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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WELCOME:

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG.

The University of Wollongong (UOW) has an enviable record of achievement in teaching and research. It is also located in one of the most beautiful settings in Australia, just an hour's drive south of Australia's largest city, Sydney.

UOW is ranked as one of the Top 200 universities in the world†, and continues to be recognised as one of the best universities in Australia by the annual Australian Good Universities Guide.

UOW received the maximum five star ratings in seven key categories in the 2007 Good Universities Guide:

- Positive Graduate Outcomes
- Getting a Job
- Graduate Starting Salaries
- Educational experience: Overall satisfaction
- Educational experience: Generic skills
- Educational experience: Overall experience
- Staff Qualifications

Our students and staff come from diverse backgrounds, both within Australia and overseas. They share a culture that respects openness, inclusiveness, collegiality and diversity.

The UOW Islamic Directory is a useful resource for all Muslim students studying at the University. It contains information on where to find everything from local mosques to halal food products, as well as details on Islamic facilities, University-wide support services and Islamic clubs and societies on campus.

The UOW Islamic Directory is designed to help you settle easily into life at UOW and the wider Wollongong community.

I wish you every success in your studies at UOW.

Professor Gerard Sutton
Vice-Chancellor

†Times Higher Education Supplement - Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2006/2007
ISLAMIC FACILITIES AT UOW:

ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTRE
Located in Building 50, the Islamic Education Centre provides outstanding facilities to cater for the Islamic community on campus. The Centre comprises of a Prayer Space, Islamic library and kitchen facilities. The Islamic Education Centre is administered by the Muslim Association of Wollongong University.

STUDENT CLUBS & SOCIETIES:
A full list of Clubs & Societies at the University of Wollongong can be found at the following webpage: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/csd/clubs/. Student groups interested in forming a club can contact the Centre for Student Development on +61 2 4221 8024. Some relevant clubs are listed below:

MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY (MAWU)
The Muslim Association of Wollongong University was established in 1997 by Muslim students and staff at the University of Wollongong. MAWU currently has more than 250 members, from 50 different countries, making it the biggest and most multicultural student association on campus.
MAWU also organise regular Jumma prayer during academic sessions at the Islamic Education Centre. Charity and other social activities are also conducted to enhance social harmony. MAWU is affiliated with national and international Islamic bodies to help achieve its objectives.
Contact: Mohammed Shanikat, President.
Email: ms241@uow.edu.au
Web: http://wwwclubs.uow.edu.au/websites/mawu

SAUDI STUDENTS CLUB
The UOW Saudi Students Club is for Saudi students and their families to network and socialise. Currently membership exceeds 50 students, and is growing rapidly.
Contact: Ali Almajwal, President.
Email: amja695@uow.edu.au
Web: http://www.wollongongs.com/forum/

UOW INDONESIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
The UOW Indonesian Students Association is a club for Indonesian students, their families and friends. It aims to offer support to students and to celebrate Indonesian culture.
Contact: Email: indonesiaclubs.uow.edu.au

UOW MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENTS
The UOW Malaysian Association for Students is a chance for Malaysian students to interact and network on campus.
Email: malaysianstudents@clubs.uow.edu.au

UOW IRANIAN ASSOCIATION
The UOW Iranian Association aims to promote friendship between all Iranian students and their families.
Email: iranian@clubs.uow.edu.au

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AT UOW:

ACCOMMODATION SERVICES
Accommodation Services offer a wide range of assistance in finding accommodation either on campus or in Wollongong. They can assist you in finding private rental accommodation, gaining access to University on-campus accommodation, and home-stay options (living with a local family).
Visit their comprehensive website at http://www.uow.edu.au/about/accommodation/, or drop in and see the team in Student Central, Ground Floor, Building 17.

CAREERS SERVICES
The Careers Service provides career counselling, career development programs and assistance with finding graduate employment. For more information, go to the Careers Services website at http://www.uow.edu.au/careers/ or visit them on the Lower Ground Floor of Building 11.

