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Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) UOW program manager Nadia Neal says there is clear evidence that participating in AIME gives Indigenous high school students the skills, opportunities and confidence to complete high school and successfully move on to tertiary education (Story: Page 4)
Vice-Chancellor’s message:

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT THE HEART OF OUR UNIVERSITY

The University of Wollongong traces its origins to a community fundraising campaign more than half a century ago that provided the foundations for a small technical-based college to grow into the world-class institution it is today.

So it stands to reason that UOW has maintained a close connection with the community of the Illawarra and South Coast of New South Wales ever since.

This relationship was recognised in 2012 when the inaugural QS Intelligence Unit benchmarking audit of the world’s universities gave UOW 50 out of 50 points for engagement as part of a five-star ranking for UOW across the audit’s six criteria of employability, teaching, infrastructure, internationalism, innovation and engagement.

While the University is proudly international in our outlook, we argue have never been more connected to our home community, through our main campus and the Innovation Campus in Wollongong and our facilities in the Shoalhaven, Batemans Bay, Bega, Moss Vale, Loftus and the Sydney CBD.

We see our responsibility as providing much more than educational opportunities for the region’s residents – important as that core function obviously is.

This brochure provides a snapshot of some of UOW’s key social and economic initiatives that benefit the community and reinforce our close ties.

They range from providing services and funding research that enhances the health and well-being of the community and assisting school students from low socio-economic backgrounds qualify for higher education, to developing major infrastructure that will generate significant employment opportunities for the region and stimulate economic development for future generations.

We also welcome groups on to our campus to share our excellent sporting and cultural facilities, while our staff and students work closely with many community organisations.

And of course with more than 25,000 Australian and international students and 2000 staff calling Wollongong home, UOW makes a major contribution to the region’s cultural diversity and vibrancy.

Professor Paul Wellings
Vice-Chancellor
In2Uni

UOW has a proud history of providing opportunities for “first generation” students to become the first members of their families to undertake university studies. A special program called In2Uni ensures this tradition continues by targeting cohorts of students who are underrepresented in tertiary education and encouraging them to aspire to university studies.

Each week specially trained UOW students work with around 1500 school students at 20 high schools across the Illawarra and South Coast.

The program has developed from a unique partnership between UOW and the Department of Education and Communities, Illawarra and South East Region. It is designed to lift educational aspirations and give school students a better understanding of the opportunities that higher education can provide.

In2Uni’s programs include academic mentoring, leadership and transition workshops, campus experiences and online activities for students, parents and teachers. It ranges from a specially targeted program for Year 6 primary school students through to Year 12.

The student mentors visit schools throughout the Illawarra and South Coast, working on skills development with Year 7 to 10 students. The student mentors continue with Year 11 and 12 students in leadership and transition workshops where they work on study skills, career options and activities that facilitate their transition into higher education.

INDIGENOUS MENTORING

The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) at UOW was established in 2008 to help redress imbalance in high school completion rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

UOW’s AIME program pairs student mentors one-on-one with more than 300 Indigenous high school students for an hour a week for 15 weeks, while others are involved as tutors at afternoon learning sessions at the Aboriginal Corporation Centre in Wollongong and as members of tutor squads which go out to schools during school hours to help the students.

AIME also runs an Outreach Program where high school students located within two to three hours of the UOW campus visit for a full day, three times a year, in a program designed to break down the barriers between them and the University.

Regional Campuses

The University of Wollongong has a network of education centres across south-eastern NSW and southern Sydney designed to bring a UOW education to students who may not be able to come to Wollongong to study.

The regional centres are located in the Shoalhaven at West Nowra, at Batemans Bay and Bega on the South Coast, and at Moss Vale in the Southern Highlands. Each is a joint education initiative with TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute, while UOW Southern Sydney at Loftus is a joint initiative with the Sydney Institute of TAFE.

UOW opened in the Shoalhaven in 1993, followed by Batemans Bay and Bega in 2000, Moss Vale in 2002 and Loftus in 2003. The first degrees offered were from the Arts and Commerce faculties, but over the years these have been expanded to include Education and Nursing. Since 2007 UOW’s Shoalhaven Campus has offered Medicine through an arm of the Graduate School of Medicine.

There are now more than 1200 students studying across the five centres, which play crucial roles in their communities.

