

University of Wollongong Graduate School of Medicine Pre-Admission Information session 2011

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Purpose of these sessions

- Explore campus options and preferences
- Meet the students and staff of the GSM and ask the questions you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask!
- Check out facilities on both campuses
- Confirm interview details
- A free lunch!!



Welcome !

- Agenda
- Housekeeping
- Questions



Drs Ian Hoult, Col Shepherd and Mark de Souza celebrate the graduation of Melissa Toomba (and baby Joseph) in 2010



Introductions – the Admissions team



A/Prof Lyndal Parker-Newlyn
Academic Leader, Admissions & Selection
Associate Professor of Medical Education



Dr Sal Sanzone
Deputy Chair, Admissions & Selection
Lecturer in Medical Education



Jenni Broadhead
GSM Admissions Officer

About UOW



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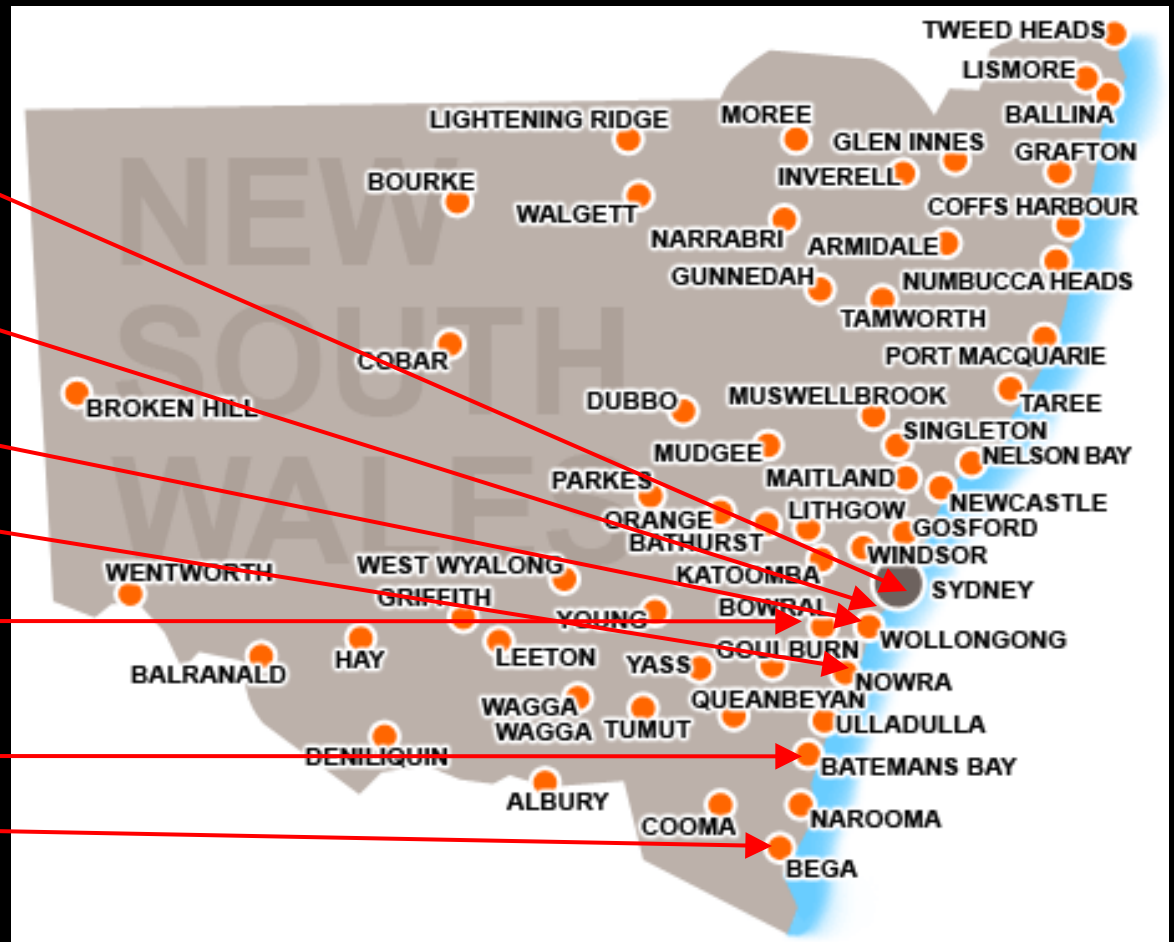


Australian Map



Where are we ? Major campus locations

- Sydney Business School
- Loftus Education Centre
- **Wollongong campus**
- Innovation campus
- **Shoalhaven campus**
- Moss Vale Education Centre
- Batemans Bay Education Centre
- Bega Education Centre
- UOW Dubai



About the UOW MBBS program



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The context for a new school

- Health workforce shortage especially in regional, rural and remote Australia
- Changing patterns of health care service
- Changing philosophies and opportunity for innovation in medical education



Our vision

The UOW Graduate School of Medicine aims to lead development and implementation of strategies that **effectively address the shortage of medical practitioners in regional, rural and remote Australia**, achieving national and international status as a leader in medical education.



