



INSIDE THIS EDITION

page 1

Funding for Community Projects

New Campus Tree Walk

page 2

Special Feature:
Students in the
Community

Innovation Campus
Update

page 3

Upcoming public events

Staff profile: John
Littrich, Faculty of Law

Office of Community and Partnerships

Please keep us informed of your community engagement activities and initiatives so we can help to heighten awareness of this important aspect of the University's operations.

Contact: The Community Relations Coordinator on Ext.3110 or email: ocp@uow.edu.au.

'Living in Harmony': Funding for Community Projects

Funding is available under the Federal Government's 'Living in Harmony' program for community projects which address issues of cultural, religious and racial intolerance.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs invites applications for funding for projects designed "to engage the whole community in promoting Australian values and mutual obligation, as well as address issues of cultural, religious and racial intolerance in Australia".

"DIMA welcomes applications aimed at promoting harmony and addressing discrimination in the target areas of workplace, youth, media, the arts and sport. Innovative projects are also sought addressing issues around inter-faith issues, new and emerging communities, school and educational communities, and Indigenous Australians. Funding for projects will range in value from \$5,000 to \$50,000."

To register for access to an on-line application form, visit DIMA's website at <http://www.harmony.gov.au/grants/index.htm>. Expression of Interest must be submitted by Friday, 25 August 2006.

Looking for funding for your community project?

Search for funding programs and grants from NSW and federal and local government, institutions, philanthropic trusts and companies at

<http://www2.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding/programs/>

The **Regional Partnerships Program** is an Australian Government initiative which funds projects that help communities:

- provide opportunities for economic and social participation,
- improve access to services,
- plan their futures, and
- make structural adjustments.

The program does not have 'rounds of funding'. Applications can be made at any time. More info at <http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au/>

The **IMB Community Foundation** supports projects that reflect its objectives, which include enhancing the economic self-sufficiency of communities, as well as generating economic, social, cultural, environmental, tourism and educational benefits for those communities. <http://www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp>

The **City Coast Credit Union Foundation** provides funding to support for innovative projects and activities which are of benefit to the community in the Illawarra and South Coast region of NSW.

New Campus Tree Walk

Species of Eucalypt and rainforest trees have long been an important landscape feature of the University's main Wollongong campus. Now a new Campus Tree Walk makes it easier for students, staff and visitors to appreciate the different species of native trees planted over the last 30 years by landscape staff.

Consisting of 44 species, each with a signpost identifying the species name and type, the walk commences at the corner of the Biological Sciences Building (Bld. 35) and circles the central campus area ending back near Bld 35. A tree identification guide and map can be downloaded from <http://www.uow.edu.au/science/biol/icb/herbarium>



The guide was produced by staff of the Janet Cosh Herbarium with the support of the Campus Environment Management Committee and the Office of Community & Partnerships. **SO NEXT LUNCHTIME – TAKE THE CAMPUS TREE WALK !**

Special Feature: Students in the Community

UOW student team receive recognition for community work

The UOW SIFE team competed in the National SIFE Australia competition held in Brisbane in July.

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) challenges university students to make a difference in their communities and to develop their leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

The ten UOW students gave presentations on a number of community-based projects that they have been involved in over the past 18 months. These projects were presented to a panel of judges and cover issues relating to financial literacy, IT and environmental planning.

The UOW team was awarded first place in three categories; Best Rockie team of 2006; Most Supporting Vice-Chancellor; and Most Effective Financial Literacy program.

Over 22 university teams competed in the event, with the outright winner being the University of South Australia, who will represent Australia in the world championship in Paris.



The UOW SIFE team:
From top right: Stephanie, Sermin, Kenza, Laura, Indira
Bottom right: Miroslav, Darko, Christian, Genesis, Robert

UOWD students help underprivileged kids

A group of students from the University of Wollongong in Dubai (UOWD) are participating in the 'Unique Orphans' educational program, which aims to help 30 underprivileged orphans between the ages of 6-13 years. The program is run by a team of volunteers who provide emotional support and social interaction to enhance the communication and educational skills of the children.

One specific project under this program is the Charity Summer School being run in collaboration with the Charity Club and Connexionz Club of UOWD. The main objective of the summer school is to improve the reading, writing and linguistic skills of the orphans. Student volunteers working alongside professionals have structured a curriculum for the students and teach the children English, math, computers and Arabic, as well as organise weekend activities for them.

Students and businesses benefit from real life learning

Illawarra organisations keen to resolve problems and issues facing their operations learned recently, for the third year in a row, just how effective bright young minds can work.

A number of students from the University of Wollongong were announced as winners of the 2006 Univariate Illawarra program, an initiative that promotes innovation in the Illawarra by linking local organisations with teams of students from various disciplines.

