From the Dean

2011 is an exciting year for the UOW Faculty of Law. The academic year is in full swing and we are busily putting the final touches on preparation for a series of events to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Faculty of Law’s establishment. In the two decades since we opened our doors to LLB students in 1991, thousands of UOW graduates armed with Bachelor’s degrees, Graduate Diplomas, Master’s degrees and Doctorates have made their way into successful and satisfying careers. We take enormous pride and pleasure in the successes of our graduates and a major objective of our 20th anniversary celebrations will be re-connecting with alumni. We will also be showing our appreciation to the numerous law firms and other organisations that have, over the years, generously provided work placement opportunities for our LLB students participating in our UOW Legal Internship Program (formerly the Professional Experience Program). I urge all of our alumni and our many friends and supporters to join faculty members and current students in the celebrations. I note that 2011 also marks 60 years since the establishment of the University of Wollongong – so the anniversary celebrations will be campus-wide this year.

Finally, I am pleased to advise that earlier this month I accepted an appointment as Dean for a further four year term. It will be an honour to lead the UOW Faculty of Law into its third decade.

Professor Luke McNamara
For the Diary: 20th Anniversary Events

18-22 July – Graduation week, including award of Honorary LLD to former NSW Director of Public Prosecutions Nick Cowdery AM QC

11 August – Annual Faculty of Law Prizes and Awards Night

9 September – Placement Provider + Alumni Recognition Breakfast, Wollongong

23 September – Placement Provider + Alumni Recognition Breakfast, Sydney

15 October – Alumni Reunion Anniversary Dinner, Wollongong

4 November – European Alumni Cocktail Function, London

18 November – Inaugural Goldring Lecture to be delivered by the Hon Justice Robert French, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia

12-16 December – Graduation week, including Valedictory Dinner for 2011 graduates

Inaugural Goldring Public Lecture

The highlight of our 20th anniversary celebrations will be the delivery of a public lecture by the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia at the University of Wollongong on 18 November 2011. Chief Justice Robert French will deliver the inaugural Goldring Lecture, named to honour the late Jack Goldring, whose numerous contributions to the law in Australia included a hugely influential period as the Foundation Dean of the UOW Faculty of Law. It is entirely fitting that an annual lecture in his memory is being inaugurated in this anniversary year and delivered by the most distinguished of speakers.

Honorary Doctorate for Nick Cowdery AM QC

At the UOW Faculty of Law's July graduation ceremony Mr Nick Cowdery AM QC will be honoured with the award of a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree from the University of Wollongong. Earlier this year Mr Cowdery retired from his position as the Director of Public Prosecutions for NSW, after 16 years of distinguished service. Mr Cowdery is currently a Visiting Professorial Fellow in the UOW Faculty of Law and has been a strong supporter of the Faculty's Postgraduate Prosecutions program since its establishment (see item below).

New Chair for Faculty of Law Advisory Committee
The Hon Justice Terry Buddin, of the Supreme Court of NSW, has accepted an invitation from the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong, Professor Gerard Sutton, to serve as the Chair of the UOW Faculty of Law’s Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee plays an important role in providing guidance and support for Faculty activities. It will be an honour and a pleasure to work with Justice Buddin.

District Court Appointment

Andrew Haesler SC, a valued member of the UOW Faculty of Law Advisory Committee, and formerly Deputy Senior Public Defender, has been appointed as a Judge of the District Court of NSW.

Postgraduate Prosecutions Program

The Prosecutions Program’s LLM (Criminal Prosecutions) is proving to be a popular postgraduate offering, with a substantial increase in enrolments in 2011, due in no small part to the high quality and practical focus of the teaching into the program (including, this Autumn session, by Associate Professor Clive Harfield, Associate Professor Robin Warner, Associate Professor Peter Ridgway, Dr Julia Quilter, Professor Tim McCormack, and senior criminal law practitioners Mark Tedecshi QC, Jeremy Gormley SC, Christopher Maxwell QC and David Arnott SC).

