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## UOW welcomes Professor Elizabeth Farmer



Professor Elizabeth Farmer is the first female general practitioner to become Dean of a medical school in Australia, joining the University of Wollongong's Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) in January.

In the School's second year of operation, Professor Farmer has taken over from Professor John Hogg, who was recently honoured for his contributions to the school as Foundation Dean.

Professor Farmer has moved to Wollongong from Adelaide where she was a general practitioner as well as an academic at Flinders University. She will now oversee the school as it aims to help address the existing critical shortage of doctors in regional, rural and remote Australia.

GSM students will spend significant time during their training undertaking long-term clinical placements in regional and rural facilities and with regional and rural doctors, developing an understanding of what it means to practice medicine in these communities. It is hoped that graduates will form strong ties to the communities where they train and will return as interns for the benefit of regional, rural and remote Australians.

The strong focus on community is central to the values of the GSM. The School instils in its

students the importance of community contribution. This is an attribute many have already demonstrated a strong commitment to, as evidenced by SHARP, the Student Health Alliance for Rural Populations which has involved medical students visiting and working in rural communities.

In 2008 and beyond, Professor Farmer and her staff will be working to build stronger community ties and seek support for students to enhance their educational outcomes.

If you would like to find out more about how you can support the GSM and our talented medical students achieve their vision, please contact the Office of Community and Partnerships on 02 4221 5131 or at [donations@uow.edu.au](mailto:donations@uow.edu.au). [AU](#)

*Above left: Professor Elizabeth Farmer who has joined UOW as Dean of the GSM.*

## Tom Maguire Memorial Scholarship for Law

At the end of 2007 the Faculty of Law received an extremely generous gift to support the establishment of the Faculty's first memorial scholarship.

The Tom Maguire Memorial Scholarship for Law is donated by the daughter and grandchildren of the late Tom Maguire. The Scholarship has been established with a \$50,000 gift from the family.

Mr Maguire was a well known local legal practitioner and a founding partner in the Wollongong-based firm Maguire and McInerney. He contributed significantly to the legal profession in the Illawarra. Mr Maguire was

committed to the community and to sharing his skills and knowledge with fellow practitioners.

The Tom Maguire Memorial Scholarship for Law will help UOW Law students experiencing financial need. The family's desire to support students in need follows the experience of Mr Maguire who himself faced significant financial challenges in his legal studies but went on to become a highly regarded legal professional.

The University of Wollongong and the Faculty of Law are grateful for the support of the Maguire family. This generous gift will help generations of Law

students at UOW excel in their studies and realise their full potential. [AU](#)



*Above: A young Tom Maguire, honoured with an in-memoriam donation to UOW from his daughter and grandchildren, establishing the Tom Maguire Memorial Scholarship.*

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## New library unveiled



The heart of the UOW campus has been transformed with the launch of the new state-of-the-art Library complex.

With the completion of the \$9 million development, the Michael Birt Library has been transformed into an open, transparent structure designed to attract and welcome students, staff and visitors to new study and social spaces.

At the launch in February, Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton said it was a proud day for the University, noting that it was not just a magnificent extension but a statement about the maturity of UOW.

Professor Sutton referred to the fact that UOW was now being cited in the top lists of international league tables which judged the performance of universities world-wide.

"We now have within the heart of the University grounds a Library that represents the status and standing of our University on the international stage," Professor Sutton said.

Since 1962 the Library has risen from humble beginnings in an administrative annexe to become one of Australia's most respected and awarded academic libraries. In 1971 stage one of the current

building was constructed, followed by stage 2 in 1976 and stage 3 in 1988. The latest extension was designed by Graham, Bell and Bowman Architects, generous donors of a scholarship for the Graduate School of Medicine, and built by One Build Constructions.

Along with space for the Library's growing collection and new technological resources for learning and research, a wide and significant range of artworks from the University's art collection are now displayed in the Library. This includes many donated works by Guy Warren, Ian Gentle and Bert Flugelman, all of whom have long and close associations with the University.