Teams were given this opportunity from two Illawarra hosts -- BlueScope Steel and Illawarra Credit Union. The students gained valuable skills working on real organisational problems.

After a month of intense teamwork, each team presented their recommendations to their host organisation who judged the winning solutions.

The Best Business Report went to Viking Consultancy representing BlueScope Steel, Best Presentation was won by Union Team representing Illawarra Credit Union and the Encouragement Awards were issued to the Credit Team.



'Best Presentation' was won by the Union Team representing Illawarra Credit Union. Pictured (left to right) are Adin Alihodzic, Sihui (Claire) Huang, Matthew Stimson (Team Leader) and Melvin Knox (absent: Zhongwei Wei)

Innovation Campus presentations to business & industry

With construction of the first buildings on the University's Innovation Campus (iC) due to get underway within weeks, Director David Fuller has begun a series of presentations where representatives from business and industry can join with University staff in sharing the latest information on the iC development.

iC is a \$300+ million project being developed on a site 1.5 km north of Wollongong's CBD in a joint venture partnership between UOW and Baulderstone Hornibrook, one of Australia's largest integrated building and service companies.

It will provide opportunities for innovative businesses to work with some of UOW's leading research teams, building collaborations and partnerships.

Mr Fuller presented the iC vision to a group of around 50 Illawarra business leaders and University representatives on Wednesday 9 August in the first of a series of meetings planned for Wollongong and Sydney in coming months.

Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0811a/index.html#>



Upcoming Public Events



Public Lectures

18 August 12-1pm: THE SUBSTANCE OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM

The Illawarra Committee for International Students is hosting a visit from His Eminence Lama Choedak Rinpoche, Spiritual Director of the Tibetan Buddhist Society of Canberra and one of the few meditation masters in Australia. Venue: Function Room 1, UniCentre (Bldg 11).

23 August 12.30-2.00pm: SEMINAR 'Enhancing Regional Economic Integration: The Role and Contribution of SMEs'

Presented by Associate Professor Charles Harvie, School of Economics and Information Systems Venue: Building 19, Room 1003. Contact for more info: cdm@uow.edu.au

30 August 3-5pm: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: Updating on Leadership for Generation X and Generation Y

An interactive workshop conducted by the Australian Centre for Educational Leadership, Faculty of Education. Venue: UniCentre Function Centre, Room 4. Contact for more info: mgale@uow.edu.au

7 Sept 7:15am-8:40am: BREAKFAST SEMINAR

Join the Commerce Business Alumni Network to launch the first in the new series 'Opportunity Knocks Illawarra' featuring the successful entrepreneur and businessman Les Dion, CEO Dion's Bus Service. Venue: UniCentre Building 11 Contact for more info: alumni@uow.edu.au

20 Sept 5:30- 6:30pm UNI IN THE BREWERY

'A controversial critique of the notion of the 'obesity epidemic' by Jan Wright, Faculty of Education. Venue: Five Islands Brewery. Contact: Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au

Free Exhibitions

Until 24 August: 2006 YANG SHENG-AN MEMORIAL ART PRIZE AND EXHIBITION

Long Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

28 Aug-16 Sept: UNICENTRE 17TH ANNUAL ACQUISITIVE ART AWARD Long Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

16-25 August: BIOHOME: THE CHROMOSOME KNITTING PROJECT

A performance/ installation featuring live biotechnologies. FCA Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

Performances

20-23 Sept 8pm: MAN IS MAN

By Bertolt Brecht, directed by Janys Hayes
The Performance Space, building 25, room 168.
Tickets \$15/ \$8 concession.

Staff Profile

John Littrich

Position:

Lecturer

Faculty/Unit:

Faculty of Law



Interests:

- Music – playing (badly) and listening, reading, travel, surfing.
- Social justice issues.
- Family law and the resolution of disputes arising from relationship breakdown.

Community Engagement Activities:

- Involved in Kiama Reconciliation group, working to promote greater awareness of issues impacting on Indigenous Australians and of the rich heritage of Indigenous culture in the Kiama area.
- Work with Kiama Council annually to organise and promote the **Reconciliation Walk** which has become a major community event.
- On committee of Kiama East Timor Friendship Group, establishing a "community partnership" with the village of Zumalai, Ainaro Sub-District, East Timor. Travelled to Zumalai in 2004 with a group from the Kiama community to strengthen links and distribute donations for projects, medical aid and school supplies.
- Talk to schools and community groups in relation to the struggle faced by the people of East Timor and ongoing involvement with fundraising and coffee sales to fund projects in Zumalai.
- Guest lecturer for University of the 3rd Age.
- Kiama representative on Wollongong Catholic Diocese Social Justice Committee.

[Note: if you are interested in being featured in the Staff Profile, contact ocp@uow.edu.au]