ILLAWARRA COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (ICIS)
ICIS is a community organisation funded by the University which provides support and assistance for international students at UOW. The committee organises events in which international students and the Australian community can interact and become aware of each other’s cultures. ICIS coordinates bus trips, orientation activities, an English conversation group, student dinners and other social occasions. For more information on ICIS, visithttp://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/isa/ICIS.html

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM (IFP)
The International Friendship Program (IFP) promotes cultural exchange between members of the Wollongong community and individual international students. Interested students are linked with a “friend” who they meet occasionally for a simple activity such as sightseeing, seeing a movie, shopping or sharing a meal. This helps students learn about the Australian lifestyle and assists the local community to learn about the varied cultures of our students. To learn more about the IFP and how you can get involved, visit the following website: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/isa/IFP.html

MONUMENT
Momentum is an international student mentoring program, which is jointly run by Wollongong University Postgraduate Association (WUPA) and Wollongong University Student Association (WUSA). Launched in 2006, Momentum's goal is to assist new international students to integrate easily into life and study in Wollongong through mentoring groups and fun off-campus activities. The program is free and open to all students. Local Australian UOW students provide the mentorship. More than 170 international students participated in the Momentum program in 2006.

STUDENT CENTRAL
Student Central is located on the Ground Floor of Building 17, next to the Library. Student Central provides a range of advice and assistance to students on a range of matters including enrolment, fees, exams, academic transcripts and graduation. The Study Abroad & Exchange Office and Accommodation Services are also located in Student Central.

STUDENT COUNSELLORS/INTERNATIONAL ADVISORS
Student Equity and Diversity Liaison Officers (SEDLO’s) are assigned to each faculty and can help international students settle in to life and study in Australia. They assist students with a range of issues, and the service is free and completely confidential.

Additionally, student counsellors assist students with personal, work or study related difficulties. To make an appointment to see a counsellor, call +61 2 4221 3445, or visit the Counselling Service on Level 3, Building 11. For more information, visit: http://www.uow.edu.au/student/services/cs/index.html

UNIVERSITY RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE (URAC): The University of Wollongong has a sports centre providing world-class facilities for sport and recreation. Facilities include playing fields, all-weather outdoor playing surfaces, a 50 metre heated swimming pool, and tennis courts. The recreation centre has a fully equipped gymnasium, squash courts, basketball courts, sports store, café (including Halal food) and 24 sports clubs. Activities on offer include fitness classes, leisure and outdoor activities, learn-to-swim classes and a social sports competition.

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (WUSA)
WUSA provides a number of services for undergraduate students, from advice on academic matters to tenancy issues. Their office is located in the ground floor of Building 11. Operating hours are Mon-Thurs 9.30am - 4.30pm, and Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm.
MOSQUES & PRAYER CENTRES:

IN WOLLONGONG:
The Omar Mosque is located a short ten minute walk from the University of Wollongong campus.

> **OMAR MOSQUE**
  9 Foley Rd
  Gwynneville 2500
  Tel: +61 2 4353 1451

> **BILAL MOSQUE**
  All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish
  1 Bethlehem St
  Cringila 2502
  Tel: +61 2 4274 6232

IN SYDNEY:

> **ASHFIELD MUSALLAH**
  1/27 Holden St
  Ashfield NSW 2131

> **ERSKINEVILLE MOSQUE**
  All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish
  13 John St
  Erskineville NSW 2043
  Tel: +61 2 9516 3039

> **GLADESVILLE MUSALLAH**
  Cowell St Car Park
  Gladesville NSW 2111

> **KENSINGTON MUSALLAH**
  All prayers except Jumuah
  1/178 Corner of ANZAC Parade and Todman Ave
  Kensington NSW 2033

> **LAKEMBA MOSQUE**
  Khutbah in Arabic with English translation
  65-67 Wangee Rd
  Lakemba NSW 2195
  Tel: +61 2 9750 6833

> **MASCOT MUSALLAH**
  All prayers Khutbah in English and Bangla
  1215 Botany Rd
  Mascot NSW 2020
  Tel: +61 2 9662 4410

> **REDFERN MOSQUE**
  All prayers, Khutbah in Turkish and English
  328 Cleveland St
  Surry Hills NSW 2010
  Tel: +61 2 9698 4149

> **SURREY HILLS MOSQUE**
  175 - 177 Commonwealth St
  Surrey Hills NSW 2010
  Tel: +61 2 9281 0440

> **SYDNEY CBD MUSALLAH**
  Jumuah prayers only
  Level 2, 84 Pitt St
  Sydney NSW 2000

> **TOWNSHALL MUSALLAH**
  Jumuah prayer
  167B Castlereagh St
  Town Hall
  Sydney NSW 2000

> **WYNYARD MUSALLAH**
  All prayers except Jumuah
  60 Clarence St
  Sydney NSW 2000

ISLAMIC SUPPORT SERVICES:

IN WOLLONGONG:

> **ILLAWARRA ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION INC.**
  6 Bethlehem St
  Cringila NSW 2502
  Tel: +61 2 4296 4540