Eurobodalla Shire Council is a partner in the Batemans Bay centre. At the opening of a $2.5 million extension in May 2012, Eurobodalla Mayor Councillor Fergus Thompson summed up the value of the regional centres. He said they gave residents the opportunity to enhance their skills and earning capacity without having to leave the area to study in Wollongong, Canberra or Sydney.

“Education at any level is important,” Cr Thompson said. “From the point of view of this community, this (centre) creates employment opportunities or enhances employment opportunities. Not only is it good now, but it will continue to grow and be great for our community.”

UOW’s Sydney Business School also operates a campus at Circular Quay in the heart of Sydney’s financial district.
...give school students a better understanding of the opportunities that higher education can provide.
Northfields Clinic has provided low-cost, high-quality psychological services to the Illawarra community for more than 30 years, while also providing a superb training facility for clinical practitioners.

UOW’s School of Psychology operates the clinic, which was established in 1981 to provide psychological assessment and treatment services to the community and an advanced clinical training setting for post-graduate psychology interns. These interns, who have completed a four-year degree in psychology, work under the supervision of senior clinical psychologists.

Since 1981 more than 4300 interns have graduated from Northfields Clinic as clinical psychologists with Masters, Doctorate and PhD qualifications, making it one of the most successful clinical training facilities of its type in Australia. Many graduates – like Lifeline South Coast Director Grahame Gould – stay on to practice in the region.

Northfields Clinic’s success can also be measured by its outstanding contribution to the mental health treatment needs of the Illawarra community over more than three decades. In that time Northfields Clinic has treated more than 10,000 children and adults for a range of issues including anxiety and phobias, depression, drug and alcohol problems, obsessive compulsive disorder, stress management, sleeping disorders, assertiveness, self-esteem building, anger management, learning disabilities and child behavioural problems.

Mr Gould says Lifeline regularly refers people to the clinic. “We trust Northfields, we know the quality of the treatment there and we have a strong, established relationship,” he said. “I trained as a psychologist at Northfields Clinic and use the skills I learned there in my job every day.”
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Psychology Professor Brin Grenyer describes Northfields Clinic as a “community gem.” “High quality, low cost mental health care is very difficult to find,” Professor Grenyer said. “Northfields has always catered to a very large and varied group of clients who would have trouble accessing help anywhere else in the region. The clinic has such a broad outreach and emphasises preventative treatment and early intervention.”

In assisting so many people, Northfields Clinic has touched the lives of many more – family, friends and colleagues of the people who have been successfully treated.

Top Image: Professor Brin Grenyer says UOW’s Northfields Clinic is a “community gem”.

BRA GUIDE

Researchers at UOW’s Breast Research Australia (BRA) are helping women around Australia play sport and exercise in more safety and comfort.

BRA researchers located within UOW’s Biomechanics Research Laboratory have been studying bra design and effectiveness for more than a decade, including pioneering work on designing better sports bras.

Their expertise was recognised when Sports Medicine Australia commissioned BRA to produce a brochure for national distribution to help women choose the right bra for sport or exercising. This was in response to research showing that few women wore the correct bra to exercise, with the potential to cause physical problems as well as affect performance.

The BRA team produced a free do-it-yourself guide called EXERCISE AND BREAST SUPPORT, launched in 2012. It provides easy to follow explanations on why correct bra fit and support is important for women of all ages when they play sport or exercise, as well as information about the potential for ill-fitting bras to contribute to neck, back and arm pain, especially in women with large breasts.

It contains a practical table that helps women make the right choice of bra based on age, bra cup size and the type of physical activity being undertaken and advice on the type of bands, straps, cup, underwire and material, three easy steps to correct bra fit and a bra fit checklist.

BRA team researcher Dr Deirdre McGhee said the information in the brochure was prepared from evidence-based research, and is a valuable guide for women of all ages. “One of our recent studies found that 88 percent of female adolescents wore a bra during sport that didn’t fit properly, while 85 percent failed a simple knowledge test on bras and bra fit,” Dr McGhee said. “At the same time the vast majority of women, 75 percent in the younger age group and 67 percent among older women, do not choose to use the bra-fitting services that some bra retailers provide.

