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UOW celebrates volunteers

If you know a volunteer or a group of volunteers making a difference in their community UOW wants to hear from you.

Nominations are closing soon for the University of Wollongong's 2011 Chancellor's Awards. These annual awards recognise voluntary service by community members and graduates of the University.

As part of the recognition of the award recipients, the University will make a \$2000 donation to a charity or non-profit group of the recipient's choice.

There are two categories open for nomination, one for voluntary contribution to the University and the other for voluntary contrbution to the community. Both UOW alumni and members of the community are eligible in both categories. Group and individual nominations will both be accepted in each category.

Past winners include Alfred 'Neil' Preston OAM who is an advocate for the rights of marginalised members in the Illawarra community and Sue Young who implemented a regional 'Cochlear Implant Support Group' in the Illawarra facilitated by the Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre (SCIC).

Sally Stevenson was successful in 2009 and is the founding and current Chair of Indigo Foundation (IF) — supporting local communities in the developing world. The organisation provides public health and education support to communities in eight countries.

The awards will be presented by UOW Chancellor Ms Jillian Broadbent AO at a special event on August 5th.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday 17 June to the Office of Community and Partnerships.

For more information and a copy of the nomination form visit: www.uow.edu.au/about/ community/chancellorsaward

Contact Person: Rachel Dyer, Community Engagement Officer 02 4252 8889 community@uow. edu.au

Nominate now

Nominate someone making a difference in our community

Nominate a community member, a community group or University of Wollongong graduate for a 2011 Chancellor's Award for Voluntary Contribution.

These Awards recognise achievement in voluntary service of community members and UOW graduates.

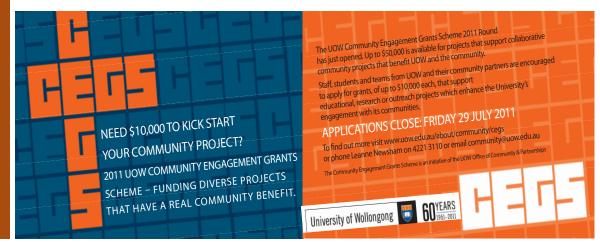
In recognition of their significant contribution, the University of Wollongong will donate \$2,000 to a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation of the winner's choice.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 17 JUNE 2011

Individual and group nominations welcome. For more information and to nominate visit www.uow.edu.au/about/community/chancellorsaward or phone 4252 8889 or 4221 3110.

University of Wollongong The Street





United future focus of Reconciliation Ceremony



Torrential rain did little to dampen the spirits of those who attended the National Reconciliation Week Opening Ceremony held at Woolyungah Indigenous Centre (WIC) on Monday May 30.

Indigenous Elders, along with members of the UOW and wider communities, packed into Woolyungah's foyer after the planned outdoor event was moved due to blustery winds and rainfall.

The intimate setting proved the perfect atmosphere for the launch of Reconciliation Week, a moving Welcome to Country from respected Elder Uncle Vic Chapman, musical performances and a traditional bush tucker morning tea.

Vice Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton said hope for a united future was one of the central focuses of Reconciliation Week.

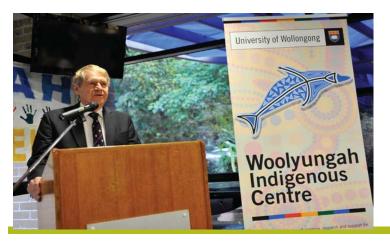
"It is critical we recognise the event each year as a way of remembering past injustices, working on the issues of the present and, most importantly, to celebrate the hope which the future holds," said Professor Sutton.

Uncle Vic Chapman, who was NSW's first Indigenous School Principal, spoke of his pride in being associated with Woolyungah and the University.

"I hope the Elders of the future will work with non-indigenous leaders to help create a truly united Australia," Mr Chapman said.

"If collective groups can build things like the Sydney Opera House and run two Olympic Games, they can surely do much to right social and racial issues affecting our country," he said.