Overview of the School

- Graduate-entry
- 84 student cohort
- Distributed two-campus delivery model
- Early clinical contact
- Integrated learning
2 weekly cycle built around a case
- Hybrid model - mixed methods of learning



Medical student Simon checks patient records at Shoalhaven Hospital

Campus Information



Medical students including Luke and Travis studying in the Resource Centre, Wollongong campus

- The UOW GSM is one school, however delivers the MBBS curriculum across two campuses.
- One campus is situated in the regional city of Wollongong and the other is approximately 90km south in the rural town of Nowra.



- Students from both campuses enjoy new purpose built facilities, excellent access to resources and a small collegiate environment with staff and peers.
- For each student intake, 28 students are based at Shoalhaven campus (Nowra) and 56 students are based on Wollongong campus.
- Campus allocation applies to Phase 1 only



Educational Philosophy

- Students are adult learners bringing life experience and broad range of educational backgrounds
- Active engagement with learning
- Clinical context drives need for learning
- Learning in context requires mastery of electronic technology



Medical student John prepares a patient for cannulation



Educational Philosophy contd...



Dr Sal Sanzone teaches medical student Vanessa about reflexes in the Clinical Skills Centre

- Explosion of knowledge requires lifelong learning
- Clinical competence requires early exposure, frequent repetition, observed practice
- Clinical problem-solving requires critical thinking, sound grasp of science, frequent rehearsal
- Attitudinal and behavioural aspects of care are important
- Equity of experience in diverse learning environments



Our curriculum - principles

- A spiral integrated curriculum
- Case based learning
- Clinical skills centre & placements
- Competency based assessment
- Use of technology
- Community focus, primary care context
- Mentorship, reflection, support



Curriculum structure



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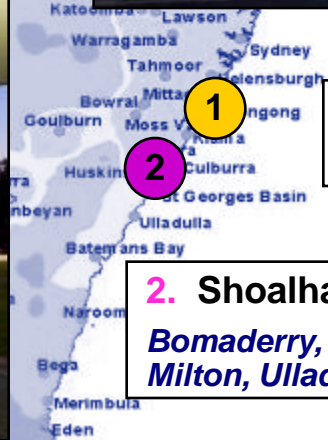
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Placement regions for Phase 1



1. Illawarra
Gerringong to Helensburgh

2. Shoalhaven
Bomaderry, Nowra, Shoalhaven Heads, Milton, Ulladulla & Sanctuary Point

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Integrated foundations of clinical medicine, medical sciences and clinical skills delivered in case based system oriented blocks

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Phase 2 Hospital rotations in clinical specialties with rotation specific case based learning core

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Phase 2

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Placement regions for Phase 2



3. Southern Highlands

Bowral, Mittagong, Moss Vale & Hill Top

1. Illawarra

Gerringong to Helensburgh

2. Shoalhaven

Bomaderry, Nowra, Shoalhaven Heads, Milton, Ulladulla & Sanctuary Point



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Phase 2 Hospital rotations in clinical specialties with rotation specific case based learning core

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Phase 2

Phase 3 Extended integrated community placement in rural / regional primary and hospital care with electronic case based learning core

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Phase 3

Placement regions for Phase 3



4. Broken Hill Collaboration
Broken Hill, Menindee & Wilcannia

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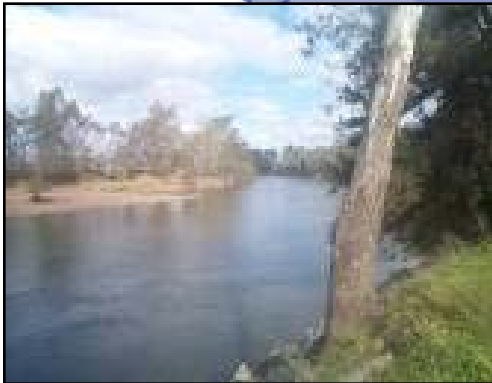


6. Mudgee
Mudgee & Gulgong

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5. Murrumbidgee
Griffith, Leeton & Narrandera

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3. Southern Highlands
Bowral, Mittagong, Moss Vale & Hill Top

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1. Illawarra
Gerringong to Helensburgh

