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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.

Creating Greener Pastures Grants Program

Dairy Farmers has formed a partnership with the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal to deliver the *Creating Greener Pastures Grants Program* on its behalf, to fund worthwhile projects in rural and regional Australian dairying communities. A total of \$200,000 has been allocated in 2006 for small projects and activities that contribute to renewal or development in economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Grants of up to \$5,000 per project are to be awarded on a competitive basis with priority given to projects that contribute to the sustainability of dairying communities. Among the eligible towns in southern NSW are: Albion Park, Berry, Bomaderry, Camden, Gerringong, Jamberoo, Kangaroo Valley, Kiama, Milton, Moss Vale, Nowra, Picton and Robertson. Projects must demonstrate that they will directly benefit one or more of these towns/regions.

OCP believes that projects that involve the University working with a local community organisation(s) will have greater likelihood of success.

A copy of the guidelines and application form is available from the OCP office (basement floor of building 36) or can be downloaded from this website: www.frrr.org.au

The deadline for receipt of applications is **17 November 2006**.

IMB Community Foundation Funding

The 2007 round of funding under the IMB Community Foundation was launched on 26 September. For the eighth year in succession, the IMB has allocated \$450,000 for community projects, bringing total allocations by the Foundation to \$3.5 million.

Community groups, chambers of commerce, local councils, educational institutions and service clubs are encouraged to approach the Foundation with requests for funding for a community project in 2007.

Requests are due by **19 January 2007**. For more information visit: <http://www.imb.com.au/AboutIMB/Foundation.asp>

Presentation of Funding for Collaborative Community Projects

The six winning recipients of the University's Community Engagement Grants Scheme were announced at a ceremony held on 22 September. The Scheme was introduced in 2005 to encourage and support collaborative University-community projects, which have mutually beneficial outcomes. The scheme provides funding to UOW staff and students for projects that are collaborative, consistent with the University's Community Engagement Strategic Plan and have a clear community benefit.

"All the winning projects vary widely and involve a significant number of external partners," said Manager of the Office of Community and Partnerships, Monique Harper-Richardson. "The projects really exemplify the benefits of the University working with community groups and we were very impressed with the expressions of interest we received." Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0926a/index.html#>

2006 CEGS Recipients (pictured from left to right): Richard Caladine, Tim Coltman, Brian Cambourne, Glen Moore, Ken Cruickshank and Ian Porter (missing Alison Wicks)



Special Feature: Working to protect our environment

Pioneering study to see what Wollongong residents think about the escarpment

The Illawarra Escarpment is part of the everyday activities of Wollongong residents. Indeed, so much so, that no one has documented carefully or extensively how different people living in the city think about it.

While the importance of the escarpment maintaining the lives of different animal and plant species have been carefully documented, the value to people has not been studied.

A University of Wollongong survey is about to fill this gap.

"In a context of future planning that envisages increased numbers of people living in the Illawarra, documenting the role the escarpment plays in Wollongong people's everyday lives is crucial," according to project organiser Ms Pat Macquarie who is embarking on the survey as part of her PhD studies in UOW's School of Earth and Environmental Studies.

The survey will be asking Wollongong people about their thoughts and everyday interactions with the Illawarra Escarpment.

Read more at

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0911a/index.html>



Ms Pat Macquarie . . . and the escarpment which is the focus of her survey.

New book looks at key environmental principles

Biodiversity banks, emissions trading, fishing quotas, water rights. A whole new suite of environmental policy instruments are being introduced in Australia and around the world.

But can policies designed primarily to facilitate economic growth also protect the environment? Are they fair and equitable? Do they fit with the precautionary principle? Are they putting human rights at risk?

These are the questions which Professor Sharon Beder from UOW's School of Social Sciences, Media and Communication sets out to answer in her latest book, *Environmental Principles and Policies*, published last month by UNSW Press.

Environmental Principles and Policies examines six key environmental and social principles that have been incorporated into international treaties and national laws. It uses them to evaluate the new wave of economic-based and market-based policy instruments that are currently being introduced in many nations.

Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0915c/index.html>

David Suzuki to share his views on our global health

Leading environmentalist, broadcaster and multi-award winning scientist David Suzuki will share his view of our global future in his visit to the Illawarra this month.