BELOW: Vice Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton speaking at the opening of National Reconciliation Week.



Staff Profile

Bob WhewayHonorary Principle Fellow Engineering Faculty

An undergraduate, a mechanical Engineering PHD and an Academic, Bob Wheway, has been part of the UOW community in some capacity for almost as long as it has existed.



This year marks the University's 60th Anniversary and for over 52 of those years Bob has been a familiar face in the University's Engineering Faculty.

Bob is a product of the early community connections which existed between the University and industry. In 1958 he undertook a Steelworks traineeship to get into University which would have otherwise been out of his reach.

"In 1957 I did my high school certificate at Wollongong High school ...I did extremely well and basically I could have done anything at University. But my family was not in the position to send me to University full time and that is why I got a cadetship"

Bob went on to become the first PHD student at the UOW graduating in 1968 cementing himself in the history of the University and providing inspiration for his family to follow in his footsteps.

"I was first in family to study at University but since then I have had three daughters who all did technology degrees here at the University of Wollongong and all finished with first class honors and two of them have gone on and done PHD's."

Bob is now an Honorary Principal Fellow or in his words "An Old Academic" still in service. He devotes a lot of his time to projects which encourage High school students to study Engineering at University.

He continues to coordinate the high school competitions run by UOW's Engineering Faculty as well as coordinator of the UOW racing team, who take part each year in a project which challenges students to design and produce a single seat racing car to be tested on the track alongside teams from around the world.

Bob remembers when there were only 18 staff members and everyone knew each other and says that the fastest change has been the method of teaching.

"It has changed a lot. I am from the Chalk and talk days, but now the students want to be able to down load everything"

One of the reasons I am still here is that I think that if you don't use it you lose it and I enjoy the comradery of the teaching staff and enjoy the interaction with the students," Bob said.

If you are interested in being featured in the **Staff Profile**, contact **community@uow.edu.au**

UOW turns 60 - A digital time capsule marks a milestone

The University of Wollongong is building an interactive digital time capsule to mark the 60th Anniversary. Throughout the year stories, videos and images which paint a picture of University life in 2011 will be collected and published on the 60th Anniversary website for future UOW generations to view.

The theme of the 60th Anniversary is Share your Story and aims to recognise the role staff, students, alumni and the wider community have played in making the University what it is today.

The time capsule is not just for those who study or work on campus; anyone in the community can visit the 60th Anniversary website, or join the UOW alumni Linked in group or Facebook page and contribute a story or image which they feel sums up what UOW means to them.

To share your story visit www.uow. edu.au/about/60

Some Alumni memories already submitted include:

Angelo Rozos • Great Uni and amazing people on campus. Very happy experience at UOW, great memories both on and off campus. A core group of close friends and I were involved in setting up the Marketing Society in 1996, which I believe is still going. Happy 60th University of Wollongong. You gave us so much!!!

Bridget Aitchison • I finished my Doctor of Creative Arts there in 2002. It was a long journey that shaped me for my future career as an academic - a career that has carried me around the world and across the globe. Happy 60th

Shayne Brown • I have since come back and now doing my second Masters through this wonderful institution. My son is in we were putting in his preferences after the HSC, he selected 8 of the 9 at UOW (I made him choose another uni as his 9th!) - It's the only Uni he ever wanted to attend having seen his father through his PhD (plus two Masters) here as well. His earliest memories are of spending time on the campus chasing the rabbits with his brother and feeding the ducks. You could say that UOW has been a family affair!

Josep Mola • As an exchange student I spent 6 months at UOW, and the experience was awesome and the uni was (and still is) the greatest one I've been (of three). I met people from around the world that now are my friends and all I learnt during all the time was great.

Hunter Montgomery • Congratulations UOW! I graduated with my Bachelors

his second year here also. When degree in Commerce in 1995. As a Wollongong local, this fine school was a natural choice for me. The International office provided me with the opportunitiy of a lifetime, I took advantage of their foreign exchange program to study at Indiana University. It was an amazing experience, all thanks to the forward thinkers at UOW.



