

UOW *Community* News

University-Community Engagement Newsletter

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CEGS Round 3 - Reminder

A reminder that Expressions of Interest in Round 3 of the Community Engagement Grants Scheme (CEGS) must be lodged by 5pm on Friday 27 April 2007.

Up to \$50,000 has been allocated in 2007 for collaborative community projects that provide long term community benefits. Of this sum, \$5,000 is reserved for one or more student projects. Contact the OCP office on 4221 3110 for further information.

Guidelines and forms can be downloaded from

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/community/cegs/UOW002770.html>

External Funding Programs and Awards – Closing Soon

Social Innovation Grants - Telstra Foundation

Applications close 20 April 2007

Social Innovation Grants will help connect Australian children and young people (0 - 24 years) to their communities, particularly those who are experiencing social or geographic isolation. [» more](#)

Telstra Business Awards

Applications close 20 April 2007

Formerly known as the Telstra Small Business Awards, the Telstra Business Awards program was developed to help profile Australian businesses. [» more](#)

Envirofund

Applications close 27 April 2007

The Australian Government Envirofund helps communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use. It is the local action component of the Australian Government's \$3 billion Natural Heritage... [» more](#)

Prime Ministers Awards for Community Business Partnerships

Applications close 27 April 2007

The Awards are designed to recognise excellence in partnerships between business and the community. Awards are made to partnerships in the three categories of small, medium and large business. Four Special Awards include ... [» more](#)

Australian Museum Eureka Prize

Applications close 04 May 2007

The Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are Australia's premier science awards. The 2007 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes offers awards in four categories: Research & Innovation Leadership School Science ... [» more](#)

Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation

Applications close 11 May 2007

The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation (R&R) program is to facilitate projects of significant environmental benefit to NSW. Through these projects, we also aim to improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore an... [» more](#)

Threatened Species Network Community Grants Program

Applications close 01 June 2007

The grants provide funding for community organisations to conduct on-ground work for the ongoing health of our natural environment, specifically targeting the needs of national... [» more](#)

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

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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: community@uow.edu.au

Spotlight: On Innovation

UOW makes strong contribution to Innovation Festival

The University will hold seven events this year as part of the Australian Innovation Festival which takes place between 26th April to 27th May 2007. They include two public lectures that highlight the latest research in business performance and IT, and a public forum at the Science Centre to explore *Energy Options for 2020*. A highlight of the program will be *Innovation Idol* – a competition for UOW research students which will test their “capacity to develop an innovative solution to a hypothetical problem in Australia, and their ability to ‘pitch’ their innovative idea”.

Members of the public will also be able to participate in “Innovation on Foot” – a walking tour of the campus which will highlight what’s new and innovative and take in the Graduate School of Medicine and a number of research institutes.

The Australian Innovation Festival is designed to support and promote the best of Australian innovation and entrepreneurship and will celebrate its sixth anniversary in 2007. More at: <http://www.ausinnovation.org>




At the regional level, the Illawarra Innovation Showcase will be held from 7th to 13th May. Over 42 organisations are taking part with the official opening to be held at the Port Kembla Port Corporation on Monday 7th May. The Hon David Campbell MP, Minister for Police and Minister for the Illawarra will officially open the Showcase.

Over 35 events will be held during the week including: ‘Innovations in Cancer Care’ (Wollongong Hospital), ‘GIS and Real World Applications’ (Cardno Forbes Rigby), ‘Climate Changing your Business’ Seminar (WCC), ‘Carbon Trading, Global and Local – Pitfalls and Opportunities’ (Futureworld Eco-Technology Centre), Moblog Dinner (TAFE) and ‘Innovative Solutions for the Community Sector’ (Community Sector Banking).