Audiences will have the opportunity to hear David speak at two events to be held on Saturday 14 October and Monday 16 October.

David will speak on his vision for a sustainable future at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre on Saturday 14 October. The event will be hosted by NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus and an environmental expo at the centre will demonstrate sustainable solutions for the future.

An insight into David's personal journey to sustainability will be provided during his presentation at the University of Wollongong on Monday 16 October.

This event includes a networking function and David's presentation where he will reveal his autobiography and speak about his life and the lessons he has learned to inspire others.



Suzuki's Sustainable Future

DATE: 7.00pm, 14 October 2006

VENUE: Wollongong Entertainment Centre

TICKETS: \$15 for adults, \$10 for under 18s, under 4 years free. Tickets can be purchased at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre, on-line at www.edenevents.com.au or by phoning Ticketek on 132 849.

Suzuki's Journey to Sustainability

DATE: 6:00pm, 16 October 2006

VENUE: University Hall, University of Wollongong

TICKETS: There are two packages available:

Package 1: \$45 for networking and finger food followed by Presentation (starting at 6:00pm)

This includes soft drinks, fruit juices & cocktail food. Alcohol is not included, but is available for own purchase.

Package 2: \$20 for David Suzuki Presentation only starting at 6:45pm

Tickets can be purchased at the UOW UniShop, on-line at www.edenevents.com.au or by phoning 4221 8173.

David Suzuki is presented by Wollongong City Council and supported by the University of Wollongong, UniCentre, the UOW UniShop, the Illawarra Mercury, Prime TV, Wave FM, Shellharbour City Council, FX Larkin and Thiess Services.

Northfields Clinic: Serving the Illawarra Community for 25 years

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Northfields Clinic, the University's Psychology Clinic that provides low-cost, high quality psychological treatment and assessment services to members of the public. Adult depression, anxiety, anger, and children's learning and behavioural problems are some of the typical issues treated at the Clinic.

In the past 25 years:

- Over 8,000 individual patients have benefited from the clinical service offered at Northfields, and as such touching the lives of many more - including family and friends
- Over 300 practicing Clinical Psychologists have been trained at the clinic, undertaking Masters, Doctorate and PhD degrees
- The Clinic has facilitated many successful clinical research projects in partnership with the Illawarra Institute for Mental Health

Staff and students will hold a special Anniversary Party later this month to celebrate this important milestone.

For further Information about the Clinic, visit http://www.uow.edu.au/health/northfields_clinic

150 years of NSW regional political history

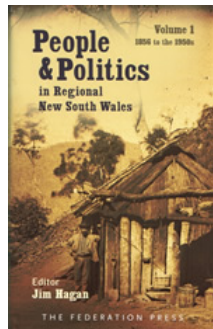
A groundbreaking new two-volume set of books which puts 150 years of NSW regional political history under the microscope was published recently.

Entitled, *People and Politics in Regional NSW*, the two-volume set was edited by UOW's Emeritus Professor Jim Hagan. Two chapters are devoted to the Illawarra region and another two to the south coast region.

Contributions were made from academics across the State including UOW historians Dr Henry Lee and Dr Glenn Mitchell. Professor Hagan also teamed up with economist and UOW Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Rob Castle, to write the two chapters on the Mid North Coast region.

Belinda Selke (UOW, History and Politics) worked as a Research Assistant on the project which was funded by the Committee for the Celebration of the Sesquicentenary of Responsible Government in NSW.

Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2006/0918a/index.html>



Bill Shorten to speak at UOW

The **26th Sir Richard Kirby Lecture** will be presented by Bill Shorten, the National Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union (AWU).

The Sir Richard Kirby Lecture is Australia's longest standing lecture on aspects of the employment relationship. It is a public lecture open to all the community. Over nearly 30 years, the lectures have demonstrated a strong tradition of first class speakers who are at the cutting edge of employment issues and who are from all ideological and professional perspectives. The lecture will be followed by a short question time. All welcome.

DATE: 6:15pm to 7.45pm,
Tuesday 17 October 2006

VENUE: McKinnon Building (67)
Room 104

CONTACT: Diana Kelly at
di@uow.edu.au



Bill Shorten was born in Melbourne in 1967. He studied at Monash University where he completed Arts and Law Degrees.

Bill became an Organiser with the Victorian Branch of the AWU in 1994. Four years later he was elected as Victorian Branch Secretary and in 2001 he became the union's National Secretary.

