). These bulletins are designed to keep stakeholders up to date with developments as we continue our process of accreditation by the Australian Medical Council.

Bulletin No 3 contains details of the Australian Medical Council's response to our Stage 1 submission for accreditation for the GSM, information about our building program including the start of work on the GSM building

at UOW's Shoalhaven Campus, the latest honorary appointments, and three academic positions that are currently being advertised.

STAGE 1 SUBMISSION TO AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

In May we presented our Stage One Submission to the Australian Medical Council for assessment by the AMC's Medical School Accreditation Committee.

I am delighted to be able to report that the Accreditation Committee has provisionally accepted our submission, and that we are on

track to accept our first intake of students in February 2007. The Committee believes that our planned curriculum is likely to comply with AMC Accreditation Standards and that our overall planning is satisfactory.

The Committee has accepted our Stage 1 submission, provisional on our amplifying and clarifying the following (and I quote):

- Financial plan and budget
- Personnel and facilities for campus teaching of basic and clinical science in Years 1 and 2
- Staffing timelines, staffing profile and appointment timeline, including plan for withdrawal of consultants
- Recruitment and training of general practitioners; a quantitative indication of load and sustainability of community-based teaching is required
- Progress in arrangements for clinical training, sharing of hospital resources and cooperative agreements with other universities.

We have been asked to report back to the Committee by 30 September, and work is well advanced on providing the additional information requested. I am extremely confident that we will satisfy the Committee on all counts. The continuing enthusiastic support we are receiving from the medical community of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven will certainly help us meet the last two dot points.

The Committee has recommended Professor Peter Stanton, head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Tasmania, lead the assessment team for our Stage 2 submission which must be provided by 13 February next year.

On that note I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the Stage 1 submission, whether it was by being on our Medical Advisory Committee, attending focus groups, applying for honorary academic positions, agreeing to be curriculum advisers or indicating a commitment to providing clinical placements and teaching for our students.

These contributions are extremely important and will ensure that we create a community-based medical school of which we can all be proud.

Professor John Hogg
Foundation Dean
Graduate School of medicine



The Graduate School of Medicine took an important symbolic step towards accepting our first students in February 2007 with a ground-breaking ceremony for our building at the University's Shoalhaven Campus on July 15. Pictured at the ceremony are (from left): GSM Dean Professor John Hogg with Shoalhaven Division of General Practice chair Dr Lyndal Parker-Newlyn and CEO Eve Craddock, with UOW Dean of Health and Behavioural Sciences Professor Don Iverson. FULL STORY OVERPAGE.

POSITIONS VACANT

We are currently recruiting for three key salaried academic positions, namely:

Head – Division of Teaching and Deputy Dean

Head – Division of Clinical Education

Senior Lecturer/Associate Professor

Details of the positions are available at recruiting@uow on the UOW website www.uow.edu

These positions are also being advertised nationally and internationally, and I encourage you to help us get the word out as widely as possible. Applications close on 16 August.

We will also soon be advertising for two more professorial positions in Medicine and Surgery. These positions will be conjoint between the South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service and the University of Wollongong.

HONORARIES UP TO 130

We appointed another 49 honoraries in June, making our selection from 55 applicants.

The latest appointments take the number of honoraries to a very healthy 130 – tangible evidence of the strong support for the GSM from the Illawarra and Shoalhaven medical fraternity.

Almost all our 130 honoraries are medical practitioners and other health professionals from the Illawarra and Shoalhaven who have committed to ongoing involvement in at least one aspect of the GSM's operation (eg: planning, governance, teaching, clinical supervision, research, student mentoring and assessment).

Our honoraries will be able to make an extraordinary contribution to the GSM in the coming years and we are eager to have more medical professionals involved in this way. Details of how to apply for honorary positions are contained on the GSM website (www.uow.edu.au/gsm)

BREAKING GROUND AT NOWRA

The Graduate School of Medicine took an important symbolic step towards accepting our first students in February 2007 with a ground-breaking ceremony for our building at the University's Shoalhaven Campus at West Nowra on July 15.

The Shoalhaven Campus facility will include a clinical skills centre, tutorial rooms, common room and offices. The GSM will share the building with a new marine and aquaculture research centre to be called the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre.



Sod-turning for the Graduate School of Medicine at UOW's Shoalhaven Campus (from left): UOW Development officer David Fuller, indigenous elder Uncle Ben Brown, Shoalhaven Mayor Councillor Greg Watson, Member for Gilmore Joanna Gash, Associate Professor Ron West, Head of Shoalhaven Campus Robbie Collins and Graduate School of Medicine Dean Professor John Hogg.

Construction should start in September and be completed by March or April next year.

Fittingly Member for Gilmore Joanna Gash, who played a pivotal role in achieving Federal Government support and funding to establish the Medical School, presided over the ground-breaking ceremony. Joanna has done an enormous amount of work to support our case for a Medical School with her Government colleagues in Canberra, and we owe her a great debt of gratitude.

The GSM located in the Shoalhaven will be extremely important in our role of training doctors who are confident, competent and wishing to work in regional, rural and remote areas. It will also be of huge long-term benefit to the Shoalhaven. Having students train there means there will be a high chance of (the Shoalhaven) retaining doctors who want to stay and work there after they graduate.

And they'll be doctors of the highest quality, trained to work in General Practice and other specialties.

The School's success depends on support from the community, and we have been greatly heartened by the level of support the School is receiving from the doctors and the general community in the Shoalhaven.

THEY SAID IT ...

(at the ground-breaking ceremony)

"We have a warm place in our hearts for this place. The spirits love it also. They will always watch over this place and bless it."

- Shoalhaven Aboriginal elder Uncle Ben Brown, welcoming guests to the ceremony

"This is the realisation of a dream, and I would really like to pay tribute to the local doctors and the Shoalhaven Division of General Practice who were so supportive."

- Member for Gilmore Joanna Gash

"It is so exciting to be involved in moulding future doctors, and engendering in them the love we have for working in country areas."

- Dr Lyndal Parker-Newlyn, chair of the Shoalhaven Division of General Practice