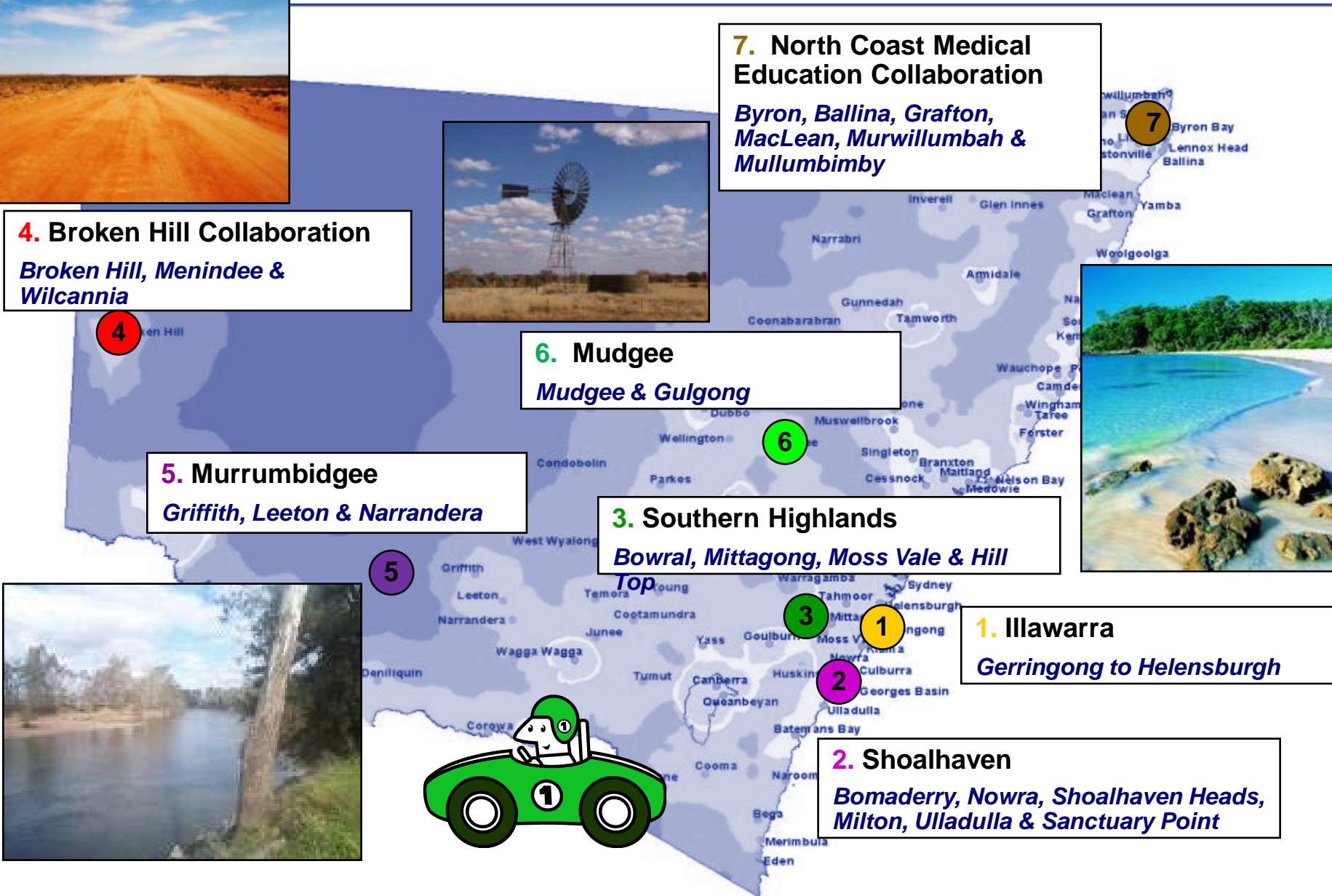
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2. Shoalhaven
Bomaderry, Nowra, Shoalhaven Heads, Milton, Ulladulla & Sanctuary Point

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7. North Coast Medical Education Collaboration
Byron, Ballina, Grafton, MacLean, Murwillumbah & Mullumbimby

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Phase 1

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Phase 2 Hospital rotations in clinical specialties with rotation specific case based learning core

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Phase 2

Phase 3 Extended integrated community placement in rural / regional primary and hospital care with electronic case based learning core

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Phase 3

Phase 4 Elective, specialty selective and pre-internship rotations with electronic JMO focused case based learning core

Placement regions for Phase 4



Selective

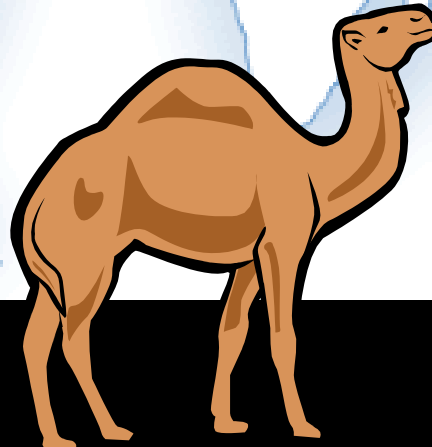
Selective can be undertaken anywhere in Australia gaining more experience in a specialty of interest

Elective

Elective can be undertaken anywhere in the world (that DFAT deems safe) studying any specialty of medicine

PRINT

Pre-internship (PRINT) can be undertaken at our teaching hospitals learning the specific roles of a junior medical officer



Educational Goals

- Expert, knowledgeable clinicians in all branches of medicine
- Practice patient centred, evidence based, cost-effective medicine
- Reflective practitioner / self-correcting
- Caring, empathic, culturally appropriate
- Skilled communicators
- Teamwork
- Socially responsible, committed to reducing inequity of health care, esp. in rural Australia



About our facilities



Educational technology

Lecture theatres in Wollongong and Shoalhaven are linked by high quality audiovisual equipment allowing interactive learning between students on both campuses.



