

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who gave of their time to interview our prospective students.

The selection process developed by our Admissions Committee under the dynamic leadership of Lyndal Parker-Newlyn is based on world best practice and I am confident will result in a cohort of students who will meet the vision and mission of our School.

The week-long selection process was the first real operational activity for the school and all who were involved agreed that it was a most impressive logistical operation which proceeded without a hitch – and that is thanks to the GSM General Staff led by the Executive Manager, Jan James, but no less to the interviewers who carried out their duties in exemplary fashion.

The results of the interviews are being collated by our Data Manager, Zoran Stojakovic, and offers for the 72 domestic places and 8 international places will go out in the first week of November.

John Hogg
Foundation Dean

Building Occupation

We enthusiastically moved into our new premises - the Shoalhaven in August and Wollongong in September.



GSM, Wollongong

Honorary Appointments

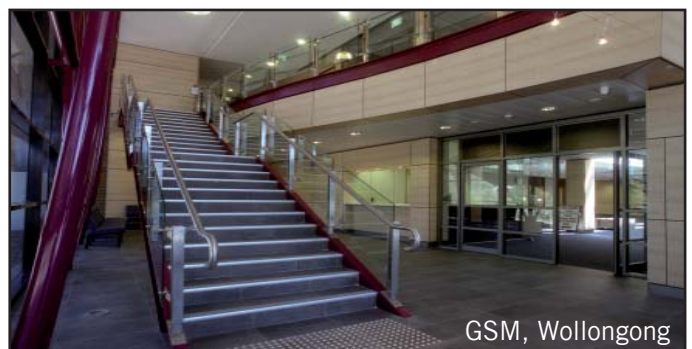
Those honorary academics who were appointed in February 2005 will be due for what in University parlance is called “academic review” at the end of their two year term of appointment.

In essence this means that these honoraries will be reviewed re their contribution so far to the Medical School, eg in curriculum development, attending training sessions, serving on committees etc.

A letter and simple questionnaire will be going out shortly to our “foundation” honoraries.



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Staff Update

A number of key appointments have been made since the last Newsletter:

- Prof John Hogg - John's 2 year appointment as Foundation Dean has been extended for a further year.
- Jan James – BA, GradDipEd, MStdsEd, GradDipEuroStds, MBA: Executive Manager
- A/Prof Ulrich Bommer - Dip (Biology), PhD (Biochemistry): Director, Division of Medical Sciences
- A/Prof Peter McLennan – BSc (Hons), PhD: Director of Research and Associate Director, Division of Medical Sciences.
- Dr Ursula King – BMed, MComHlth, DCH, GradDipArts: Lecturer in Population Health & Coordinator, Research & Critical Analysis theme.
- Dr Alistair Lethbridge – BSc, PhD: Assessment Officer
- Dr Coralie Wilson – PhD: Lecturer in Behavioural Science.
- Jenny Deura: Curriculum Support Officer
- Val Dimitrievska: Administrative Assistant, Division of Educational Development

- Sue-Ellen Howard: Administrative Assistant, Shoalhaven Campus
- Zoran Stojakovic – BMaths: Data Manager
- Nadine Harwood: Support Librarian
- Judy Hayes: Coordinator Patient Volunteer Program, Shoalhaven
- Alissa Tran: Coordinator Patient Volunteer Program, Wollongong
- Jenny Tompson: Clinical Skills Centre Technician, Shoalhaven

We are currently advertising for a number of positions. The ones that may be of particular interest to clinicians are the positions of:

- Regional Hospital Academic Coordinators for the Shoalhaven and for the Illawarra; and
- Regional Community Academic Coordinators for each of the above regions.

Details of these positions are on our website at: www.uow.edu.au/gsm, or may be obtained by ringing Margaret Brown on 4221 4835.

GSM Clinical Research Group

A clinical research group has been formed under the umbrella of the GSM.

The aim of this initiative is to draw all doctors together who are active in research and innovation, including those involved in clinical trials.

We particularly want to get doctors involved who are not at present active researchers but who wish to initiate or become involved in medical research.

Considerable medical research is being undertaken already in UOW and a number of these researchers are keen to develop research relationships with doctors.

Involvement of research active doctors with the GSM is expected to improve their access to research grants from bodies such as NH&MRC.

The GSM will be able to facilitate access to research assistance, eg doctoral students, statisticians etc.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact John Hogg on: jhogg@uow.edu.au or 4221 4835.

Dr Ronald James Scholarship

We are very excited to have received our first scholarship which has been generously donated by Mrs Anne James in the name of our late colleague Dr Ron James.

This follows the marvellous donation by Mr Mick Williams which allows us to fund the Roberta Williams Chair of General Practice Medicine.

The long established medical schools have accumulated large trust funds over the years, an advantage which we obviously lack, so we would ask each of you to consider talking to people or organisations that you have personal dealings with and whom you think might wish to support medical research and education in our region.

Please notify John Hogg of any "leads" by emailing jhogg@uow.edu.au or phone 4221 4803.



Photos of the open day for prospective



students, Shoalhaven Campus, held 25/9/06