Many alumni and friends have supported the development of the Library through financial contributions, collections and other resources.

If you would like to support the Library Fund please complete the donation form on page 4 or visit [www.uow.edu.au/donations/](http://www.uow.edu.au/donations/)

If you have not visited the campus in some time, we invite you to see first hand the new Library on one of our community campus tours. To book, please contact the Development Officer on 02 4221 5131 or at [community@uow.edu.au](mailto:community@uow.edu.au). **AU**

## Spotlight

### Donor Profile: Margaret Denton

Wollongong College Australia (WCA) teacher, Dr Margaret Denton, has made an everlasting gift to the University through a bequest, and encourages others to do the same.

Margaret has been a member of the University community for over 20 years. Her academic career began as an undergraduate student, and she is now a teacher at Wollongong College Australia, helping others to prepare for tertiary study. Her passion for teaching and her commitment to the students of the University motivated Margaret to establish her bequest.



*Above: WCA teacher Margaret Denton is giving back to UOW with a bequest.*

Through her work as a teacher, and her own experiences as a student, Margaret has become very aware of student need.

Margaret migrated from Austria when she was 19. At the time she had no English skills and her qualifications as an accountant were not accepted in Australia – one of the reasons she enjoys working with and empathises with the preparation program students she teaches at the College.

Margaret first found work in Wollongong as a taxi driver to save for her undergraduate degree at UOW. From her degree in Arts, Margaret went on to complete honours and a PhD. During her PhD Margaret had the opportunity to travel to Europe for her research. Margaret received a scholarship for her PhD, giving her a first-hand understanding of the difference such extra support can make.

After completing her studies, which also included a Graduate Diploma in Education, Margaret continued her association with the University, teaching in the Faculty of Arts. Margaret joined the College in 1994, in a role that was to only be temporary, but she has been there ever since.

Margaret believes it is important to support the University that has offered her so many opportunities and giving a bequest is the most meaningful way she can do this.

"By giving to the University through my Will I know I am leaving a legacy that will be enjoyed by future generations and ensure that many more students can achieve their dreams of University study." **AU**

Bequests to the University provide many opportunities for our students and researchers, and for resources to support their work. If you are interested in learning more about bequests or would like to notify us of your decision to leave a bequest to UOW please contact the Fundraising Manager on 02 4221 3918 or at [bequests@uow.edu.au](mailto:bequests@uow.edu.au).

## Cancer research: a team effort

Cancer drug researchers at the University have recently been recognised by the Federal Government for their significant efforts to improve cancer treatment.

The team has been awarded a grant of over \$197,000 to progress their vital cancer research and work towards patient trials.

The project, led by Associate Professor Marie Ranson and Professor Philip Clingan, is continuing efforts to develop new formulations for improved cancer treatment.

Through his local practice, Professor Clingan has been a particularly strong advocate for the work of the research group, engendering support from the Illawarra Cancer Carers, the Robert East Memorial Fund and many other donors.

Over the past four years, this support has enabled the multi-disciplinary research group to develop two new formulations which aim to simplify the treatment process and improve the level of comfort for patients.

With generous community donations, including many in-memoriam gifts, and government support, the group will be able to complete pre-clinical studies of the formulations, before seeking further funding for patient trials of the drugs.

If you would like to find out more about this research and how you can support the efforts of the cancer drug research group, please contact the Office of Community and Partnerships on 02 4221 3918 or at [donations@uow.edu.au](mailto:donations@uow.edu.au). **AU**

## Students call for your support



Many of you will already know Matt Moffitt. He has spoken with countless donors and alumni over the past weeks about our 2008 Phone Appeal, and he may have also spoken with you last year to thank you for your gifts in 2007.