Wollongong students watching a lecture delivered by Dr Mark de Souza in Shoalhaven

Clinical skills

Students learn and master their foundation clinical skills in a supervised well equipped clinical skills centre environment, while also learning from hospital and GP patients and patient volunteers.





Patient volunteers – Liz Hilton

An essential part
of our
teaching
team are our
Patient
Volunteers
and Teaching
Associates.

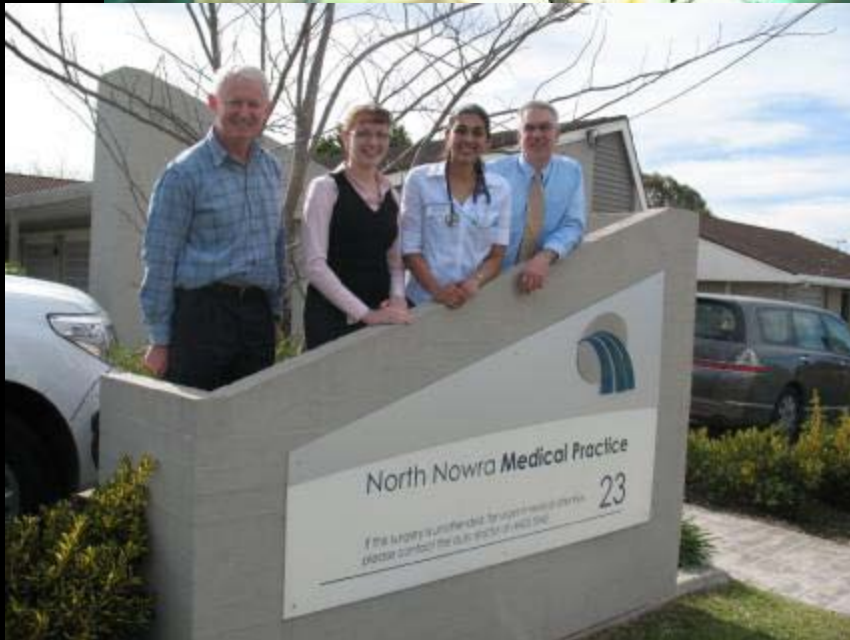


Clinical placements



Clinical placements occur early and students practice their skills in hospitals and the community in a supported environment

Medical students Katie F, Melissa, Monique and Katie R assisting in surgery, general practice and obstetrics



Study resources

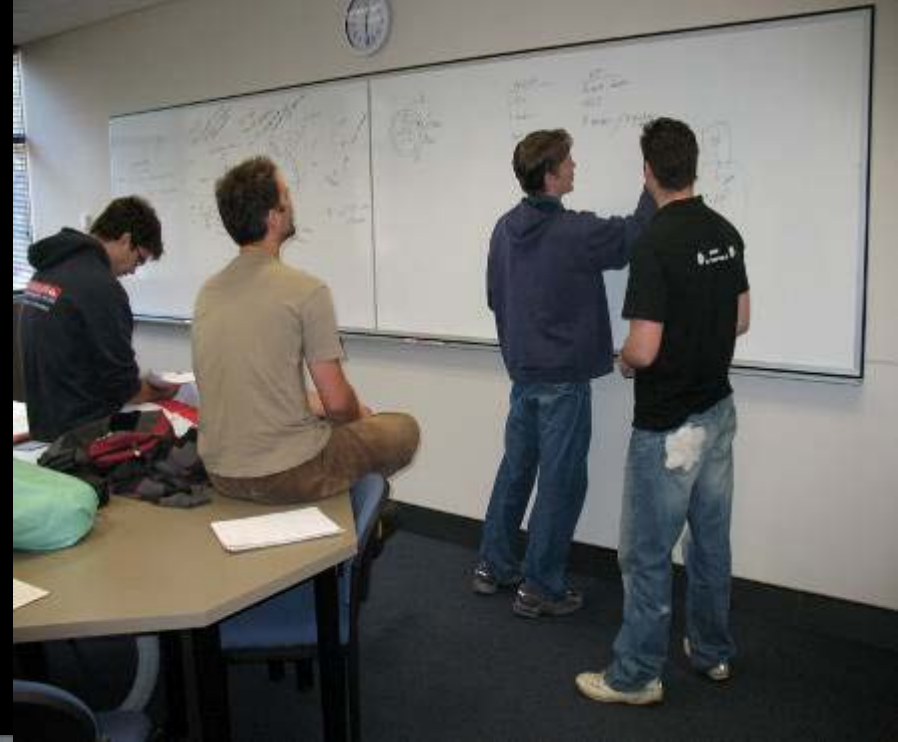
Students undertake a significant amount of independent learning as the course is designed with the needs of the adult learner in mind. Excellent study resources exist in both purpose built GSM buildings and campus libraries.