For a full program of events visit: <http://www.investillawarra.com.au/innovation/>



Program of Events at UOW

EVENT	Professorial Lecture Series	
DATE	12.30pm – 1:30pm Wednesday 2 May 2007	
VENUE	Communications Building 20 Lecture Room 2	
DETAILS	"The 'Big End of Town': the Origins and Role of Corporate Leadership in Australia" presented by Professor Simon Ville <i>Free Event - All Welcome</i>	
CONTACT	Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au	
EVENT	Students Science and Sustainability	
DATE	11am - 2.30pm Monday 7 May 2007	
VENUE	Illawarra Environmental Education Centre, Killalea State Park	
DETAILS	The University's Education Multi Media lab will guide students and teachers through the world's first website that allows students to monitor and assess the state of the environment. Volunteer students (Years 5 - 8) from 12 local schools will participate in overnight science research expeditions towards conservation of Killalea State Park's ecosystems. <i>Bookings required.</i>	
CONTACT	4237 6100	
EVENT	Public Forum - Energy Options for 2020	
DATE	7pm Tuesday 8 May 2007	
VENUE	UOW Science Centre, Squires Road, Fairy Meadow	
DETAILS	The UOW Science Centre presentation for 2007 brings together a learned panel for the forum discussion: "What energy source will we be using in 20 years time?" Moderated by Simone Whetton of ABC Radio, and with speakers including Professor John Wright of the CSIRO, the discussion will highlight the future uses of fossil fuels, nuclear energy and solar energy. <i>Free Event – Bookings required</i>	
CONTACT	4286 5000	
EVENT	Innovation on Foot - University of Wollongong Tour	
DATE	3:30-5:30pm Wednesday 9 May 2007	
VENUE	University of Wollongong	
DETAILS	Join this walking tour of UOW's main campus, highlighting what's new and innovative at the University. The tour will include a visit to the new Graduate School of Medicine and various research institutes, including the pioneering Intelligent Polymer Research Institute and the Smart Foods Centre. <i>Free Event - Bookings required</i>	
CONTACT	Jan Sullivan/Leanne Crouch 4221 3110	

Special Feature: Social Marketing Team

Since its inception in late 2004 the Centre for Social Marketing Research (CSMR) has forged links and partnerships with over 22 government and community based organisations. A central theme of these relationships has been their capacity to bring about social innovation and improve the well being of individuals and their communities.

Some of the projects in which CSMR are involved include:

Assessing the needs of Illawarra children with a disability – this project started with one community partner (The Disability Trust) but by the end, a further 10 organisations were involved as equal partners. The project has gone beyond conducting a survey and preparing a report – it has served as a catalyst for bringing about change in the provision of disabled services in the region – leading to improvements in the links and communication channels between these organisations.

Young driver safety – this project involves the CSMR team working with Youthsafe, and Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils to develop a social marketing based intervention program capable of increasing parental involvement in changing the propensity of many young drivers to take unnecessary risk.

Crime and Safety – this project sees the CSMR team members working with Wollondilly Shire Council and some 15 community groups to conduct a survey of residents attitudes towards crime and safety and to use the results to develop a social marketing intervention designed to lower teenage vandalism in the area.

Pharmaceutical company marketing practices – this project involves CSMR staff presenting educational seminars to GPs and pharmacists in the Sutherland Shire and working with the local Division of General Practice to investigate the nature of interactions between GPs and pharmaceutical company representatives.

CSMR team members:

Dr Gary Noble (Director)
 Professor Gerard Hastings (Visiting Fellow)
 Dr Elais Kyriazis
 Dr Jenny Algie
 Mr Alan Pommering
 Ms Mary Papakosmas
 Ms Alison Lamb
 Mr John Cantrell

EVENT	Social Innovation in Organisations
DATE	6pm Thursday 10 May 2007
VENUE	UniCentre Function Centre (Building 11) University of Wollongong
DETAILS	The Social Innovation Network (SIN) formed across faculties at the University of Wollongong will host this novel interactive forum to discuss approaches for improving quality of life and how to address this in the workplace. <i>Free Event - All Welcome</i>
CONTACT	4221 3110

EVENT	Innovation Idol
DATE	6pm Friday 11 May 2007
VENUE	UniCentre Function Centre (Building 11) University of Wollongong
DETAILS	This event will showcase University of Wollongong research students' capacity to develop an innovative solution to a hypothetical problem in Australia, and their ability to 'pitch' their innovative idea. The event will provide an interactive, entertaining and fun avenue for presenting serious aspects of the innovation process, by following the formula established in shows such as Australian Idol. Ideas will be 'critiqued' by a panel of expert judges with audience participation selecting finalists and the ultimate winner. Read more here <i>Free event – All welcome</i>
CONTACT	Leisa Ridges 4221 4817 or leisa@uow.edu.au

