



Step back in time at the UOW 60th Anniversary Exhibition

Step back in time and see how far the University of Wollongong has come in 60 years at an exhibition at the UOW Library's Panizzi Room.

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The 60th Anniversary Exhibition will be open to the public until 18 November. It features videos and images which paint a picture of the University's past and present.

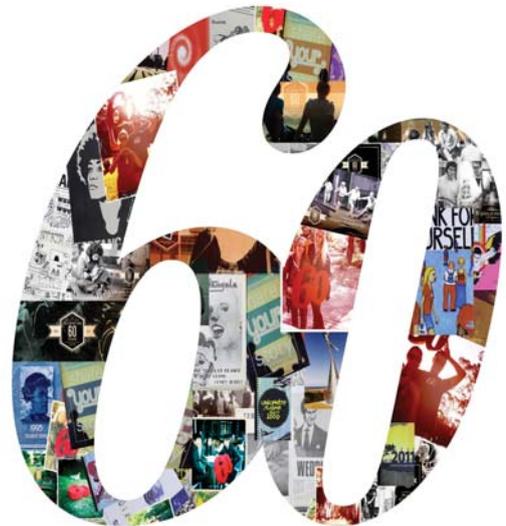
The theme of the 60th Anniversary is 'Share your Story' and throughout the year UOW staff, students, alumni and community members have connected with UOW to share their own accounts of University history through personal memories and experiences.

The 60th Anniversary has also provided an opportunity to delve into UOW's historical archives and digitalise images and footage of days gone by to be enjoyed by the current campus community and be preserved for the future.

The 60th Anniversary Exhibition includes images of the colourful campus community from the 1960s through to today, as well as news footage of student rallies from the 1960s and 70s, the changing faces of student publications and iconic images of the Wollongong campus over the years.

Themed Living History Sessions were also held each Wednesday morning throughout the exhibition, featuring talks by UOW community members about their personal UOW experience.

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Interviews help students get ahead



ABOVE: Speed Interviewing

Around 80 students from across the University's faculties attended the recent Career Ahead Speed Interviewing event hosted by the Alumni Office and Careers Central.

Held on October 20, the event saw final and penultimate year as well as postgraduate students participate in mock interviews in the hope of honing their skills in preparation for their entry into the workplace.

Senior Alumni Relations Coordinator Kelly Salmon said 48 UOW alumni acted as interviewers on the day, asking students a series of mock interview questions in an allocated amount of time.

"The interviewers varied from alumni currently in graduate positions to Senior Managers and CEO's. There were representatives from Railcorp, Peoplecare, Bluescope Steel, Wollongong City Council, Department of Education, Thomas and Coffey and the Attorney General's Department," she said.

"Many of the alumni said the students were very grateful for the feedback they received and

found the event to be worthwhile."

Ms Salmon said Career Ahead was a unique initiative and had been running at UOW for five years.

Acting Assistant Director, Court Services for the Department of Justice and Attorney General, Kylie Nicholls attended the event as an alumni interviewer. She said the experience was a very rewarding one which enabled her to pass on her knowledge to current students.

"The event allowed me to pass on what I've learnt through 'trial and error' throughout my career and through observing many interview candidates,"

"I think Career Ahead is an excellent program. It's format really helps students prepare for real-life interview situations," she said.

Feedback from a student attendee stated that the event was beneficial in improving the confidence and interview responses of students about to enter the workforce.

"I would definitely recommend the program as a must-do for all students."

Staff Profile

Martin Smith

Academic Services Division
Careers Central
Unit Head



Where do you work at UOW?

I have been leading the development of activities within Careers Central at UOW since 1995.

I have been a member of the UOW Community Engagement Committee since its inception.

Would you tell us about the community engagement work that you have undertaken recently?

Careers Central worked with the Alumni office in 2011 to stage the Career Ahead Speed Interviewing program in late October – bringing the Alumni community back in to the learning experience of current students to further prepare them for the rigours of the job interview process.

Careers Central undertook further work this year in workplace learning – where host organisations from various sectors (business, government and community sectors) provide an opportunity for UOW students to apply their discipline knowledge and personal skills to real workplace settings. Some of these programs focus on the needs of international students – and there have been some worthy outcomes where intercultural understandings have been fostered.

This year has also seen the Jobs on Campus project take off in a big way – 220 casual roles were advertised through this initiative – which builds engagement and a better sense of the UOW community between current students and their university.

I get invited to present to various community audiences – knowing that your words and deeds are of value to diverse groups such as the Smith Family or the African Students Society makes it easy to say yes to these ongoing requests.

What does community engagement mean to you and your work and why is it important?

It has become increasingly important to work closely with our external communities (business, industry, government, community and other educational providers including schools). The rationale behind this? To better prepare individuals for their journey into the University, through their university experience, and out into the wider world. It is beneficial to link people to information and opportunities to inform and empower their choices. That is what underpins Career Development processes through lifelong and lifewide contexts – so the 'connecting' role of Careers Central at the interface between education and the wider world is quite unique – and absolutely important.

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

Collaboration increasing staff capacity

UOW's Professional and Organisational Development Unit (PODS) recently offered staff an innovative leadership development program that helped increase leadership and capability strengths by making real and lasting contributions to the Illawarra community. PODS collaborated with the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE), and made the most of UOW's uniquely-placed ability to unite teams of staff and students.

The Impact@UOW program provided PODS with an opportunity to develop the leadership and project management capability of staff, and CSE a chance to involve students in community projects that could give them beneficial real work experience.

