Message from the Vice-Chancellor

It is with great pleasure that the University launched its new online alumni system — my Alumni Centre — in April.

my Alumni Centre enables the University to automatically allocate all of its graduates to alumni membership, and keep in contact with our valuable members.

An alumni campaign has been launched through LinkedIn, Facebook and the media to locate anyone who has ever graduated from UB, and request they update their details.

Therefore, if you know of any graduates from UB, please ask them to go to the alumni website—ballarat.edu.au/alumni—and update their contact details.

As a token of our appreciation, all members who update their details will be sent a University of Ballarat alumni pin. Those members who haven’t received a pin, should contact the alumni office.

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GOLDEN KEY NEW MEMBER RECEPTION 2012

The International Golden Key Honour Society’s University of Ballarat Chapter held its annual new member reception at the Mercure Ballarat Lodge on Friday 4 May.

UB Golden Key President, David Sproules said:

“What a sensational night we had. Our expectations of numbers were exceeded with 198 new members being inducted on the night. Last year we welcomed 76 new members.

In attendance were Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, Ms Rowena Coutts, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Cr Mark Harris, Ballarat Mayor and Susanna Chan, Asia-Pacific Golden Key University Relations Officer.

Additionally we inducted two Honorary members — Cr Mark Harris, and Dr Paul Hemming, Deputy Chancellor.

Our chosen charity, the Ballarat Foundation, represented by Chairman, James Coghlan will receive $500 from the night from our raffle, this being the third year we’ve supported the Foundation.

Special thanks must go to Ally Faithful, Jeannie King and the UB team for their exceptional help and assistance on the night.

A big congratulations to our new members. It is now up to you to make the most of your membership.

If you need any further information or help with Golden Key please let us know via goldenkey@ballarat.edu.au.

Our Executive Committee has already doubled, so we’re confident of a strong year ahead”.

Golden Key new members with their certificates

New member Niranjan Gupta with Professor David Battersby
What are some of your career highlights?

Working on a multimillion dollar software implementation at UB was a massive opportunity and learning experience for me! Working for Target and being part of their total revamp was fabulous and now working on some much smaller, but varied projects with AV gives me the opportunity to get to know the entire organisation and have a positive impact on seeing the business grow and improve over time. Being nominated for the Victorian Women in IT board was a great opportunity to meet some fabulous women and expand my network.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

I work with a variety of business areas at Ambulance Victoria including finance, human resources and emergency operations. I get to develop close relationships with my clients by understanding their day-to-day jobs and helping them develop new ways of working and see how technology can make their work more efficient. I get to be the liaison between the client’s needs and what the technical team can provide for them. Seeing something successfully implemented is a great satisfaction.

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?

There really is no “life after study”; finishing your degree is just the beginning!

You will be learning for the rest of your life, just not going to lectures or sitting exams. Don’t be afraid to ask the silly questions – it really shows that you want to clarify your manager’s meaning and they will be glad you understand, and don’t go off doing the wrong task.

Better to ask now than look like an idiot later. And if you have a great idea, tell them! Your manager might just think it’s great too.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?

I did some great subjects that I absolutely loved such as multimedia design, database development, history and even indigenous studies. The social events and services available at the uni at the time were also great. Having a doctor on campus made life easy before I got my licence and the campus shop was convenient too. Steamed dim sims and hotdogs were a must!

Louise Jones (nee Busija) studied at the University of Ballarat between 2000—2006 and 2008, graduating with Bachelor of Information Technology, Diploma of Project Management & Certificate IV Training and Assessment.
MAY 2012 GRADUATION CEREMONIES -
PhD Graduates—Abstract Titles

Meghan Casey
Developing organisations and settings that promote physical activity strategies to improve health outcomes

Lauren Petrass
Parental/carer supervision of children in environments associated with diverse risk levels

Emma Siesmaa
The impact of sports injury risk perceptions on children’s participation in and choice of sport

Timothy Fish
Positionality of disengaged students in a rural town

Siobhan O’Brien
The effects of video games on the cognitive and affective development of primary school children: a perspective obtained from primary school teachers

Robert Layton
Automatic and Unsupervised Authorship Analysis for Cybercrime Attribution