Students in the resource centre in Wollongong and Shoalhaven

Learning in groups

Much of the student learning is collaborative, with students working in small groups on common learning objectives. The teamwork skills learned by our students are essential to function as an excellent medical practitioner in any context.



Case Based Learning



Your CBL group is like your family in Phase 1 and groups are designed to be a representation of the whole cohort with a spread of gender, age, background and academic experience



Get involved!



Campuses



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Campus preference

- UOW GSM is one school
- Campus preference WILL NOT affect your likelihood of receiving an offer
- Special consideration will be considered but not guaranteed – TELL US
- Offers are not negotiable once made
- You will have a **fantastic** experience regardless of campus
- Experiences **different** but equitable
- Campus preference only applies to Phase 1
- Campus allocation made with a variety of factors in mind
- Students have performed equally well at both campuses

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Wollongong city and region



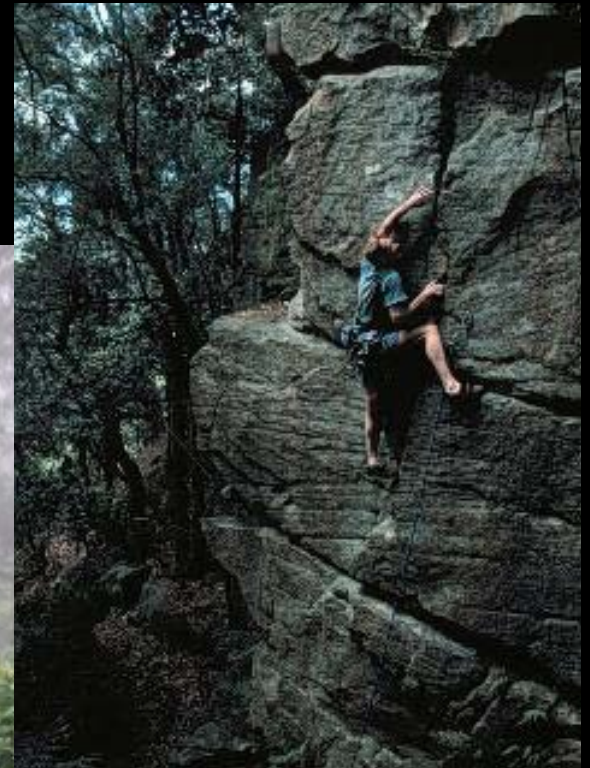
- 81 km S of Sydney,
- pop. 250,000
- Glorious natural surroundings, superb beaches and a growing reputation as a city that appreciates fine food and wine.
- Small coastal villages boast excellent surfing beaches, and Lake Illawarra offers a choice of sailing, waterskiing, canoeing and fishing

