In recent years, there has been increased attention given to the role of philanthropy in society and for universities in particular. There is a momentum within universities to focus increased attention on philanthropy as a revenue source for a range of projects and initiatives which previously relied almost exclusively on government funding and other forms of grants.

The University will launch the UB Foundation later this year. The Foundation will be governed by a Board that determines the strategies and directions of the Foundation, and provides recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor regarding the expenditure of the Foundation income.

The UB Foundation will be a tangible example of the University seeking to engage more actively with its alumni and with the community and regions it serves.

David Battersby
Vice-Chancellor & President

Dr Wai-man Woo awarded honorary doctorate

For more than a decade, Dr Wai-man Woo has assisted UB with its various operations in Hong Kong and China.

Dr Woo has had an active association with education at all levels in Hong Kong, as a Chairman of the Po Leung Kuk, one of the biggest charitable organizations in Hong Kong and adviser to the City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University and Macau University of Science and Technology.

He is a well-established business person and leader in Hong Kong with extensive connections in mainland China. Dr Woo has been a long-term friend of UB and of the City of Ballarat. This has been formally recognised through his awards as a Fellow of the University and an Honorary Ambassador of both the City of Ballarat and UB.

Dr Woo is Managing Director of Drowland International Investments Limited in Hong Kong and is a former President of the Australian Chinese Association of Hong Kong and Chairman of the Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Real Estate and Construction Technology.

He was conferred an Honorary Citizenship by Guangzhou City of Mainland China and the City of Houston, United States. These awards were bestowed for advancing international relationships.

Dr Woo holds a MBA degree and is also a Fellow or Member of numerous professional organisations including the International Institute of Management and Hong Kong Computer Society.

In recognition of Dr Wai-man Woo’s significant contribution to UB, for his support of the Rural City of Ararat and for advancing international relationships, UB honoured Dr Wai-man Woo with the degree of Doctor of the University Honoris Causa at the May graduation ceremony.
RECENT NEWS

May 2010 graduation ceremonies

More than 1200 Higher Education and TAFE students graduated from the University of Ballarat during the May graduation ceremonies.

Professor Wayne Robinson, former Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor Sidney Morris, former Head of the Graduate School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences were bestowed the title Emeritus Professor.

Dr Wai-man Woo, a well-established business person and leader in Hong Kong, received an Honorary Doctorate at the School of Education graduate ceremony.

The Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence was awarded to Paul Owen in recognition of excellent academic performance and involvement in University and community activities.

The recipient of the prestigious University Medal went to Luke Rogers who completed a Bachelor of Information Technology and Kirsten Symczycz was the R.W. Richards medallist for 2010.

Congratulations to all UB graduates!
The University of Ballarat presented a series of scholarships to eligible students at a special ceremony in April. Scholarships presented included 20 UB Scholarships worth $2,000 each, Harold Carroll Memorial Scholarship valued at $4,000 per year which continues for three years, two Mick Young Scholarships and five Sovereign Hill Scholarships valued at $2,000 each.

**Recipients of the UB Scholarship**
- Kate Boland
- Brendan Champness
- Ellen Fitzpatrick
- Chris Radford
- Kate Sly
- Chloe Torney
- Ellie Wellington
- Kate Cameron
- Danielle Gervasoni
- Jane McKinnon

**Harold Carroll Memorial Scholarship recipient**
- Brendan Champness

**Mick Young Scholarship recipients**
- Koang Pan Jock
- Rafah Burhan Mahmood

**Sovereign Hill Scholarship recipients**
- Simon Lock
- Ian Penna

The third scholarship award will be shared between: 
- Catherine Harris
- Casey Pilmore

The recipient of the fourth Sovereign Hill scholarship (TBC) will work on a bushfire restoration project. The Sovereign Hill Museums Association and the University’s heritage trades students at the SMB campus will work together to restore a rare heritage fire fighting vehicle all but destroyed in the blaze, and return it to the Kinglake community.

Third year performing arts students in Music Theatre and Acting degrees at UB’s Arts Academy undertaking the Professional Practice course will benefit from the fifth Sovereign Hill scholarship.