Nial Muecke
ReConsider: An investigation into the effect of structured reasoning on participant’s decision making in online dispute resolution

Lei Zhao
Learning from Noisy Data: Robust Data Classification

Loulia Sims
Study of Apoptosis in Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis
MAY 2012 GRADUATION CEREMONIES -

PhD Graduates—Abstract Titles cont ... & Award recipients

Kenneth Davidson
The Relationship Between Internalised Homophobia, Sense of Belonging to Specific Communities and Depression Among Self-Identified Gay Men

Paul Sadler
Treating sleep disorders with cognitive behaviour therapy to reduce and prevent depression in older Australians

Erika Gaudlitz
Schizoanalysis in Deleuze & Guattari: towards a re-evaluation of desire

Geraldine Kennett
An Examination of the Relationship between Employer-Provided Training and Development and Employee Turnover in the Victorian Public Service

2011 Vice-Chancellor’s Award recipient
Larissa Gunn

The Vice-Chancellor’s Award is awarded to an outstanding graduate with high academic standing, clear commitment and community involvement.

This year the recipient was Larissa Gunn.

Larissa Gunn has successfully achieved goals and continues to plan for her future through study and career pathways.

The University Medal represents the highest honour that the University of Ballarat can bestow on a graduate. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement for the duration of their studies.

This year the recipient was Mairead Crawford.

Mairead is an exceptional student. She is one of a few to have ever achieved a perfect average score of 7, with a High Distinction in each of the 24 courses of the Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

Congratulations PhD graduates & award recipients and best wishes for your future!

2011 University Medalist
Mairead Crawford
Dr Peter Manders awarded honorary doctorate

Wherever and whenever someone in Australia drinks beer there is every chance that the taste they enjoy was either developed or influenced by Dr Manders. With a brewing career spanning 50 years and, since 2006, as Chief Judge of the Australian International Beer Awards, Dr Manders is today acknowledged as one of Australia’s truly master brewers.

Dr Manders has been a pivotal figure in the transformation of the Australian brewing industry. His career and continuing influence on beer quality remind us that knowledge, dedication and passion are powerful allies.

In recognition of his eminent service as a master brewer, as a Chief Judge of the Australian International Beer Awards and for his contribution to the University, the University of Ballarat was pleased to honour Peter Manders with the degree of Doctor of Science Honoris Causa.

MAY 2012 GRADUATION CEREMONIES

Eight graduation ceremonies were held in May 2012, with more than 1200 Higher Education (HE) and TAFE students graduating from UB.

Guest speakers included:-

Professor Richard Light, School of Health Sciences, University of Ballarat;
Mr David Shepherd, Principal, Ballarat & Clarendon College;
Mr Bill Mundy, Area General Manager, Telstra;
Mrs Donna Walter, Director of Nursing, St John of God Hospital;
Dr Peter Manders, Australian Brewing Industry;
Professor Lawrence Angus, School of Education, University of Ballarat;
Ms Wendy Draayers, Executive Officer, Highlands Local Learning and Employment Network; and
Professor Terry Lloyd, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Ballarat.

Congratulations to all UB graduates and best wishes for your future!
What are some of your career highlights?

A highlight for me was being part of the University’s successful $2.25million government bid recently with the Regional Schools Outreach Program & Addressing Disadvantage and Inequality in Education and Health.

We were one of only 11 successful bids nationwide, out of 35 applicants.

I’ve also enjoyed progressing to more responsibility within my role.

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?

Take advantage of each opportunity that presents itself and get involved in a range of activities outside of work – be a part of your community.

You’ll learn skills that you may not develop in the workplace.

You have to make your own luck and work hard for what you’re passionate about.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?

My strongest memories from studying at the University of Ballarat are all based around the people I met there.

You meet some lifelong friends at university and University of Ballarat is no exception.

It has a great community spirit and a good student culture.
HONG KONG CHAPTER UPDATE

ub)alumni Hong Kong Chapter cordially invites members to join them in visiting the Shong Yan Aged Home from 2.30pm—5.00pm on Sunday 24 June 2012.

This is part of their community service to visit the elderly.