“So clearly there is a problem, and we are delighted that Sports Medicine Australia has partnered with us to produce this brochure to help women who want to be active – whether it is very physical activities like playing hockey, netball, football, jogging or gym workouts, or more passive activities like walking.”

Middle Image: Dr Deirdre McGhee monitors promising middle-distance runner Kaisha Edwards at the launch of the brochure designed to help active women of all ages choose the correct bra for sport and exercise.

CHECK IT

University of Wollongong student volunteers have played a major role in the success of the annual Check It Illawarra men’s health event at the WIN Entertainment Centre since it started in 2010.

Around 120 medical, nursing, exercise science and medical and health science students work as volunteer clinical assistants at the event, providing free health assessments for almost 1000 men.

Check It is organised by Healthier Illawarra Men (HIM) - a committee of business, community, medical and UOW representatives formed to promote greater awareness of health issues among the region’s male population. The event has been run under the auspices of the Illawarra Division of General Practice, with UOW one of the major sponsors.

The students conduct a series of tests on each “patient”, including taking blood for cholesterol and blood sugar readings, taking blood pressure, and measuring height and weight for a Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment. People with high readings are advised to consult their doctor, while those with dangerously high readings are encouraged to speak to the doctors on duty at the event.

UOW Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health) Professor Don Iverson, who is on the organising committee, says the event has been a great success from a public health perspective, while also providing invaluable training for the students.

HIM committee chairman Mark McDonald paid tribute to the students’ contribution, declaring the event could not have been possible without their input. “They have been absolutely brilliant,” he said. “We were really pleased with the response from the public – having almost 1000 men attend for the first two years – and we simply couldn’t have managed these numbers without the enthusiasm and hard work of our student volunteers.”

UOW Vice-Principal (Administration) Chris Grange says the University has been delighted to be involved with Check It, as sponsors and supporters and through the students’ involvement.

“This is exactly the kind of event that is consistent with the University’s commitment to improving medical infrastructure and services in the Illawarra, through our medical school and our medical and health research programs,” Mr Grange said. “It is also terrific training for our students to have the experience of meeting and interacting with so many people.”

Bottom Image: Medical and Health Science students Karishma Bhandary and Nicholas Corr check UOW Vice-Principal (Administration) Chris Grange’s blood pressure at Check It.
RESEARCH IN THE COMMUNITY

ILLAWARRA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute is a collaborative venture between UOW and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District dedicated to excellence and innovation in health and medical research that will lead to better health services and a healthier Illawarra community.

Based at a $30 million research facility with purpose-built clinical trials facilities and sophisticated laboratories on the UOW campus, IHMRI was established to bring the University’s best health and medical researchers together with the region’s best clinicians.

More than 100 scientists are now based at IHMRI, with a further 180 using the facilities on a regular basis. In addition, the Institute has fostered the IHMRI Research Network – a community of academic researchers, clinicians and other health professionals with a common interest in advancing health and medical research in the region. By early 2012 the network had 715 members.

IHMRI’s research program is based around Population Health, with four core research themes:

- Diagnostics and Therapeutics
- Neuroscience and Mental Health
- Ageing and Chronic Conditions
- Health Care Delivery

Research programs are community-based, with a strong focus on early intervention, preventative health care and investigation through clinical trials.

IHMRI encourages the region’s clinicians and the wider Illawarra community to become involved in these clinical trials aimed at contributing to a better understanding of disease, looking at options for reducing the risk of disease and developing better treatments. The benefits of this research will flow back to the Illawarra community and, ultimately, benefit patients around Australia and around the world.

IHMRI opened in July 2010, and the first commercial trials began in the Clinical Research and Trials Unit (CRTU) in January 2011. Commercial trials already undertaken in the unit include a shingles vaccination, blood lipid control medication and a cold sore treatment, with others planned for treatments for gout, asthma and osteoporosis.

IHMRI researchers have also undertaken investigator-initiated trials such as dietary approaches to weight management, dietary interventions and dementia. The CRTU is also introducing research clinics focusing on researching and providing health care in areas of need that currently are unmet in the region. Initial priorities include the fields of hypertension, obesity and chronic disease management.

UOW’s Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health) Professor Don Iverson is IHMRI’s Executive Director. He believes the Institute will make a significant contribution to the economic prosperity of the Illawarra region as well as to improving the health and well-being of its citizens.