This year, Matt, and our other student callers, Renée and Jack (pictured in the right-hand column), are on a mission to seek support from alumni and friends for two key UOW initiatives – learning

and development and vital research into breast cancer and prostate cancer.

Matt, Renée and Jack are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to talk with our alumni and donors and have been inspired by your generosity. Matt says:

“I feel privileged to be a part of the University of Wollongong knowing that our alumni are such strong supporters of the University. I’ve had the opportunity to talk to many alumni during the phone appeal and it is really inspiring to hear their stories and achievements.”

Thank you to all alumni and friends who have already generously supported the 2008 Phone Appeal. **AU**

*Above left: Matt Moffitt working on this year's phone appeal.*

## 2008 Annual Fund

Alumni and community support for the UOW Annual Fund provides the opportunity for researchers and students at the University to work on projects that will change lives and advance our community and our world.

Gifts to the Annual Fund in 2008 will support vital cancer research, along with Learning and Development Scholarships to inspire the next generation of talented young minds at UOW.

In 2006, we held an appeal for prostate cancer research led by Professor Anatoly Rozenfeld. Gifts to this appeal helped to accelerate pre-clinical trials of new detectors to improve the targeting of radiation for prostate cancer treatment. This year, we are again seeking support from alumni and friends for a new project, also led by Professor Rozenfeld, that will have a significant impact on cancer patients and their loved ones.



*Above: (from left) Student caller Renée, cancer researchers Dean and Nick, alumni scholarship recipient Rachel and student caller Jack discuss the ‘big issues’ in the tranquil surrounds of the newly renovated Michael Birt Library.*

Professor Rozenfeld and his team in the Centre for Medical Radiation Physics are developing new methods for diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer and prostate cancer. In collaboration with leading radiation oncology institutions around the world, Professor Rozenfeld and his team are not only improving survival rates for one of the leading causes of death in Australia but also reducing the debilitating side-effects associated with chemotherapy. Research of this significance will provide invaluable outcomes for those diagnosed with breast or prostate cancer.

Support from alumni and friends through the Annual Fund provides the opportunity for researchers like Professor Rozenfeld to pursue vital and life-changing projects and in turn inspire our students.

Also supporting learning and development, the 2008 Annual Fund ensures gifted students can excel in their studies. Gifts to the Fund provide opportunities and inspiration for students to learn and grow academically and personally, in ways that will have a lasting impact on their future.

If you would like to make a gift to the 2008 Annual Fund to inspire and support UOW researchers and students please complete the donation form on page 4 or visit [www.uow.edu.au/donations/](http://www.uow.edu.au/donations/)

Thank you to all those alumni and friends who have already supported the 2008 Annual Fund. We look forward to updating you on the real and lasting impact your gifts have on our students and researchers. **AU**



## Support Now

By supporting UOW you will share the hopes and dreams of our researchers and students and inspire them to realise their vision for a better tomorrow.

Yes, I would like to support UOW with a tax deductible gift of:

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Many of the University's significant donations have been made through bequests. These gifts help ensure the prosperity of future generations and for many donors provide the chance to make a significant contribution, not possible during their lifetime.

The University of Wollongong is grateful for the support of all donors. We are committed to ensuring all benefactors are appropriately recognised during their lifetime.

If you have made a bequest to UOW we encourage you to contact us so we can acknowledge your support.

When you make a bequest you will be invited to join the UOW Bequest Society. As a member of this group you will receive regular updates and invitations to University events where we can share the achievements our donors make possible.

Our new bequest brochure will also be available soon. To request a copy of the brochure or discuss your bequest, please contact us on 02 4221 3918 or at [bequests@uow.edu.au](mailto:bequests@uow.edu.au).

## Supporting UOW offers many rewards.

At the heart is the opportunity to make a difference – to the lives of students and the skills they will attain, to important research projects, to the economic well-being of the Illawarra, and to the future of our country.

We would be happy to discuss further your options for supporting students, researchers and other areas of UOW. Please contact us for more information.

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