In 2009, the University of Ballarat was the only university in Victoria to receive a five star rating for teaching quality. This was an outstanding achievement.

In the 2010 edition of the Good Universities Guide, the University has again achieved a five star rating for teaching quality and it has shared this accolade with Swinburne University of Technology.

The achievements attained by the University in the 2010 Good Universities Guide included:

- **Teaching Quality**: ★★★★★
- **Non-government earnings**: ★★★★★
- **Cultural diversity**: ★★★★★
- **Graduate satisfaction**: ★★★★★
- **Staff-student ratios**: ★★★★★
- **Getting a job**: ★★★★★
- **Positive graduate outcomes**: ★★★★★
- **Entry flexibility**: ★★★★★
- **Indigenous participation**: ★★★★★
- **Access by equity groups**: ★★★★★
- **International enrolments**: ★★★★

These are great outcomes for the University so congratulations to all staff and students.

**Professor David Battersby**  
Vice-Chancellor & President
RECENT NEWS

New building projects for UB

Over the coming year you will see four major building projects commence as a result of the University receiving Federal Government Funding.

**Equine Centre**
The University’s Equine Centre at Mt Rowan will become a world-class facility renowned for the promotion of horse-based industries; from grass to stable to track. This new facility will become the home of Riding for the Disabled. It will provide support for trainers and stable employees within the racing industry and the opportunity for community involvement is excellent. The centre was funded by a $2.3 million Federal Government grant, with another $600,000 raised by Riding for the Disabled.

**Primary Industries Training Facility**
The Primary Industries Training facility on Gillies Street, Ballarat will be the new home for the National Centre for Sustainability and the Victorian Farm Safety Centre. This project received $2,908,000 Federal Government Funding. It will foster a teaching, learning and research space for topics such as conservation and horticulture. The new project will amalgamate the various disciplines within Primary Industries.

**Manufacturing Technology Training Centre**
The new $20 million Manufacturing Technology Training Centre in Grant St, Ballarat will accommodate current course provision along with specialist training spaces for developing skill requirements in manufacturing technology such as robotics and mechatronics.

**Science and Engineering Precinct Project**
The new $50 million Science and Engineering Precinct at the Mt Helen Campus will provide a world-class regional learning, teaching and research facility. The precinct will contain multimedia learning spaces, direct access to researchers and modern laboratories to heighten student experiences.

The new building will include programs for Science and Technology, Environmental Science, VIOSH (occupational health and safety), Mining Engineering, Metallurgy, Geology, Civil Engineering and Structures, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry and Food Science.
3BA Christmas in July Appeal

The 3BA Christmas in July Appeal raises much needed funds and support to those in need over the winter months. All funds and support raised from the appeal are given back to Ballarat families and the community.

The University of Ballarat hosted a traditional Christmas in July lunch for staff and students to show their support of this very worthy cause.

It was a successful event, with lucky door prizes, raffles and some great auction items to boost the fundraising tally. Staff and students also donated non-perishable food items to fill the large trailer located in the Albert Coates Complex.

In 2010 Accommodation Services and its

residents raised a total of $15,000 for the 3BA Christmas in July Appeal. Well done to all involved!

SUCCESS STORIES

Philippine’s Best Male Newscaster (2004), Jose Andanar

Jose Ruperto Martin Andanar is a Bachelor of Arts graduate with majors in Social and Political Studies and Film in Media Studies. After graduating in 1999, Martin went back to the Philippines to pursue a career in Radio and TV news broadcasting at GMA Network, where he started as reporter.

While studying full-time at UB, Martin juggled his time working as a waiter/delivery/busboy at the Inn of Khong (40 hours a week), as student founding president of the University’s then Student Radio Society, as a volunteer for Ballarat's Community Radio 3 Triple B Fm and as a Filipino News Presenter and Producer at SBS Radio in Melbourne.

“The challenges I confront day in and day out fashions my future being. While I learned how to step up from mediocrity at the age of 13, I can say that my experiences at UB substantially prepared me to the world where I am in right now.”

Martin has been chasing stories and anchoring main events in Philippine history for more than a decade now. He was awarded “Best Male Newscaster” in 2004 by the Philippine Movie and Press Club.

Recently Martin started as a visiting professor teaching “Media and Social Entrepreneurship” at the Philippines' leading University, the Ateneo de Manila University.

“My exposure in national television, scholarly dedication to social entrepreneurship and actual application of my advocacies/community projects will give me a unique credibility to teach this new module”.

Accommodation Services Staff
UB graduate JAZ FLOWERS, lead role in the musical Hairspray

A graduate of performing arts at the University of Ballarat, Jaz Flowers, 22, was literally speechless (suffering a case of laryngitis at the time) when informed that she had been given the lead role of Tracy Turnblad, in the musical Hairspray.

Jaz grew up in Gippsland and this is her first lead role in a major musical theatre production. Her professional debut on the stage came only last year when she was cast in Shane Warne the Musical and most recently Jaz has been seen playing the role of Mabel Washington in the production of Fame the Musical.

On hearing the news of winning this coveted role, which more than 3,500 auditioned for, Jaz said: "This is the role of a lifetime, I have been dreaming of playing a role like this all my life. Tracy Turnblad is an inspiration to young women all over the world and I will do her justice in the role. It’s such an honour to play Tracy in Hairspray, dreams really do come true!"