“The continued development of IHMRI ... is not only creating opportunities for residents to access new treatment options but bring new money to the region,” Professor Iverson said. “A health-based economy can be a primary driver of the region’s evolutionary growth. Apart from improving the scope and quality of health and medical services that residents can access, a health-based economy will create a range of new companies and jobs.”

Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute researchers at work in one of the laboratories.
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The Wollongong Conservatorium of Music is the largest regional conservatorium in New South Wales, catering for around 1500 students a week.

Its programs range from early childhood music courses and musical instrument beginner classes to high level musical training and performance in its 21 ensembles, orchestras, choirs and jazz bands.

The Conservatorium teaches around 950 students at its home at Gleniffer Brae manor house, in the Wollongong Botanic Garden adjacent to the University of Wollongong. It also runs a schools program for 500 children at 27 primary and high schools throughout the region.

Conservatorium Chief Executive Officer Andrew Snell stresses that its programs are about inclusivity. “We offer opportunities to anyone who wants to learn about music, from absolute beginners to people who have ambitions to play professionally,” he said. “And our early childhood program is the longest-running in the country.”

With graduates including Australian Chamber Orchestra Artistic Director Richard Tognetti, international musical theatre star Anthony Warlow and the 2012 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performer of the Year, saxophonist Nick Russoniello, Wollongong Conservatorium of Music has a proud record of achievement since it was established in 1972.

And the University of Wollongong has played a major role in its development since 1984, when the Conservatorium amalgamated with the University. These days it is an incorporated body, but UOW continues to be a major supporter, providing a six-figure annual grant to assist with the Conservatorium’s operating expenses.

“The University of Wollongong is a fabulous supporter and partner,” Mr
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Snell said, “Its support over the years has literally ensured our survival, and it continues to provide us with a substantial annual grant.

“Obviously the money the University has contributed over the years has been very important, but there is a lot more to its support than just dollars. We have received great support from the senior executive over the years. (Vice Principal (Administration) Chris Grange in particular has really supported the Con during my time, and the University also provides us with a lot of advice and support in areas like IT.”

Mr Snell said the University often invited Conservatorium musical ensembles to perform at its major corporate events. “This gives our young musicians an invaluable opportunity to perform at significant events, like the opening of the Innovation Campus,” he said.

“It's a great relationship on many levels.”
Many high profile Australian and international sporting teams have used the University of Wollongong superb sporting facilities as training bases – from the mighty United States and Australian national swimming squads to the Wallabies rugby union team and the St George Illawarra Dragons in the National Rugby League.

But just as importantly, UOW makes its world-class facilities available for all kinds of community groups – from learn-to-swim classes to local primary and high schools staging their swimming carnivals in the international-standard 50 metre pool, to junior coaching clinics, junior sports squads that train and play on the sports fields and people attending fitness classes at Wollongong’s best-equipped gymnasium.

Other facilities at the University Recreation and Aquatic Centre (URAC) include a top-class cricket field, a field for rugby and AFL, a championship-standard hockey field with artificial surface, tennis courts, physiotherapy centre, indoor courts for basketball and volleyball and a sports hall (called the Sports Hub) with three courts for sports like basketball, volleyball, futsal and netball.

UOW teams competing in local competitions in sports including men’s and women’s hockey, AFL, rugby union, rugby league and cricket, host visiting teams at the campus for matches.

URAC also houses the headquarters of the Illawarra Academy of Sport - a regional junior sports academy that has produced Australian representatives in many sports, from cricketers Brett and Shane Lee, rugby league stars Brett Stewart, Craig Fitzgibbon and Shawn Timmins to Olympian hockey star Casey Eastham, Commonwealth Games gold medal-winning cyclist Rochelle Gilmore and international surfing star Sally Fitzgibbons.

In April 2012 URAC was the headquarters for the NSW Academy Games, hosted by the Illawarra Academy of Sport. More than 700 emerging athletes took part in the Games, which will be hosted in Wollongong until 2014.

As part of this support of junior sport in the region, URAC also accommodates regional development officers for NSW-ACT AFL, NSW Rugby Union and NSW Tennis.
THE DRAGONS

UOW and the St George-Illawarra Dragons National Rugby League club have a close relationship that extends from the Dragons using the University’s playing fields, pool and gymnasium for pre-season training to UOW health sciences and marketing and communications students doing on-the-job training and research with the club.