Program Director Professor Dan Howard SC reports that the program is gaining a great deal of support from within the profession, and a Group of Patrons for the program has been established that includes many judicial officers and senior members of the profession, whose support is invaluable to the program and for which we are most grateful. The current members of the Group of Patrons are:

- Professorial Fellow Nicholas Cowdery AM QC (former NSW DPP)
- Professorial Fellow Mark Tedeschi QC (Senior Crown Prosecutor for NSW)
- The Hon. Justice Peter Hidden AM of the Supreme Court of NSW
- Judge Richard Cogswell SC of the District Court of NSW
- Judge Peter Zahra SC of the District Court of NSW
- Judge David Frearson SC of the District Court of NSW
- Judge Andrew Haesler SC of the District Court of NSW
- NSW Magistrate Graham Blewitt (former Deputy Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY)
- Christopher Maxwell QC (Acting Deputy DPP for NSW)
- Rex Wild QC (Victorian barrister and former DPP of the Northern Territory)
- David Arnott SC (NSW Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor)
- Dina Yehia SC (NSW Public Defender)
- Stephen Keim SC (Queensland barrister)
- Lloyd Babb SC (NSW Crown Advocate).

Alumni News
Our number one priority in our 20th anniversary year is to celebrate the successes of and strengthen our connections with UOW Law alumni. We strongly encourage you to give us an update on your own career (or let us know about the achievements of one of your fellow graduates).

Here are just three items of great alumni news that have come our way recently:

- **Bryony Binns** (BA/LLB Hons 2002) was appointed as a Partner with Baker & McKenzie in July 2010. Based in Melbourne, Bryony works in the Employment Group, and earlier this month was awarded a 2011 Australian Leadership Award by the ADC Forum.

- **Rachael Cooper**, (BA/LLB Hons 2002) is the First Secretary (Political) at the Australian High Commission in London, having taken up a three year period appointment in July 2010.

- **Joanne Gray** (BSc/LLB Hons 2005) was appointed Registrar of the NSW Land and Environment Court in October 2010.

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**Calling Placement Providers for Legal Internship Program**

One of the unique features of the UOW law degree is that all students are required to complete a professional experience placement of 20 days (140 hours) as part of the compulsory academic requirements of their LLB. The aim of the legal internship program is to provide our students with an understanding of the human, social and policy contexts of law and legal practice and to develop their understanding of the law in action. The program has proved to be rewarding for students, providers and the Faculty. We are always on the search for new law firms and other organisations to join our roster of placement providers to help us deliver on our commitment to placing students in the type of legal environment they would like to experience.

Most placements are undertaken during the summer or winter recess, as a block or in some other mutually agreed attendance pattern (part-time or in 2 x 10 day blocks). For each applicant we provide a CV and academic transcript. A formal or semi-formal interview can be arranged to assist you in selecting a student. All students undertaking these voluntary placements are covered by an appropriate insurance policy provided by the University of Wollongong. Students are required to sign and lodge a confidentiality agreement with their placement supervisor and comply with any additional administrative arrangements required by placement providers regarding such issues as security or confidentiality. All participants formally acknowledge their agreement to operate within the UOW Code of Practice – Student Professional Experience.

We are currently sourcing internship opportunities for the upcoming winter recess from 27 June 2011 – 22 July 2011.

If you are interested in becoming a placement provider or would just like to know more please contact Liz Mazar (Administration Officer – Professional and Internship Programs). Liz can be contacted via email at lmazar@uow.edu.au or telephone (02) 4221 5331.
Recognition of the Quality of UOW Law Research

In the Australian Government's recent evaluation of research quality of all disciplines across all universities (ERA – Excellence in Research for Australia), the law and legal studies discipline at UOW was assessed by the Australian Research Council (ARC) to be at world standard. According to the ARC, this rating means ‘performance which is commensurate with the average performance in the world in [the] discipline.’ This is an excellent result which recognises the high quality of the research and scholarship produced by Faculty of Law staff members.

Staff Appointments and Promotions

The last six months has been a busy time on the staffing front, with high quality staff joining the Faculty and existing staff being recognised for their achievements:

- **Mr Dan Howard SC** – appointed as Professor
- **Associate Professor Elena Marchetti** – appointed as Professor
- **Associate Professor Warwick Gullett** – promoted to Professor
- **Dr Andrew Kelly** – promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr Jakkrit Kuanpoth** – promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr Robin Warner** – promoted to Associate Professor
- **Dr Julia Quilter** – appointed as Senior Lecturer
- **Dr Jacqueline Baker** – appointed as Research Fellow
- **Dr Debora De Freitas** – appointed as Research Fellow
- **Dr Sam Mullins** – appointed as Associate Research Fellow
- **Ms Felicia Martin** – appointed as Administrative Officer (Research)
- **Ms Elizabeth Mazar** – appointed as Administration Officer (Professional and Internship Programs)
- **Ms Jenna Hoskins** – appointed as Administrative Assistant
- **Ms Lauren Davies** – appointed as Dean's Assistant