Hairspray Director, David Atkins commented on the exciting cast: "It’s been a while since I have been through an audition process in Australia and I was overwhelmed with the skill range and level of the performers who auditioned for Hairspray. The result I am excited to say is an extraordinary group of Musical Theatre performers who can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best in the world. We will be giving Australian audiences the best production with one of the best casts I have ever assembled or had the privilege to work with".

The University would like to congratulate Jaz for her amazing success and wish her all the best in this remarkable production.

Don’t miss this wonderful musical - purchase your tickets through Ticketek today!

2010 Victorian Community History Awards

The winners of the 2010 Victorian Community History Awards were recently announced by Peter Batchelor, Minister for the Arts, at a ceremony held on Thursday, 19 August at the Experimedia Room, State Library of Victoria.

Dorothy Wickham (UB Post Grad) was awarded a Commendation for Best Print/Publication for her most recent work, ‘Women of the Diggings: Ballarat 1854’.

Published by Ballarat Heritage Services this book is the first detailed account of the lives and roles of women on the Victorian goldfields and is an in-depth study of a portion of Wickham’s PhD (2008).
Network & Chapter Updates

UB Golden Key Chapter Political Forum

Three of Ballarat’s federal candidates went head-to-head in a Political Forum hosted by the UB Golden Key Chapter.

Member for Ballarat Catherine King, Liberal candidate Mark Banwell and the Greens’ Belinda Coates took part in the event at the University’s Mt Helen Campus.

The forum covered key issues including education at the tertiary level and the local economy. Candidates were asked to respond to a series of questions and then the forum was opened to questions from the floor.

Hong Kong Chapter Annual Event

Join fellow classmates and graduates at the 2010 ub)alumni Hong Kong Chapter Cocktail Reception.

This will be a brilliant opportunity to catch up with fellow classmates and network with other UB graduates. So come and enjoy a fantastic evening!

Date | Friday 29 October, 6.00pm—8.00pm
Venue | ARMANI BAR
        2/F Armani Chater House
        11 Chater Road, Central
        Hong Kong
RSVP | Wednesday 27 October
Register | www.ubachk.com/CT2010
Enquiries | rsvp@ubachk.com

Malaysia Chapter Annual Event

Join fellow classmates and graduates at the 2010 ub)alumni Malaysia Chapter Cocktail Reception.

Enjoy an evening of great food and company at this fabulous event. Remember to RSVP and dress to impress!

Date | Friday 5 November, 6.00pm—8.00pm
Venue | HOTEL ARMADA PETALING JAYA
        Lorong Utara C, Section 52
        46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
RSVP | Wednesday 27 October
Email | alumni@ballarat.edu.au
School of Nursing 25th Anniversary Dinner

The School of Nursing at the University of Ballarat is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011. Celebrations will include a dinner on Saturday 5 February at the Albert Coates Complex, Mt Helen Campus.

All past students and staff are invited to attend.

Tickets are available from the School of Nursing. If you would like further information please contact Helen Ryan on 61 3 5327 9675 or h.ryan@ballarat.edu.au.

L-R: Professor Lynette Stockhausen, Head of School, School of Nursing and 2009 Nursing graduate Larissa.

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 you have completed your studies at UB.

The survey will be distributed to you in the coming weeks. If you have moved recently please update your details at:

www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/admin/he/contact_details.pdf

If you have any questions please call Carly (Survey Officer) on 61 3 5327 6162 or surveyags.pqr@ballarat.edu.au
TAFE 140th Celebrations

The SMB Campus turns 140 on Tuesday, 26 October - and to celebrate, the University is holding several events at the Lydiard Street Campus.

One of the highlights will be a human formation photograph where current and former SMB staff members form the number 140.

This will take place at noon in the Lydiard Street courtyard, followed by a barbecue for staff, students and the wider community.

2010 Annual Research Conference

Create, Engage, Innovate: Research Pathways for a New Era

The University of Ballarat’s one-day Annual Research Conference will be held on Wednesday 3 November. The aim of the conference is to showcase the exciting research work being conducted by our research students and early career researchers.

The ‘pathways’ theme of this year’s conference emphasises the many different forms which research, and researchers’ careers, may take. Our students and early career researchers are undertaking exciting research with important and meaningful outcomes, and this conference will enable them to share their new discoveries and findings with an audience keen to share in their passion.

Much of the research conducted by UB staff and students is built through strong collaboration with industry partners, and makes a direct contribution to economic development, environmental sustainability, cultural progress and social capital in regional Australia.

Key Note Speakers

Dr Kylie Mason, Victorian Cancer Agency

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Clinician Fellow, Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research.

Professor Johanna Wyn, Director of Youth Research Centre, and Leader of Education, Equity and Social Change Cluster, University of Melbourne.

Professor Johanna Wyn

The conference details and registration are available at the following website: www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/ubresearch/researchconference.

If you are in contact with any former staff members of SMB, please encourage them to come along and be in the photograph and the next chapter of SMB’s history.

The 3BA Power FM Giant Stereo will also broadcast from the SMB Campus to add to the festivities.

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