The Aboriginal Education Centre is also available to provide advice about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues to the broader UB student and staff population. The University has more than 150 Indigenous students.

For further information contact Shirley Morgan, Manager, Aboriginal Education Centre on 61 3 5327 9795 or email s.morgan@ballarat.edu.au.
BOOK RELEASES

Professor Erica Smith releases international apprentice book

A definitive book on apprenticeships co-edited by Professor Erica Smith from the University of Ballarat has been released internationally.

The book, Rediscovering Apprenticeship, was edited with Professor Felix Rauner from the University of Bremen, Germany. The publication has emerged from a growing international collaboration of scholars who research apprenticeships.

Three years ago, Felix Rauner at the University of Bremen decided to convene a small international gathering of researchers in apprenticeship, and invited Professor Smith to the first meeting, which was in Bremen. At that meeting she was elected co-chair of the new network.

The book includes chapters based on presentations at subsequent meetings of the network. It includes contributions from most Western European countries, including the UK, Eastern Europe and the United States. Each country has its own particular economic and social context within which the apprenticeship system has evolved.

Professor Smith is currently managing a national research project on ‘The psychological contract in apprenticeships and traineeships’, researching the mutual obligations and commitments between employers and employees, and how these affect job satisfaction and completion of training.

Professor Smith has been invited to speak about the research at Group Training Australia’s Victorian conference in Hepburn Springs in July.

Dr Alex Millmow releases book on Keynes

Dr Alex Millmow, Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University, has released a new book on the impact of Keynesian economics in Australia during the 1930s.

The Power of Economic Ideas: The origins of macroeconomic management in Australia 1929–39, explores the transformation in Australian economists’ thought and ideas during the interwar period.

Dr Millmow mentioned three related themes that underscored the book.

Firstly, the professionalisation of Australian economics took a gigantic leap in this period, aided by the adverse circumstances confronting the economy and the aspirations economists held for their discipline.

A second theme relates to the rather unflattering reputation foisted upon interwar economists after 1945.

That transition underlies a third theme of this book, namely, how Australian economists were emboldened by John Maynard Keynes’s General Theory to confidently push for greater management of economic activity.

By 1939 Australian economists conceptualized from a new theoretic framework and from one which they advanced comment and policy advice. This book should rehabilitate the works of Australian interwar economists.
Dr David Waldron

University of Ballarat academic and former student Dr David Waldron has co-written a new book, ‘Shock! the Black Dog of Bungay: A Case Study in Local Folklore’.

The book is the result of two years research by Dr Waldron and Christopher Reeve, historian and curator of the Bungay Museum.

Bungay is a small town on the border of Norfolk and Suffolk in rural East Anglia, United Kingdom.

The tale of the Black Dog of Bungay and the infamous attack on the church of St Mary's in 1577, has inspired and fascinated residents and visitors to the town for centuries.

To this day, sightings of the Black Dog are common through the region and form an integral part of local folklore and myth.

At the same time, the history of the legend itself tells its own tale of the town of Bungay and how the community has responded to crisis through local folklore and myth.

This book traces the rise of this story from its origins in the trauma of the English Reformation to the contemporary era where it has become a central part of Bungay’s communal and civic identity and a colourful aspect of local folklore.

The book has been an unequivocal success in reviews and extremely popular in the UK (especially Bungay).

“Essential reading for anyone interested in the truth of the original published report of the Black Dog of Bungay from 1577. This is a welcome addition to the literature on Black Dog apparitions. This book considers this report in terms of its historical context and the availability of corroborating evidence and traces how the Black Dog has become an emblem of the town of Bungay in modern times.”

Dr Simon Sherwood www.blackshuck.info

For further details of Dr Waldron’s publications visit www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/staff/sinfo/wal.html.

SUCCESS STORIES

Professor John Smyth awarded prestigious American prize

John Smyth, Professor of Education has been awarded a prestigious American education prize.

Professor Smyth is this year’s recipient of the American Educational Research Association’s (AERA) Relating Research to Practice Award.