> **ILLAWARRA ISLAMIC SOCIETY**
  1 Bethlehem St
  Cringila NSW 2502
  Tel: +61 2 4274 6232

> **ILLAWARRA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**
  25 - 27 Lake Ave
  NSW 2502
  PO Box 5
  Berkeley NSW 2506
  Tel: +61 2 4274 6122
  Fax: +61 2 4274 6123
  Email: imwa@imwa.org.au

> **WOLLONGONG ISLAMIC SOCIETY (& OMAR MOSQUE)**
  9 Foley St
  Gwynneville NSW 2500
  Tel: +61 2 4225 1962

NATIONALLY:

> **AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC COUNCILS**
  AFIC Head Office
  P.O Box 7185
  South Sydney Business Hub
  Alexandria NSW 2015
  Tel: +61 2 9319 6733
  Fax: +61 2 9319 0159
  Email: admin@afic.com.au
  Web: www.afic.com.au

> **THE MUSLIM COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES**
  P.O Box 603
  Auburn NSW 2144
  6/101 Northumberland Road
  Tel: +61 2 9648 1070
  Email: mcnsw@bigpond.com

> **ISLAMIC COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES**
  405 Waterloo Rd
  Chullora NSW 2190
  Tel: +61 2 9742 5752
  Fax: +61 2 9742 5665
  Email: mail@icnsw.org.au
  Web: http://www.icnsw.org.au

> **RELEVANT COUNTRY CONSULATES**
  To visit your home-country's consulate website, visit the following site and click on "Index of Missions in Australia".

> **TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICES**
The Australian Government, through the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA), provides a Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) for non-English speakers.

TIS is a national service available to any person or organisation that requires interpreting assistance. TIS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is accessible from anywhere in Australia at the cost of a local call. TIS is a free service for non-English speakers who are trying to contact a government service or agency.

Tel: 131 450

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION & SERVICES:

IN WOLLONGONG:

> ILLAWARRA MUSLIM WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION
25 - 27 Lake Ave
Cringila NSW 2502
PO Box 5
Berkeley NSW 2506
Tel: +61 2 4274 6122
Fax: +61 2 4274 6123
Email: imwa@imwa.org.au

WOMEN’S-ONLY SWIM FOR HEALTH CLASSES
Beaton Park Leisure Centre, located a short distance from the University of Wollongong, run women’s-only swimming classes and aqua activities twice yearly for 8-10 weeks.
Classes are every Saturday from 6 - 8pm (when the Centre is closed to the public) and are run by women-only, for women-only.
Activities include Aqua-Aerobics and Swimming lessons.
For more details please contact Noreen Parrish at Beaton Park Leisure Centre on +61 2 4229 6633.

FERNWOOD WOMEN’S HEALTH CLUBS
Women-only fitness centres located in and around the Wollongong area, including:

> WOLLONGONG FERNWOOD
67-69 Burelli St
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4226 6162
Fax: +61 2 4226 1182

> WOONONA FERNWOOD
335 Princes Hwy
Woonona NSW 2517
Tel: +61 2 4284 5560
Fax: +61 2 4284 5587

> SHELLHARBOUR FERNWOOD
12 College Ave
Shellharbour City Centre NSW 2529
Tel: +61 2 4297 7300
Fax: +61 2 4297 7102

HAIRDRESSING FOR WOMEN
Several hairdressers in Wollongong offer a home-visit service. These include:

> HANNA HAIRDRESSING
Shop 9, 157 Crown St
Wollongong
NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4226 2207

> JENNIFER’S CREATIVE TOUCH
198 Kembla St
Wollongong
NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4228 3500

FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES FOR WOMEN
Wollongong University College (WUC) offer English language courses and will run a women’s-only English language course if demand is sufficient.