EVENT	Uni in the Brewery
DATE	5:30pm Wednesday 16 May 2007
VENUE	Five Islands Brewery, Wollongong
DETAILS	"The Rise of Homo Electricus" presented by Drs Katina Michael and M. Michael (Faculty of Informatics). In 1948 when the first ENIAC computer was officially launched, who could have imagined that one day the giant technological beast covering 1500 square feet of floor space could fit neatly inside the human body, measuring no more than the size of a grain of rice. Read more here <i>Free Event - All Welcome</i>
CONTACT	Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au



Upcoming Public Events



Public Lectures

16 April: 6:30pm to 9pm CLIMATE CHANGE PUBLIC LECTURE: PROF IAN LOWE AO

"A Comprehensive Response to Climate Change - Radical Solutions for Australia's Environmental Crisis" - presented by the Futureworld Eco-Technology Centre.

Prof Lowe will outline necessary action by government, business, industry and the community to achieve a dramatic transformation, not just in technological capacity but also in our approach to the natural world and to each other. Prof Lowe is an Emeritus Professor of Griffith University and President of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Venue: University Hall

Cost: \$20 per person, \$10 concession.

RSVP: 4/04/07

Contact: frworld@bigpond.net.au Phone 42269147

18 April: 5:30pm to 8pm PEAK OIL: RESERVES, ALTERNATIVES, SUSTAINABILITY

How long before the world's fuel oil runs out?

What are the alternatives and what problems do they have?

What issues need to be solved to provide sustainable transportation for the future? Matt Mushalik will provide the latest projections on the oil future, the linkage to global warming, and address what needs to be done and by when.

Venue: Futureworld EcoTechnology Centre, Miller St Coniston

RSVP: 16/04/07 Bookings are essential (seats limited)

Contact: frworld@bigpond.net.au Phone 42269147

19 April: 5:30pm SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LECTURE: PROF. DAVID OFFICER

Sustainable economic growth in Australia and globally requires cheap renewable, environmentally acceptable, energy resources. In this talk, we will discuss the potential of artificial photosynthesis-based solar cell technologies and highlight the advances that we have made in this area here at the UOW and overseas.

In association with this event the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Prof. Margaret Sheil will launch the Energy Futures Network.

Venue: UOW Function Centre (Building 11) Room 2

Contact: Leisa Ridges leisa@uow.edu.au

Community Tour

20 April: 10:30am CAMPUS WALKING TOUR

Contact: Leanne Crouch /Jan Sullivan

Bookings: Tel 4221 3110 Email community@uow.edu.au

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

Staff Profile

Daniel Saffioti

Position:

Lecturer, School of Information Technology & Computer Science

Faculty:

Informatics



Community Engagement Activities:

- Recipient of the 2007 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Community Engagement
- Daniel was recognised for his strong service ethic and his contribution over many years in supporting both the campus community and the broader community through his many outreach activities.
- A sample of these activities include:
 - Revamped the Faculty of Informatics' High Schools Enrichment Program and delivers a component - the Computing Saturday School run over 12 weeks - involves UOW computing students as volunteer helpers
 - Assists other faculties/units and a local high school with their IT infrastructure
 - Runs workshops and deliver lectures and seminars at local high schools
 - Provides technology seminars to local community groups
 - Participates in other faculties' programs e.g. Siemens Science Experience
 - Through his role with the Apple University Consortium, provides scholarships to send staff to national and international training and conferences
 - Generously supports the UOW Art Collection, particularly its indigenous and Australian works

Why is engagement important?

- "When we think of academia, we think of four prongs ... teaching, research, administration and community. All these are equally important and all academics strive to be good in as many of them as they can."
- "The University does not live in isolation. We interact with any number of organisations, children and parents. People look to us to provide direction and vision... I also believe we can learn from the community by taking the time to engage in various programs run by people outside"

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