Established 118-years ago, the AWU is the country's oldest and most diverse union, with over 135,000 members, 200 staff and 33 offices across non-metropolitan Australia.

Bill is active in the Labor Party, serving as President of the Victorian Branch of the ALP and as a member of the ALP National Executive. In March 2006, he was pre-selected as the Labor Candidate for the Federal Seat of Maribyrnong at the next Federal Election.

Bill also serves on the ACTU Executive and as a director of Australian Super and a director of the Victorian Funds Management Corporation. (Source AWU website).

Students gain valuable experience working with Illawarriors

Exercise Science students from the School of Health Sciences have been involved in a series of physiological athlete assessment days and programming with the Illawarriors (Illawarra's representative rugby team that competes in the Shute Shield, a Sydney based competition).

Two testing sessions were conducted with approximately 20 students participating in the assessment of the players. Further assessment sessions have been discussed for later this year.

Upcoming Public Events



Public Lectures

11 Oct: 12:30pm "A GOLDMINE FOR ART: AN ARTISTS RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN HISTORIC HILL END, AUSTRALIA"

Prof Amanda Lawson, Faculty of Creative Arts. Venue: Lecture Theatre 14.G01 Contact: Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au

14 Oct: 7pm "SUZUKI'S SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"

On his final Australian tour, David Suzuki shares his view of our global health. Presented by Wollongong City Council. Venue: Wollongong Entertainment Centre. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for Under 18s. Bookings: 4221 8173 or visit <http://www.edenevents.com.au/>

16 Oct: 6pm "SUZUKI'S JOURNEY TO SUSTAINABILITY"

Presented by Wollongong City Council. A networking cocktail event which will be the catalyst for the formation of a regional environmental network. After this, David Suzuki will present his autobiography and speak about his life and the lessons he has learned to inspire others. Venue: University Hall, UOW. Tickets: \$45. Bookings: 4221 8173 or visit <http://www.edenevents.com.au/>

17 Oct: 6:30pm THE 26th SIR RICHARD KIRBY LECTURE

Presented by Bill Shorten, the National Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union. McKinnon building (67) Room 104 Contact: Diana Kelly di@uow.edu.au

19 Oct: 1-4pm ANNUAL SITACS TRADE SHOW

Showcasing student projects in Computer Science. For students, parents, members of the public and invited guests. University Hall. Website: <http://www.sitacs.uow.edu.au/tradeshow/> Contact: Kathy Lyon lyon@uow.edu.au

Free Exhibitions

Until 23 Oct: COLLECTING THE SELF: PAINTINGS

An exhibition by MCA-R student Leonie Watson FCA Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts

Opening 17 Nov : 2006 GRAD SHOW: "Who's Mark". "Who's Mar"

3rd year graduating Art and Design student's exhibition opens on 17 November and running for 2 weeks. Long Gallery, Faculty of Creative Arts.

A more detailed listing of events on campus is available at <http://webevents.uow.edu.au/>

Staff Profile

Glenn Mitchell

Position:

Senior Lecturer & Convenor, History Program & Convenor, Australian Studies

Faculty/Unit:

School of History & Politics
Faculty of Arts



Community Engagement Activities:

- Member of University of Wollongong Community Engagement Committee
- Member of Illawarra Migrant Heritage Project
- Organiser of Wollongong: Memory, Heritage and Place Conference for 2007
- Host of HSC Extension History Day

Why is Community Engagement important?

Engaging with and responding to communities with whom the university has relationships is arguably our most important task. While the words may have changed to describe what we do, we have always done 'community engagement'. The very nature of what we do as a university – teaching, learning and research – involves 'community engagement'. However, I think this term has a new broader meaning.

We have skills and talents on this campus which go beyond being wonderful teachers and researchers. I would argue that there is a moral, ethical and social responsibility to share our skills with the community in ways other than seeing students complete their degrees. Our city is not so well placed that it can get by without accessing the University's vast resources and the University will be a diminished place of learning without accessing the vast array of skills and resources of the community. With a partnership and shared vision however, we both succeed.

What are your interests:

- Teaching (Recipient of two OCTAL Teaching Awards and Australian College of Educators award)
- Jazz music, reading and films
- Supporting Liverpool Football Club

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