> WUC
Building 30
University of Wollongong
Northfields Ave
Wollongong NSW 2522
Tel: +61 2 4252 8803

In Sydney:

> MUSLIM WOMEN ASSOCIATION
The Muslim Women Association is a community-based welfare organisation established in 1983 to cater to the welfare, social, educational, religious and recreational needs of Muslim women of all backgrounds.
47 Wangee Road
Lakemba 2195
Tel: +61 2 9750 6916
Fax: +61 2 9750 7913
Web: http://mwa.org.au/
Email: info@mwa.org.au

> MUSLIM WOMEN’S NATIONAL NETWORK OF AUSTRALIA
Contact Aziza Abdel-Halim
PO Box 213
Granville 2142
Tel: +61 2 9639 6394
Fax: +61 2 9639 6394
Email: zraihman@basil.bursar.mq.edu.au

> ISLAMIC WOMEN’S WELFARE ASSOCIATION
PO Box 430
Lakemba NSW 2195
Tel: +61 2 9759 1675
Fax: +61 2 9759 0024
Email: iwwa@hotmail.com
Web: www.iwwa.org.au

HEALTH SERVICES:

ARABIC SPEAKING DOCTORS IN WOLLONGONG:
There are four Arabic speaking doctors at the Wollongong Medical Centre. They are:
• Dr. Osmat Mizori
• Dr. Carl Mahfouz
• Dr. Ahmad Al-Salih
• Dr. Thaaer Alkhalidy

ALL DOCTORS AT: WOLLONGONG MEDICAL CENTRE
237 - 241 Crown Street
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4254 2600

ARABIC SPEAKING DENTISTS IN WOLLONGONG:
Dr. Adel Shalaby
Dental Surgeon,
Medical Centre Dental Clinic
Shop L01, 121 - 123
Corner Burelli and Keira Streets
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4229 9182
Email: adelshalaby@yahoo.com
EDUCATION & CHILDCARE:

Please be aware that childcare in Australia can be very expensive and in high demand. Similarly, education for children can be expensive, especially for non-Australian citizens.

In Wollongong:

> KID’S UNI
Open Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 6:00pm
Building 10, University of Wollongong
Northfields Ave, Wollongong NSW 2522
Tel: +61 2 4221 8035
Email: kids_uni@uow.edu.au
Web: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/kidsuni/

For updated information on fees, visit: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/kidsuni/fees&booking/index.html

> WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL
PO Box 3000
Wollongong East NSW 2520
Tel: +61 2 4228 9120
Email: wollongong-p.school@det.nsw.gov.au
Prices: Approx. $4000 per year for international students.

> ILLAWARRA SÜLE COLLEGE
(TURKISH PRIVATE SCHOOL)
399 Shellharbour Road
Shellharbour NSW 2529
Tel: +61 2 4296 6000
Classes: Kindergarten through to Year 6
Prices: Approx. $6100 per year for international students, including tuition fees, yearly bus fare, uniform and text books.

> MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUPS
Run by Illawarra Multicultural Services to help parents and pre-school children interact with others in Wollongong in a safe and friendly environment. They can practice their spoken English, play games, sing songs and do craft activities. Cost is only a gold coin donation. Coffee/tea included.
Contact: Illawarra Multicultural Services on +61 2 4229 6855 - Ms Pat Slater.
Where: Illawarra Multicultural Services, 27 Atchison St, Wollongong (every Wednesday, 10.00am - 12.00noon); and Wollongong Primary School, Church Street, Wollongong (every Monday from 9.15am - 11.15am).

In Sydney:

There are several Islamic schools, both primary and secondary, that are located in the greater Sydney area. Visit http://www.schoolseek.com.au/ for more information and relevant contact details.

HALAL FOOD AT UOW:

> POOL UNIQUE CAFÉ AT URAC, BUILDING 13
Tel: +61 2 4229 4914

> UNIBAR, BUILDING 12
Tel: +61 2 4221 8000

HALAL FOOD IN WOLLONGONG:

> HALAL BUTCHERS:
Hastie's Toptaste Meats
89 Auburn St
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4229 1344

> ANADOLE HALAL BUTCHERY
39 Bethlehem St
Cringila NSW 2502
Tel: +61 2 4274 2439

SUPERMARKETS:

Supermarkets in Wollongong stock Halal products:

> WOLLWORTHS SUPERMARKET
Burrelli St
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4228 8585
In addition, all chicken stocked by Coles supermarkets are Halal:

> COLES SUPERMARKETS
Figtree Westfield
Cnr Gladstone and Princess Hwy
Figtree NSW 2525
Tel: +61 2 4229 9288
204 Princes Hwy
Corrimal NSW 2518
Tel: +61 2 4283 7622

HALAL FOOD PRODUCTS IN AUSTRALIA:

> THE HALAL HELPLINE
14 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000
Tel: +61 2 9319 6733
Fax: +61 2 9319 0159
Email: info@halalhelpline.org
Each year the Halal Helpline publishes an extensive list of halal products in its Halal Guide. To obtain a copy of the guide, please contact the Halal Helpline:

> HALAL CONTACT:
Mohamed Rahman
National Halal Coordinator - Sydney Head Office
Tel: +61 2 9319 6733
Fax: +61 2 9319 0159
Email: halalhelp@bigpond.com or halal@afic.com.au

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

> ILLAWARRA MULTICULTURAL SERVICES
27 Atchison Street
Wollongong NSW 2500
Tel: +61 2 4229 6855
Fax: +61 2 4226 3634
Email: info@ims.org.au

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION GROUP
The group is run by Illawarra Multicultural Services to help students or their partners to practice their spoken English, as well as a chance to meet new people.