Members are also invited to network drinks at 7.00pm on Thursday 7 June 2012.

Further information on both events is available on the website—www.ubachk.com/new

ANAND DAVE

Anand Dave studied Business Information Systems at the University of Ballarat between 2007 and 2009.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?

I enjoyed being one of the international students attending Adelaide campus, and was involved in a newspaper article featuring a number of our international students (photo featured right).

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?

Concentrate and focus on completing your studies, and then many opportunities will arise once you graduate.

What are some of your career highlights?

Having the opportunity to become a Business Analyst in core I.T. Industry.

Currently working with CMMI 5 level I.T. company in India.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

Analysis on different project requirements.

Learning new technologies and defining solutions.
Louisa West studied at the University of Ballarat between 2002—2006 and 2011, graduating with a Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours), Diploma Education Secondary.

What are some of your career highlights?

My most recent career highlight has involved becoming a part of the Regional Schools Outreach Program team at UB.

Having worked within a diverse range of schools throughout my career has also enriched my teaching experience.

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?

My advice to students regarding life after study would be to continue learning.

Knowledge is empowering, and creates opportunities for growth whilst broadening future career options.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?

The diverse group of people I met during my Diploma of Education provided a supportive learning experience.

The atmospheric Post Office Building /Visual Arts studios provided a brilliant working space for art students.

The genuine support from mentors/lecturers during my Honours year, particularly Dr. Loris Button and Jill Orr has been invaluable.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

Developing a rapport with youth, whilst empowering them to shape their own futures has been incredibly rewarding experience as a teacher.

Engaging young people and successfully imparting knowledge to them is certainly a challenging, yet rewarding aspect of working in education.

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Congratulations to our curator Clare Gervasoni and several University of Ballarat volunteers (including students and ex-staff) who have catalogued over 500 items from our Historical Collection since joining Victorian Collections in September 2010.

Victorian Collections is a free, easy to use, online cataloguing system that is available to all types of collecting organisations throughout Victoria, including community museums, galleries, historical societies etc. Victorian Collections is being developed for groups wanting to take the initial step from manual to digital cataloguing, and includes the opportunity to upload a photographic image of each item. All records are stored securely and permanently online.

Victorian Collection members from the South West will attend cataloguing workshops at the University of Ballarat Mt Helen Campus in early June 2012. For further information, contact Clare Gervasoni — c.gervasoni@ballarat.edu.au.

If you would like to see some of the catalogued items, go to victoriancollections.net.au, click on Organisations at the top and then choose University of Ballarat.

Tell us your story!

ub)alumni would love to hear what you’ve been doing since you left University

To provide feedback or submit information for the newsletter
please contact Pam on (03) 5327 9929
or email alumni@ballarat.edu.au
Ex-Staff Association - join today!

The UB Ex Staff Association (UBESA) aims are:

- To foster and preserve the fellowship and friendships formed and developed by staff of the University of Ballarat during their period of employment.
- To provide social and other activities for members.
- To maintain and foster interest in, and support of, the activities of the University of Ballarat as appropriate.
- To co-operate with other organisations with similar interests and objectives.

Those eligible for membership are all former staff members of the University of Ballarat and its predecessor institutions.

The association meets twice in May/June and in December. A newsletter, which is also valuable for members living beyond Ballarat, is published twice per year with contributions from members.

To view UBESA Newsletters and application for membership go to [www.ballarat.edu.au/alumni/ub-chapters-and-networks/networks/ubesa](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/alumni/ub-chapters-and-networks/networks/ubesa) or contact the Secretary Verna Barry on [vernabarry@bigpond.com](mailto:vernabarry@bigpond.com) or phone (03) 53 323318.

The 2012 mid-year function is currently being arranged: a luncheon is planned towards the end of July.

Are you graduating in December?

UB and Graduate Careers Australia would like to invite you to complete the Australian Graduate Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and we would love to hear how you are progressing in your chosen field since completing your studies at UB.

The survey will be distributed to you in the coming weeks.

If you have moved recently please update your details with the Alumni Office [ballarat.edu.au/alumni](http://ballarat.edu.au/alumni) or email [alumni@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:alumni@ballarat.edu.au)

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