Images of Wollongong

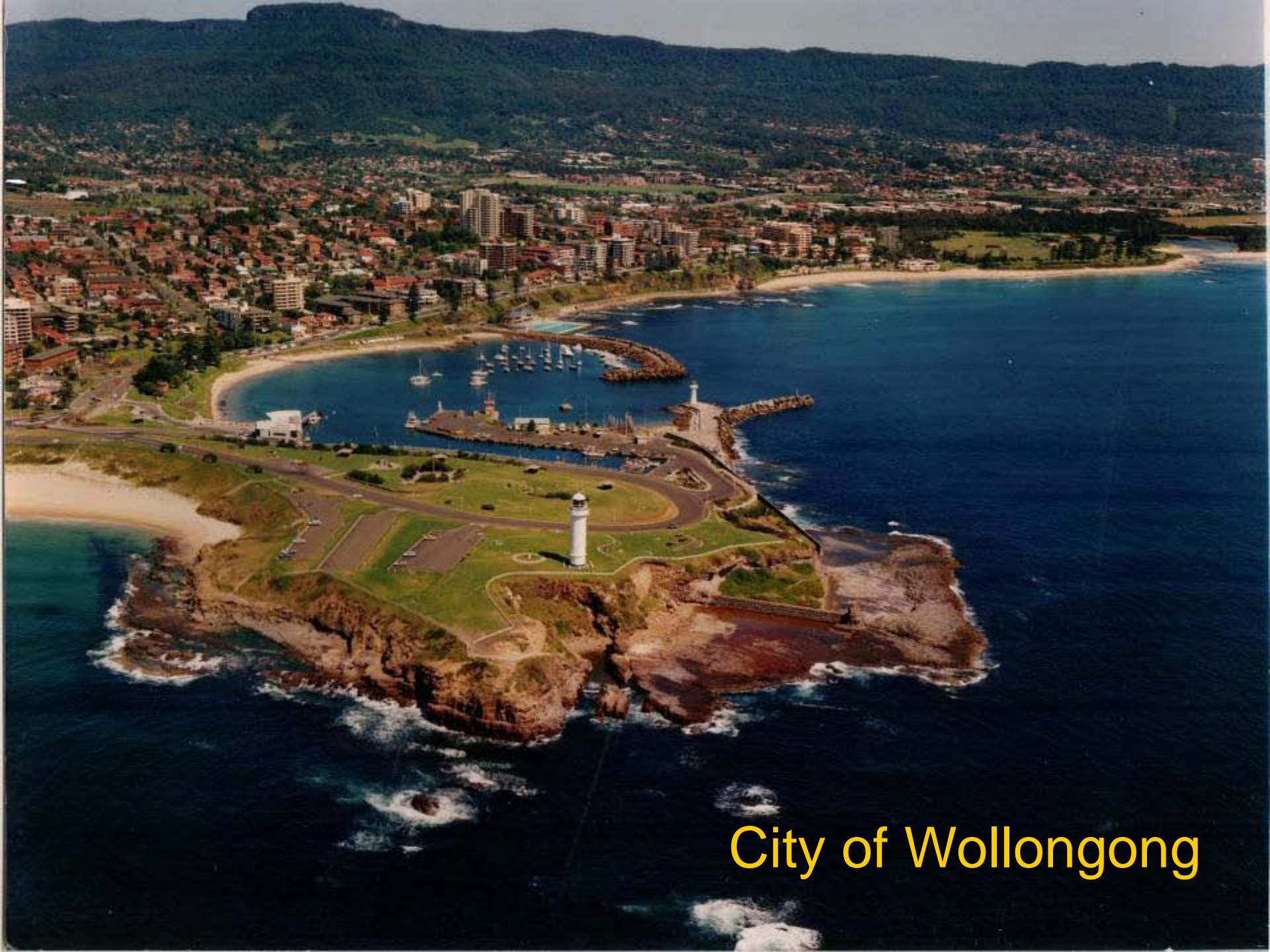


North Wollongong beach (above)
The Sea Cliff Bridge (right)

Images of Wollongong



Landscape of Mount Keira



City of Wollongong

Wollongong campus

- Wollongong campus sits at the base of Mt Keira in North Wollongong, and comprises a leafy environment of landscaped gardens and water features.
- Approximately 20,000 students are enrolled at Wollongong campus.
- The campus has all the lively activity you would expect of a sophisticated university campus, yet remains relaxed and friendly.





Wollongong campus



Graduate School of Medicine, Shoalhaven Campus



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Nowra and the Shoalhaven region

160 km south of Sydney
pop. 35,000

Rural town on the Shoalhaven River - the river offers fishing, boating and river cruises.

The region is a stretch of coast with beaches, bays and coastal villages.

The beaches have white sands and wildlife and the waters abundant with fish, dolphins and migrating whales.



Shoalhaven campus

- Shoalhaven campus lies on the western outskirts of the town of Nowra and is surrounded by bushland, with unspoilt views across to the hills of Morton National Park in the west. It is a unique and peaceful environment, complete with resident wildlife!
- Approximately 350 students are enrolled at Shoalhaven campus from all courses.
- Shoalhaven has a quiet, relaxed and familiar atmosphere.





The campus is surrounded by bush with beautiful views - and we have the wildlife to prove it !!



Life as a Wollongong student – Shannon Geary



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Admissions process





- From this year forward, the GAMSAT Consortium of Medical Schools in Australia is introducing an on-line application system for graduate-entry Medicine.
 - More preferences for students
 - More equitable process for students
 - More transparent process
- GEMSAS will calculate GPAs and process applicants according to schools' individual selection rules.
- For assistance contact info@gemsas.edu.au

For the 2012 cohort

- 1,513 domestic applicants placed UOW as one of their preferences
- 250 placed UOW as their first preference
- 155 interview offers have been made from all six preferences
- 72 will be offered a place in the MBBS programme for 2012

UOW Interviews



Medical students on their first clinical placement

- Domestic students interviewed annually in Wollongong and Shoalhaven
- International students have been interviewed in USA and Canada and by phone/video to Malaysia, India, Micronesia, Hong Kong and Germany
- Designed to assess personal qualities



Personal qualities valued by the GSM

- Communication skills
- Empathy & compassion
- Resilience and coping skills
- Decision making & Problem solving ability
- Teamwork
- Honesty
- Reflection / self appraisal
- Leadership
- Ethical standards and values
- Insight and understanding



Medical students Clare, Kellie and Amit study x-ray films with Dr Ian Hoult

Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

- Consists of a series of 10 short carefully timed interview stations in an attempt to draw multiple samples of an applicant's skills and personal qualities
- More equitable, multiple opportunities to perform in various scenarios



Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

- The evidence is:
- Both interviewers and candidates reported positive feedback perceptions compared with standard panel interviews
- Deemed less biased and more valid than a traditional panel interview, with better inter-observer reliability



- You will be interviewed by fully trained interviewers from the University academic and general staff, GSM staff, senior medical students, members of the medical profession and the wider community





On interview day you will be able to easily tell who is there to assist you

STAFF and **STUDENTS**


Admissions staff will be in purple and student Admissions Assistants will be in black – ask for help!