There were four projects that directly benefited well-known community groups in the Illawarra Region: Barnardos, the child welfare association (project

- awareness raising Big Kids Carnival), House With No Steps, an organisation supporting people with disabilities (project - Trivia Night fundraiser), Strategic Community Assistance for Refugee Families (SCARF) (project - Family Fun day for refugee families), and the Cancer Council, (project - Relay for Life fundraisers in the Illawarra).

The projects presented a fantastic opportunity for staff to

improve their skills in project management and leadership while at the same time making a real difference in the community. It also gave staff and students a wonderful opportunity to engage with and learn from each other.

BELOW: L-R Pete Cusack, Angelina Cusack, Matt Kusi-Appauyh, Shirley Hazell and Jodie Hazell at Relay for Life, Deb Tetley at Barnardos Big Kids Carnival and Karyn Ridgway, Joanne Vercoe with happy children at SCARF's Family Fun Day.



SMART Infrastructure Facility showcased

Whilst visiting the SMART Infrastructure Facility last month, Prime Minister Julia Gillard announced the National Broadband Network will be rolled out into Wollongong in 2012. The city will be the largest regional centre to join the NBN so far.

Ms Gillard said the NBN roll-out in Wollongong would create 500 jobs at the peak of construction and support increased jobs in the region once it was complete.

"The NBN does look to source people locally. It's about transforming our economy and literally brings the world to your door," she said, "it is good news for the long-term economic future here."

The NBN will give a boost to the region's emerging technological sector fuelled by the University of Wollongong's information and

communication graduates.

Ms Gillard also announced that \$25.5 million in pre-construction funding for the Maldon to Dombarton freight rail link, which will link Port Kembla to south western Sydney. The aim is to make the project "shovel ready".

SMART also played host to the October "Business After Hours" event, an Illawarra Business Chamber (IBC) initiative.

Welcoming the Illawarra business community, UOW Deputy Vice-Principal (Finance and IT) Damien Israel spoke of a shared commitment to the development of business capability and prosperity in the region.

"Its purpose is to develop a new branch of research called 'integrated infrastructure planning and management',

analysing the individual and combined effects of infrastructure systems and how they can better work together to serve the community and business," he said.

Guests were shown a presentation outlining a recently completed project undertaken with the Port Kembla Coal Terminal, Pacific National, BlueScope Steel and the Port Kembla Port Corporation.

SMART Chief Operating Officer Tania Brown said SMART's research benefited a wide cross section of community.

"SMART will make a highly significant contribution on a local as well as national level, enhancing infrastructure resilience for the community and business," she said.

BELOW: Prime Minister Julia Gillard visiting SMART.



Upcoming Events

UOW 60th Public Exhibition

24 Oct - 18 Nov
Panizzi Room
Call Georgina Wiles on 4252 8990, email gwiles@uow.edu.au or visit www.uow.edu.au/about/60

Inaugural Goldring Lecture

18 Nov 4.00 – 5.00pm
The Hon. Robert French AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, lecture in honour of the late Jack Goldring, Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Law. Topic: "The Judicial Function in an Age of Statutes". Free and open to the public, but RSVP is essential. To RSVP email bperry@uow.edu.au

UOW Kids Sports Camps

9th Jan - 27th Jan (excluding 26th Jan) - Full day activities available 9am-5pm, active sport filled days with indoor and outdoor facilities. Game sense program for Primary school children, flexible booking options and no minimum or maximum days.

Contact the URAC Sports Hub 4221 8133 or email lmurray@uow.edu.au

If you would like to submit an event please email community@uow.edu.au

Celebrity cricket match to benefit local children

Former international cricketer and UOW Ambassador Adam Gilchrist and friends strapped on the pads for the University's recent celebrity charity cricket match to raise funds for medical research that will directly benefit children in the region.

The University's third annual Stumping Serious Diseases fundraising event was held on Saturday 15 October and featured many former international cricketers and sports stars and celebrities, including dual international footballer Wendell Sailor, former Australian hockey captain Nikki Hudson, ironwoman Hayley Bateup, rugby league internationals Steve Mortimer and Jim Dymock, actor Justin Melvey and former Wiggle Greg Page.

This year's annual Stumping Serious Diseases event also featured a mega UOW MILO in2CRICKET clinic held in the morning prior to the celebrity Twenty20 match, open to young

cricketers from local in2CRICKET clubs as well as participants, parents and mentors involved in the University's In2Uni schools program.

Gilchrist attended the clinic and took the opportunity to meet the young participants, pose for photos, sign autographs and speak about the importance of fostering young talent, both on and off the field to help them to succeed in life. He said that education was the key to opening up opportunities for young people.

He acknowledged the important role UOW plays in creating aspirations and building a future for young people in the region and beyond.

He also

congratulated the University on celebrating its 60th Anniversary in the Wollongong region.

BELOW: Adam Gilchrist with In2Cricket and In2Uni participants



Science Fair attracts record entries

Innovation and imagination have collided as children flocked to the University of Wollongong for the region's biggest Science Fair.

A record number of schools entered for the Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair this year.

The event held on November 2nd attracted 530 students from 46 schools.

Dean of Science Professor Will Price said visiting judges represented the diverse career opportunities in the field of science.

"The Science Fair aims to collaborate with teachers about the way science is taught in schools, inspire students to



continue science study and consider careers in science," Professor Price said.

During the lead up to the Science Fair a team of Science Mentors, enthusiastic science students from UOW, visited schools to inspire students and provide practical advice on completing research projects to students and teachers.

Some of this year's student investigations included: The Mystery of Belly Button Lint, The Viscosity of flour and water, Do colours absorb heat

differently?, and Does pasta make you faster?

ABOVE: Science Fair participants fill UOW's Hope Theatre.