Established in 2009, the partnership has proven highly beneficial for the club and the University, with Dragons players involved in UOW activities such as the annual Faculty of Commerce Koori Kids Fun Day for Indigenous children.

In 2012 UOW piloted an innovative new program in collaboration with the Dragons and the NRL, designed to help professional rugby league players combine study with their playing commitments, to help them prepare for life after football.

Known as The Athletic Education Foundation, the initiative allows athletes to manage their sporting and study commitments by participating in a more flexible, tailor-made university timetable and receiving tutoring from high-achieving students.

With 20 players enrolled at UOW, the Dragons have the highest number of NRL footballers involved in higher education.

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WORK-PLACE GIVING PROGRAM

The University of Wollongong’s commitment to community has proven an example to its staff, who have contributed almost $300,000 to community organisations through the UOW Cares workplace giving program since it was established in 2007.

The funds are raised through a pre-tax payroll deduction scheme and other fund-raising activities such as an annual coffee week (when a percentage of every coffee sold at participating outlets on campus goes to UOW Cares) and Christmas card sales.

All money goes towards vital financial assistance for groups working in areas such as conservation, medical and disability support, health and medical research, UOW student support, humanitarian programs and community assistance. Organisations that have received support through UOW Cares include:

- The Smith Family (social disadvantage)
- Cancer Council NSW (medical research and education)
- The Fred Hollows Foundation (ending avoidable blindness and improving Indigenous health)
- Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) South Coast School
- Australian Conservation Foundation (conservation/environment)
- Oxfam Australia (humanitarian and emergency aid)
- Indigo foundation (community development)
- RSPCA (animal welfare)
- UOW Equity Fund (educational disadvantage)
- Para Meadows School (Illawarra-based organisation helping children with disabilities)
- SCARF Inc (Strategic Community Assistance to Refugee Families)
- Careflight (rapid response critical care helicopter service)
- Tanna Island Hospital Relief Fund (established by UOW medical students’ Health Over Wealth collective to help a small island community in Vanuatu)

GRANTS SCHEME

The University also directly supports community projects through the Community Engagement Grants Scheme (CEGS.)

CEGS was introduced in 2005 to encourage and support collaborative University-community projects which have mutually beneficial outcomes.

Over the years projects that have received CEGS funding have ranged from a dietary study to improve the nutritional value of Meals On Wheels food and a collaboration with the Salvation Army and the Police Citizens Youth Clubs to provide children from disadvantaged backgrounds free access to UOW’s Science Centre weekend family program, to a two-year “economic gardening” project. This helped businesses in the Shellharbour City Council area with an advanced entrepreneurship program that included specialised information and operational assistance including business planning, identifying target markets, intellectual property management and leadership skills.

Workplace giving is a simple and effective way for staff to regularly donate to a community group...
Tanna Island children take delight in giving UOW medical student Ben Hill a taste of his own medicine, during a visit by students to the island in Vanuatu. UOW Cares has supported the Tanna Island Hospital Relief Fund, established by UOW medical students who visit the island on an annual basis to volunteer at the local hospital.
ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

Wollongong is now unquestionably a university city, with its economic prospects increasingly intertwined with UOW.
In six decades the University of Wollongong has grown from a small divisional college servicing the Illawarra region’s manufacturing industries to an economic powerhouse in its own right.

UOW contributes more than $1 billion annually to the Illawarra economy through its expenditure on wages, construction, goods and services, student accommodation and transport, and a massive flow-on effect from the 25,000 students at its Wollongong campuses who need to be educated, housed, fed, clothed, entertained and transported.

With more than 2000 staff the University is one of the largest non-government employers in the region, while in recent years it has generated hundreds of millions of dollars in construction spending for new buildings at the main Wollongong campus and the Innovation Campus research and development precinct.

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Major UOW initiatives including the Innovation Campus, the Graduate School of Medicine, the Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute and the SMART Infrastructure Facility are integral to broadening the region’s economic base and capacity.

UOW established the Innovation Campus specifically to drive regional development in the 21st century, by providing opportunities for innovative companies and organisations to co-locate with some of the University’s leading research institutes. It has already attracted commercial tenants from around Australia and overseas.