What do I need to do now?



Confirm your availability by 7 September and send us your digital photo

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Admissions Interview Availability

By submitting the below form you are indicating to the UOW Graduate School of Medicine, acceptance of our invitation to participate in the 2011 selection interview process for the 2012 UOW MBBS.


Please note this form allows you to nominate, with equal preference, your availability during our scheduled interview week. Once the GSM has allocated your specific interview time, flexibility to make changes cannot be guaranteed. Although every attempt will be made to allocate applicants to times indicated, the GSM reserves the right to allocate applicants to interviews at any time within the scheduled interview week.

Click below the sessions for which you are available. Please select **at least two sessions at both Shoalhaven & Wollongong Campuses.**

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)

GAMSAT Applicant ID:	<input type="text"/>	*
First Name:	<input type="text"/>	*
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	*
Contact Phone:	<input type="text"/>	*
Email:	<input type="text"/>	*
Select times available:	Wollongong Campus Sessions *	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11:30AM Saturday 24th Sept	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8:30AM Sunday 25th Sept	
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THE STUDENT CHARTER



DIVERSITY
ENTHUSIASM
COLLABORATION
RESPONSIBILITY
RESPECT

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Confirm your preferences by 3 October

University of Wollongong - Graduate School of Medicine ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PREFERENCES	
First Name	Gregory
Last Name	House
GAMSAT ID	123456
Email	greg-house@doc.com

PLACE TYPE PREFERENCE

The Department of Education Science and Training (DEST) has allocated a quota of 72 Commonwealth supported places to the UOW MBBS programme. The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing has advised a sub quota allocation of two (2) Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme (MRBSS) places and eighteen (18) Bonded Medical Places (BMP). This form is your only opportunity to rank your preference for the type of place you would like to be offered. Please indicate your preferences of place type by ranking them 1, 2 or 3 below. If you do not wish to be considered for a place type under any circumstances please indicate NO against that place type.

Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship Scheme (MRBSS)	1
Bonded Medical Place (BMP)	3
Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)	2

Your preference order will not influence your chances of gaining an offer of a place following your interview. However, if you have refused to accept a place type and it is the only place type available to you, you will receive no other offer from UOW and will be sent to your next preference school.

It is important that you access all available information regarding place types before making your selection.
The following websites may assist you with information regarding place types.
BMP: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/work-st-bmp
MRBSS: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/work-st-mrb>

CAMPUS PREFERENCE

The Graduate School of Medicine is committed to producing medical graduates with a focus on regional, rural and remote communities. Only 28 students will have the unique opportunity for a full time, authentic, rural medical education experience at the University's Shoalhaven campus, in Nowra for Phase 1. Another 56 students will be allocated to the larger regional campus in Wollongong for Phase 1. This form is your opportunity to rank your preference for the campus you would like to be offered, however you may change this preference up until October. Your campus preference will not influence your chances of gaining an offer of a place following interview. Your campus preference and special consideration (if submitted) will be considered but not guaranteed. Final offers will be made for a specific campus and are not transferable. Please indicate preferred campus below.

My preference is allocation to SHOALHAVEN CAMPUS for Phase 1
If you wish to submit special consideration in support of your SHOALHAVEN preference please provide details AND attach supporting documentation.

My preference is allocation to WOLLONGONG CAMPUS for Phase 1
If you wish to submit special consideration in support of your WOLLONGONG preference please provide details AND attach supporting documentation.

I have no preference for campus allocation for Phase 1.

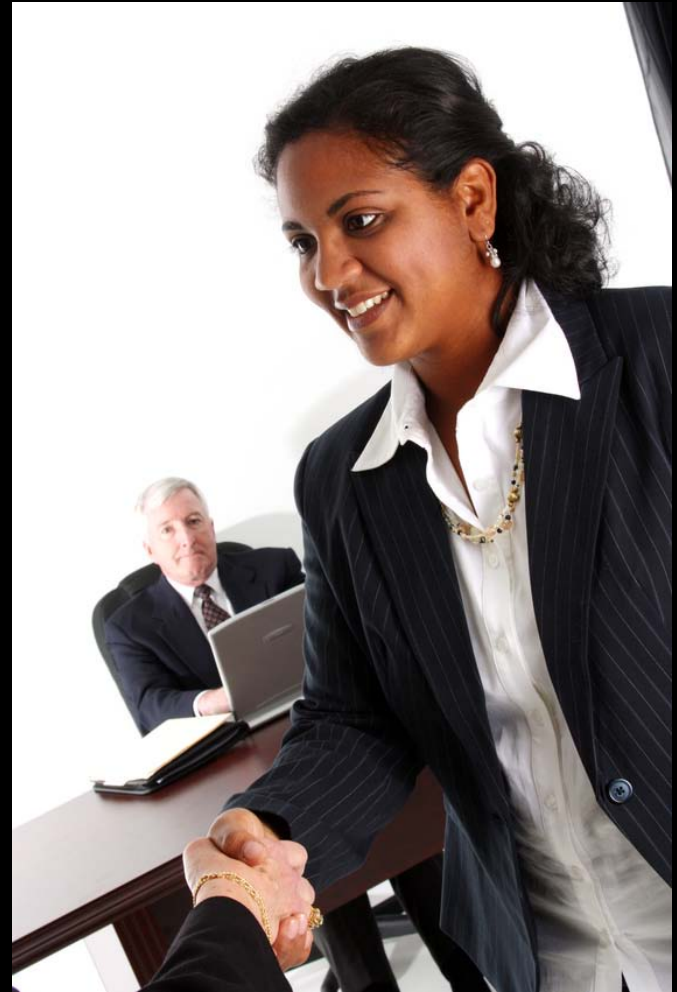
PLEASE NOTE: Campus preferences and place type preferences may be changed up until Monday October 3rd, 2011 - please email the GSM Admissions Officer Jenni Broadhead on jb@uow.edu.au if you wish to change your preferences.