Other Staff News

**Professor Clive Schofield** (from the Faculty of Law's Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)) has been awarded a prestigious Australian Research Council Future Fellowship for a 5 year project on *The Limits of maritime jurisdiction: Overcoming uncertainties and safeguarding Australia’s interests*. Only four fellowships were awarded Australia-wide in the law discipline.

**Associate Professor Ian McCall and John Littrich**, from the Faculty's Professional Legal Training Program, were recognised with a 2010 Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for their outstanding contributions to student learning by introducing law graduates to the challenges of professional practice in an authentic and supportive blended learning environment.
Karina Murray will be recognised at the 2011 Vice-Chancellor’s Award next month where she will receive an Outstanding Contribution to Teaching and Learning Award.

Dr Charles Chew was honoured at a ceremony in Sydney as one of the three finalists in the ‘Fair Go’ category of the Pride of Australia Medal Awards for 2010. The Pride of Australia medal ‘honours everyday Australians who do extraordinary things in our communities. They are unsung heroes whose contribution to the Australian way of life is not widely known or recognised.’ [http://www.prideofaustralia.com.au/index.html]

Grants Successes

Faculty staff have enjoyed considerable success in the last six months in competitive grants schemes, to support a diverse range of projects.

University Internationalisation Committee International Links Grants, 2010/2011:

- **Associate Professor Jakkrit Kuanpoth** ‘Teaching and Research Collaboration in Regulatory Processes in Thailand’, in partnership with Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University and the National Health Foundation in Thailand ($9,980)
- **Dr Mary Ann Palma** ‘Security and Stability in the Southern Philippines: Implications for Australia and the Region’, in partnership with the Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research ($10,000)

University Research Committee Small Grants 2011

- **Associate Professor Jakkrit Kuanpoth**, An analysis of technology transfer regulation: The case of biotechnology and software industries in Thailand and Singapore ($8,895)
- **Dr Nadir Hosen** and **Dr Mark Rix**, The ‘Soft’ Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Indonesia: What Lessons Can Australia Learn? ($8,687)
- **Dr Georgia Lysaght**, The Implications of Transnational Organised Crime for Stability in Post-Conflict Zones: the New Blood-Commodity Wars of Central and West Africa ($10,000P)

Law Society of NSW Legal Scholarship Support Scheme 2010/2011

- **Associate Professor Jakkrit Kuanpoth**, Patentability of plant and animal varieties: An analysis of TRIPS article 27.3(b) implementation in Asia ($5,000)
- **Dr Thomas Musgrave**, A comparative analysis of the common law concept of frustration and the French civil law concept of ‘force majeure’ ($2,500)
- **Dr Mary Ann Palma**, An investigation of the legal link between illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and transnational organised criminal activities under international and Australian law ($5,000)
- **Dr SM Solaiman**, Proliferation of financial assets versus innovation of industrial products: A legal and regulatory analysis of the causation and prevention of global economic crisis ($4,000)
- **Dr Sarah Sorial**, Sedition, violence against the state and free speech ($5,000)
• Dr Donna Spears, Exploring responses to mass media representations of crime and ‘the criminal’ through the lenses of interactive media forums ($4,785)

Higher Degree Research Students

Congratulations to the following Faculty of Law students, from our Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) and Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP), who have recently been awarded PhDs:

• Daisuke Sekine (ANCORS) Seapower and Japan’s maritime coalition
• Anthony Morrison (ANCORS) Shelter from the storm: The problem of places of refuge for ships in distress and proposals to remedy the problem
• Kresno Buntoro (ANCORS) An analysis of legal issues relating to navigational rights and freedoms through and over Indonesian waters
• Lowell Bautista (ANCORS) The legal status of the Philippine Treaty Limits and territorial waters claim in international law: National and international legal perspectives
• Sam Mullins (CTCP) A systematic analysis of Islamist terrorism in the USA and UK: 2001-2008
• Hendi Prabowo (CTCP) Learning from the lessons behind the numbers: Trends in credit card fraud prevention in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Indonesia

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