

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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The end of the beginning.

The Australian Medical Council resolved at its meeting on 24 November 2006 to grant accreditation to our new medical course until 31 December 2012.

This 6 years of accreditation attests to the AMC's confidence in the quality of our course, and our ability to deliver it.

Getting to this point has been an enormous task, carried through by a very large number of people.

There are more people to be thanked than can be mentioned in this brief article, but some do need to be acknowledged at this time.

Our Vice Chancellor, Gerard Sutton, envisioned this school, and charged Don Iverson, the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, with making it a reality. Don identified models of medical education from around the world that best suited our vision. Our course has developed as a mosaic of what is best from these schools, moulded to our context and mission.

Professor David Newble became our principal consultant and engaged many clinicians and members of the general community in formulating and therefore becoming owners of our unique vision and mission.

This year we have had the good fortune to attract talented and dedicated staff into all the key positions necessary for us to commence classes on 29 January next year. The work they have completed under the leadership of our Deputy Dean, John Bushnell, to be prepared for this auspicious date has been outstanding.

Over all this period we have had extraordinary support from many people in the University in assuring our buildings would be ready well before opening day, assisting in having our innovative course approved by academic senate, and in helping us through the myriad other challenges of getting to where we are today.

I am particularly indebted to those clinicians who began to brainstorm this school from as early as 2003. The Advisory Committee that met regularly in Gerringong through 2004 and 2005 deserve special mention, as do those people who gave of their time to review our problem blueprints, and those who have helped develop our general practice and hospital placement programmes.

In her letter of 24 November, the President of the Australian Medical Council, Dr Joanna Flynn, wrote,

"The Council recognised that the establishment of the new Graduate School of Medicine has required enormous commitment and hard work on the part of the University, local clinicians..., and the local community. I congratulate you on this very positive outcome."

Thank you and congratulations to all of you who have contributed to this outstanding beginning, and who have helped create such a strong foundation for a School which is destined to be such a benefit to our regions.

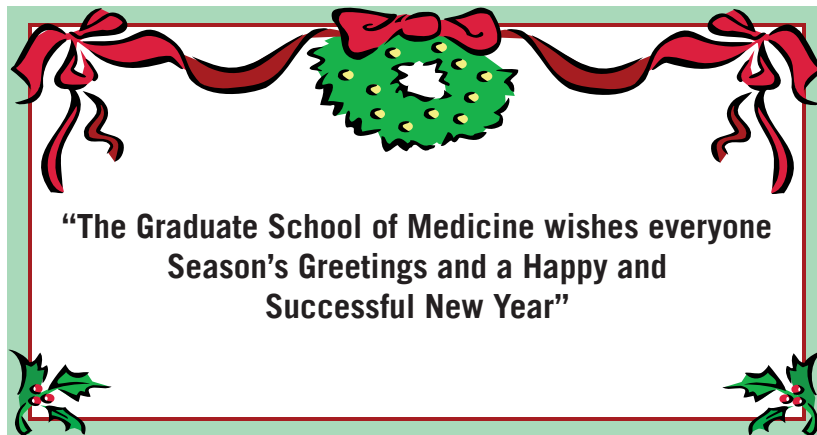
Professor John Hogg
Foundation Dean



GSM staff "meet the press" in the foyer of the resource centre (Wollongong Campus)



Professor of Medicine, Wilf Yeo at our "meet the press" day.



"The Graduate School of Medicine wishes everyone Season's Greetings and a Happy and Successful New Year"



University of Wollongong, Shoalhaven Campus - where 24 of our students will be placed



2007 students James Storr, Lauren Piatek and Russell Crighton save Sim-man from certain death!

INVITATION

The first day of classes is Monday, 29 January 2007.

To mark the beginning of our new Medical School, the Chancellor Mr Michael Codd AC and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerard Sutton, are pleased to invite you to join the Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, the staff of the GSM, and senior UOW staff, at a welcome ceremony for the historic first intake of students for our GSM.

Professor Nigel Bax, Director of Teaching at the University of Sheffield Medical School in the United Kingdom, will present the inaugural Graduate School of Medicine Lecture. Prof. Bax is a distinguished medical educator and researcher who has been a key consultant in the development of our School's innovative curriculum.

The GSM will operate at two purpose-built teaching facilities at our Wollongong and Shoalhaven campuses. Students located at both campuses have been invited to this special welcome event, and we hope you can join us to congratulate them and wish them well as our pioneering medical students.

If you have not received a personal invitation but would like to attend,
please RSVP before Monday, 22 January 2007 to:
 Margaret Brown on - 02 42214835; or email marbrown@uow.edu.au