Innovation Week - Innovation Campus Tours

As part of this year's Illawarra Innovation Festival - 27th April to 31st May, the Innovation Campus and University of Wollongong conducted Innovation Campus Tours and Tours of the AIIM (Nanotechnology Labs) Facility on Tuesday 24th May.

Members of the public were invited to inspect this world

class community of business and research enterprises. Their tour guide was the Director of the Innovation Campus and included an update on the current status of buildings and what the Innovation Campus has in store for the future.

Visitors to the site were also able to visit the AIIM (Nanotechnology labs) Facility,

where the science of nanomaterials and recent advances in many other IPRI innovations were explained by the scientists behind the inventions.

For more information about the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute visit www. ipri.uow.edu.au

For more details on UOW community tours visit community.uow.edu.au

BELOW: Innovation Campus tour group visiting an AIIM lab and inspecting the grounds.





Upcoming **Events**

Chancellor's Awards for Voluntary Contribution: Celebrating Volunteers

Nominations close June 17 For nomination information visit www.uow.edu.au/about/ community/chancellorsaward or contact Rachel Dyer on 4252 8889 or email community@uow.edu.au

Year 12 Student and Parent Information evening – UOW Shoalhaven Campus

22 June 6.30 – 8.30pm Bookings now open For more information visit www.uow.edu.au/future/ events

HSC Economics Day June 23rd 10am – 3pm

Year 12 students studying economics have the opportunity to gain valuable tips in their studies for their upcoming HSC.

UOW Kids Sports Camps 4 July – 15 July

Full day activities available from 9am to 5pm, Contact: The Sports Hub on 4221 8133 or visit www.urac. com.au

Postgraduate Business Courses: Information Evening 5th July 2011, Innovation

Campus

Link to website for more info http://www.uow.edu.au/sbs/ UOW092565.html

Community Engagement Grants Scheme

Applications close 29 July
Apply for grants of up to
\$10,000 each. For more information visit www.uow.edu.
au/about/community/cegs or
contact Leanne Newsham on
4221 3110 or email community@uow.edu.au

AUCEA - fostering community / University engagement



The University of Wollongong is a member of the Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance (AUCEA), a not-for-profit organisation committed to fostering university-community engagement throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

AUCEA offers opportunities to member organisations and

individuals involved in university-community engaged teaching and research including workshops, conferences, discussion forums, publications, learning resources and a visiting scholars program. AUCEA recently joined the Talloires Network, an international association of institutions committed to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher

education.

The 8th AUCEA international conference titled Next Steps: Building a New Engagement Agenda is being held in Sydney from 11-13 July, 2011 and the conference sub-themes are: Leadership, Research, Learning, and Partnerships. To view the conference program or register to attend visit: http://www.aucea.org.au/

Year 11 students lead the way In2Uni

Close to 300 Year 11 Students visited the University of Wollongong for a two day Leadership and Transition Workshop in April.

The students heard inspiring speeches by In2Uni
Ambassadors Angela Saville,
Owner and Manager of Savvy
Fitness and Nalita Ferraz,
Premium Content Editor,
Australian Associated Press.
Workshops on effective study techniques, making the most of your 24/7, the first year at
University and discovering where a degree can take you were held for the Year 11

students.

Students competed for prizes when they undertook the Leadership Challenge. Students worked in teams to design and present an advertising campaign around the theme of "Where could Uni take you?"

The Year 11 Leadership and Transition Workshops are run as part of the In2Uni program which is a partnership between UOW and the Department of Education and Training, Illawarra and South East Region. The program aims to inspire students to think about University as an

option for them.

"The Year 11 Leadership and Transition Workshops are an opportunity for students to get a taste of University life and to really start to build the skills which will help them succeed at school and beyond" said Kylie Austin – Program Coordinator, Schools Outreach and Mentoring.

BELOW: In2Uni Year 11 students discover UOW.