The AERA Award recognises outstanding contributions that individuals have made toward increasing practitioner and lay-group understanding of contributions of education research to improving education practice.

Professor Smyth was recognised for ‘Interpretive Scholarship’ and his research focus on disenfranchised youth who too often leave school before completion, and on the experiences of young adults in disadvantaged schools throughout Southern Australia and elsewhere.

Professor Smyth was honoured for his insightful monograph ‘Hanging in with Kids in Tough Times’ and for a set of professional development modules designed to guide teachers and schools through a self-investigation process to serve such youth better.

“There are an increasing number of students leaving school early and facing a bleak future,” Professor Smyth said.

“This is a problem that no-one wants to face up to. Australia needs to respect its teachers more and give them additional resources to help students re-connect with school.”
Sasha Ivkovic awarded Endeavour Fellowship

Sasha Ivkovic has been awarded a 2010 Endeavour Research Fellowship to be taken up with Shanghai University in China.

Sasha is a lecturer in the Graduate School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences.

“This award will give me an excellent opportunity to combine research and industry experience overseas," Mr Ivkovic said.

“As part of my Fellowship, I will be working on an information technology project to improve project managers’ communication strategies.”

The Endeavour Awards are the Federal Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Europe and Americas to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia.

Awards are also available for Australians to undertake study, research and professional development abroad.

The Endeavour Awards are a part of the Australia Awards initiative which was announced by the Federal Government last year. The Australia Awards have been established to maximise the benefit to Australia of its extensive scholarship programs, and to support enduring ties between Australia and our neighbours.
The University of Ballarat’s top academic achievers were recently inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society at a new member reception held in May.

The event recognised the high academic achievements of the top 15% students at the University of Ballarat. In recognition of their accomplishment, the students were presented an award by UB Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Battersby.

Golden Key, founded on 29 November 1977, is an academic honour society which recognises and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among university students from all academic disciplines. It is the world’s premier collegiate honour society, with over two million members and 375 chapters worldwide. Golden Key members have access to a vast array of benefits including over $600,000(USD) in scholarships, discounted study-abroad programs, exclusive internships and job opportunities, as well as leadership and networking opportunities.

Guest speakers for the event included City of Ballarat Mayor, Cr Judy Verlin and Ballarat Foundation CEO, Mr Noel Trengove.

New honorary members inducted for their service to the community and support of the UB Golden Key Chapter included UB Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ms Rowena Coutts, UB staff member, Ms Camelia Prenc, City of Ballarat Mayor, Cr Judy Verlin and Ballarat Foundation CEO, Mr Noel Trengove.

The UB Ex-Staff Association recently visited the Ballarat Art Gallery and participated in a guided tour of the new exhibition "In Your Face! Cartoons about Politics and Society 1760-2010".

The tour was followed by lunch at the Park Bistro for the informal mid year June gathering.

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UB graduates had the opportunity to meet the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore, Mr Doug Chester at his official residence in Singapore.

UB graduate representatives who are currently living and working in Singapore Mr Chris Woo, Mr Sim Hong Yoon and Mr Josh Symes attended the alumni event.

The event provided an opportunity for the High Commissioner to meet with representatives of Australian university alumni chapters in Singapore and for the alumni attendees to network with other chapters.

L-R: Mr Wolfgang Mildenberg, Australian High Commissioner Mr Doug Chester, and UB graduates Mr Chris Woo and Mr Sim Hong Yoon
Calling all UB graduates living in China

The University has thousands of successful graduates residing and working in China. Every year, this figure increases as our profile in China continues to grow. With such a wonderful base from which to build, we hope to form a *ub)alumni China Chapter* in 2010.

Nominations are being sought from all eligible UB graduates to fill China Chapter Council positions.

If you would like to be involved with this exciting opportunity, please nominate yourself for a Council position. [Click here](#) for Council position information and a nomination form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Open Day opens doors

Sunday 29th August, 10am-3pm

Learn to succeed in your chosen career at the University of Ballarat Open Day
For further information visit [www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/recruitment/open-day](http://www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/recruitment/open-day)

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