The first building on the $500 million campus opened in 2008. There are now six, with a seventh due to open in 2013. The Masterplan provides for an eventual 25 buildings and a workforce of around 5000.

In 2011 UOW launched iAccelerate, an initiative designed to help start-up companies working in Information and Communication Technology establish in Wollongong. Based on overseas experience, the University is confident this initiative can generate up to 500 direct jobs.

In conjunction with the iAccelerate initiative, UOW and Wollongong City Council have collaborated to establish StartPad – a business incubator for ICT start-up businesses in Wollongong’s CBD.

UOW’s $500 million Innovation Campus is a tangible example of the University’s commitment to regional economic development.
The University of Wollongong makes a significant contribution to the region’s tourism industry, attracting visitors from around NSW, interstate and overseas.

Around 60,000 people visit the University’s Science Centre and Planetarium at the Innovation Campus every year, making its hands-on exhibitions, science shows, planetarium and observatory with a research-quality telescope one of Wollongong’s most popular indoor tourist attractions.

The visitors include around 600 school groups, many from outside the area. Tourism Wollongong figures also show visitors to UOW for conferences, graduation ceremonies and visiting friends or family members who are working or studying at the University are an important and growing element of the region’s tourism industry.

“Education” is the third top purpose for people visiting the region, representing 17.1% of visitors compared to the NSW average of 6.1%. Visiting an educational institution is also in the top three purposes for international visitors who book accommodation in Wollongong, representing 15.5% of nights compared to the NSW average of 3.6%.

Tourism Wollongong Sales and Marketing Manager Kate Dombkins says Wollongong’s biggest source of visitors is people who are visiting friends and relatives (VFRs) – 59% compared to the NSW average of 47%. “We see a significant boost into the tourism economy during graduation periods at the University, and regard this as an important source of VFRs,” she said. “We see UOW as being the major reason Wollongong’s VFR numbers are higher than the state average.”

Walter Immoos, General Manager of the city’s major hotel, the Novotel Northbeach, agreed and added that conferences at UOW are also becoming increasingly important. “We see a big spike in our bookings from overseas visitors during graduation periods, and this flows through to our restaurant and other facilities. The two graduation weeks (in July and December) are now an important part of our calendar,” Mr Immoos said. “We have also seen a big growth in visitors attending academic conferences at the University and at the Innovation Campus in recent years. The University’s impact on our business just keeps getting bigger and bigger.”

Mr Immoos said UOW had provided an economic buffer for the city during the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) and was an important driver of economic development. “The University gave us hope (through the GFC), knowing the city has a future,” he said.

Ms Dombkins said the city’s student population also provided significant patronage to local restaurants and bars, especially Asian restaurants that cater for international students.

Students from around 70 countries and many areas of NSW and other Australian states study in Wollongong. Here are the Top 10 domestic and overseas sources of students at UOW:

**AUSTRALIA**
- Wollongong 25.0%
- Sutherland 9.8%
- Shellharbour 5.7%
- Shoalhaven 3.9%
- Kiama 2.7%
- Campbelltown 2.3%
- Wingecarribee 2.2%
- Camden 2.2%
- Interstate 1.7%
- Hurstville 1.5%

**OVERSEAS**
- China 9.8%
- US 3.5%
- Canada 1.0%
- Libya 0.7%
- Thailand 0.7%
- India 0.7%
- Vietnam 0.6%
- Iran ??
- Pakistan 0.5%
- Malaysia 0.5%

Right: Science Centre and Planetarium Director Glen Moore. His facility is one of Wollongong’s major indoor tourist attractions.

Below: The Novotel Northbeach at North Wollongong sees a big spike in its business during UOW’s graduation weeks.
Around 60,000 people visit the University’s Science Centre and Planetarium at the Innovation Campus every year...
Cover image: Dietician and UOW researcher Fiona Manning pictured with Meals on Wheels recipient John Roberts. Fiona worked on a UOW health sciences research project in 2011 designed to improve the nutritional value of the meals delivered to hundreds of elderly people across the Illawarra community. The research was funded through UOW’s Community Engagement Grants Scheme (CEGS), which supports collaborative partnerships between staff, students and the community.