The Coffee and Conversation Group is free, and they do different activities, including painting, bus trips and cooking.
Where: Illawarra Multicultural Services,
27 Atchison Street, Wollongong
When: Every Thursday fortnight, 10am - 12pm.
Contact: Illawarra Multicultural Services on +61 2 4229 6855.

BANKS:

> ISKAN FINANCE
P.O Box 12
Broadway NSW 2007
Tel: 1800 20 20 21
Fax: (02) 9215 4199
Email: sales@iskan.com.au
> MUSLIM COMMUNITY CO-OPERATIVES (MCCA)
PO Box 233/125 Haldon St
Lakemba NSW 2195
Tel: +61 2 9740 7165 / 1300 724 734
Fax: +61 2 9740 7167

> ARAB BANK
(City branch)
Suite 1A, 200 George St
Sydney NSW 2000
Tel: 1800 646 484
Web: www.arabbank.com.au
(Bankstown branch)
Corner of Restwell St and South Terrace
Bankstown NSW 2200

BOOKSTORES:
> ISLAMIC BOOKSTORE AUSTRALIA
2/157 - 171 Haldon St
Lakemba NSW 2195
Tel: +61 2 9758 4040
Email: sales@islamicbookstore.com.au

NEWSPAPERS:
> AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM NEWS
(Available through the AFIC - Australian Federation of Islamic Councils)
PO Box 1185
Waterloo DC NSW 2017
Tel: +61 2 9319 6733
Email: mail@afic.com.au

TELEVISION:
> SBS TELEVISION
Free to air television
Arabic news from Dubai, 11:30am–12.30pm, 6.25–6.55pm and 11.55pm–12.25am daily.

RADIO:
> 92.1FM - MUSLIM COMMUNITY RADIO
> VOXFM 106.9 - 4PM SUNDAYS:
ARABIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM
> SBS RADIO - 105.5FM.

USEFUL ARABIC-LANGUAGE WEBSITES:
The following Australian government departments and agencies have many online resources that have been translated into Arabic:

> DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS (DIMA):

> ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (RTA):
The RTA have many Arabic resources available online - including all publications necessary to obtain a driver's license.

> CENTRELINK:

> NSW OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING:
For help with consumer rights and for business advice, translated into Arabic, visit: http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ethnic/arabic/arabicinformation.html

ISLAMIC WEBSITES:
> ARABIC-ENGLISH TRANSLATION
http://translate.sakhr.com/sakhr/ellogin_ET.asp
> AUSTRALIAN ARABIC DIRECTORY
www.arabicpages.com.au
> AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF ISLAMIC COUNCILS
www.afic.com.au
> FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM STUDENTS AND YOUTH (FAMSY)
www.famsy.com
> HALALWAY.COM - AUSTRALIAN MUSLIM'S RESOURCE GUIDE
http://www.halalway.com/
> ISLAM AUSTRALIA
www.islam-australia.iinet.net.au
> ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
www.islamic-commerce.org
> ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA
http://www.idca.org.au
> ISLAMIC INFORMATION & SERVICES NETWORK OF AUSTRALIA
www.isisna.com
> ISLAMIC INFORMATION AND SUPPORT CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA
www.isisca.org
> ISLAMIC FINANCE
www.mcca.com.au
> ISLAMIC SYDNEY
www.islacis.org
> ISLAMICITY
www.islamicity.com
> LEARNING ISLAM
www.islaam.com
> MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY (MAWU)
> SAUDI STUDENTS CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG
http://www.wollongongs.com/forum/
> WORLD OF ISLAM
www.islamworld.net

WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION (WUPA)
WUPA offers facilities and services such as the Postgraduate Resource Centre, which includes a seminar room; quiet study area; reduced-price photocopying; computers; CD writers; Zip drives; email and web browsing (in Japanese and Chinese); as well as kitchen and BBQ facilities. WUPA also provides an advocacy and outreach service to assist you during your studies, plus a range of social activities and events.