“Jenni’s list” Things to remember on interview day

On the day of interview applicants must bring the following:

- **Letter of invitation** to participate in the interview (you must hand this to the GSM Registration Officer upon arrival)
- Appropriate **photo and signature-bearing identification** (eg. valid passport or current Australian driver's licence)

Be yourself !



Places on offer for 2012

- 12 fee-paying international places
- 72 domestic places
 - 2 MRBSS places
 - 18 BMP places
 - 52 CSP places
 - (these numbers are approximate)





Offers

- After interview we will be loading your interview scores into the GEMSAS system where they will be standardised along with all other interview scores nationally and matched for UOW and any lower preferences



- At UOW we will combine the interview score with portfolio score to rank for place offers
- If you are unsuccessful at gaining a place at UOW, your interview score will be used to rank against your lower preference schools in whatever formula they use for offers.



- Offers are made for a specific campus and place type.
- Offers will be made in November 2011.



Our students – the aim

- We are looking for applicants who have the **academic ability and personal qualities** to excel in our program and to perform as excellent medical practitioners AND excellent Wollongong medical students.

Medical student Melinda checking reflexes



We are looking for 72 domestic students
and 12 international students for the
2012 cohort...



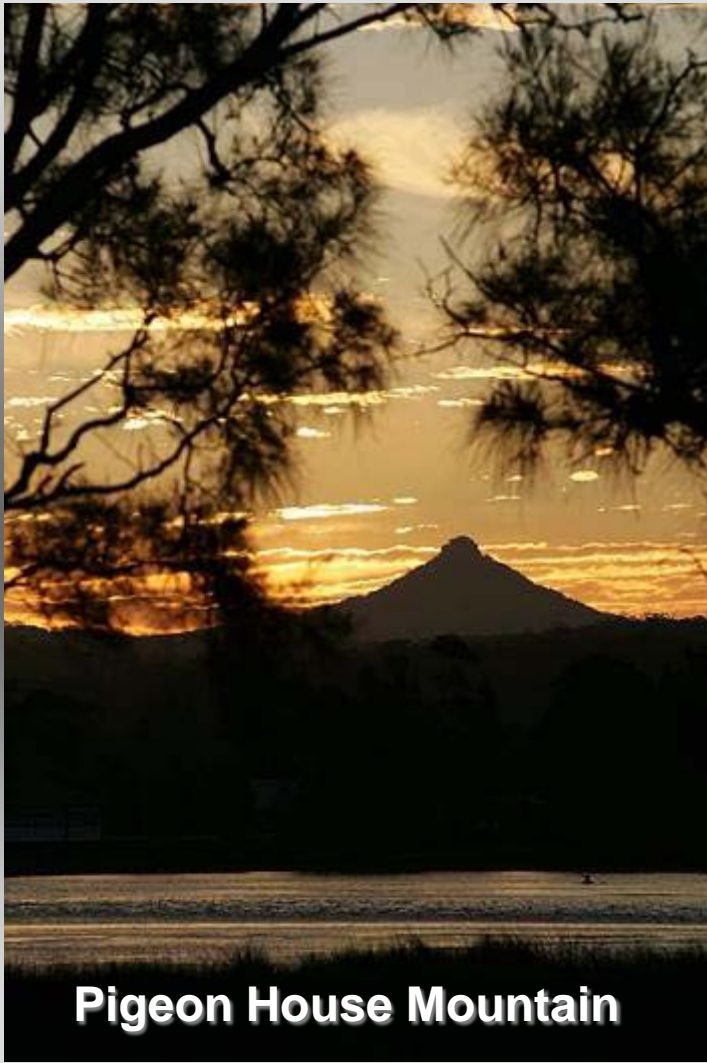
Could this be you??





Any questions?





Pigeon House Mountain

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Thank you!!

