Message from the Vice-Chancellor

The University has released a new UB Blueprint, which documents a major restructure of our operations for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

As part of the changes, seven new Schools of the University will be created.

These are:

- School of Education and Arts
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Human Services
- School of Food, Land and Service Industries
- School of Manufacturing and Construction
- School of Science, Information Technology and Engineering
- The Business School

Each School will be headed by a Dean. Schools will also have Heads of Department or Associate Deans, one of whom will be designated as Deputy Dean of the School.

The University has also created two new Centres:

- The Centre for University Partnerships;
- The Centre for Learning Innovation and Professional Practice.

The immediate priorities arising from the UB Blueprint will be:

- To grow domestic and international student numbers in Higher Education and TAFE programs;
- To strengthen the research profile of the University in the designated areas of concentration in a fiscally responsible way; and
- To ensure that the University continues to discharge regional and community obligations taking account of the need to balance the constraints and opportunities arising from significant and ongoing changes in government policy on tertiary education.

In developing the UB Blueprint, it has also been important to understand that our core competence as a University is the delivery of learning, teaching and research - increasingly through partnerships in Australia and overseas.

Alliances have helped define the University’s successes and are key to our future growth, a widened University footprint and our financial stability.
Looking back over 2010 ..... 

The University celebrated many successes and achievements in 2010. Outlined below is a snapshot highlighting some of UB’s accomplishments:

- The University recorded an increase of more than 20 per cent in first-round offers to prospective students compared with 2009.
- $4 million in government funding will be used by the University of Ballarat to expand its research capabilities, creating an extra 10 domestic higher degree research scholarships and a new international HDR scholarship.
- Honorary Doctorates were awarded to Mr Wai-man Woo, Professor Sidney Morris and Professor Wayne Robinson.
- The $3m Equine Training Centre at Mt Rowan, a joint venture between the University of Ballarat and the Riding for the Disabled Association was officially opened.
- The University of Ballarat’s new Primary Industries Training Centre officially opened. The impressive centre at the corner of Gillies and Gregory Streets received $2.98 million in Federal Government funding.
- The University celebrated the 140th anniversary of the University of Ballarat SMB campus, and 140 years of tertiary education in Ballarat and technical and further education in Australia.
- A new pedestrian footbridge was officially opened linking the University of Ballarat’s SMB campus with the University’s Building and Construction Training Centre.
- Staff at the University of Ballarat’s Accommodation Services received the national Fran O’Brien Award for Excellence in their field. The award recognises achievement or success for outstanding work practice in a residence or college.
- The University of Ballarat’s Aboriginal Education Centre was relocated.
- Plans for a $2.25 million early childhood and learning centre at the University of Ballarat were unveiled.
- The William Light Institute was officially unveiled in Adelaide, in partnership with the University of Ballarat.
- A highly successful Open Day was held at Ballarat campuses.
- The University announced that it will be first in Australia to open an undergraduate campus in India. The New Delhi campus will accept up to 500 students in business and IT courses.
- The Geoffrey Blainey Research Centre was officially opened in August.
RECENT NEWS

Hi, welcome to the March edition of ub)alumni Connect!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Pam Sutcliffe. I commenced as the Alumni/Foundation Officer on 24 January 2011.

I previously worked as the Graduation Coordinator at the University, and am looking forward to keeping in touch with all of the Alumni members and working with the Foundation Board and Foundation Fundraising Committee.

2011 looks to be a very exciting year for both Alumni and the Foundation!

On that note, I would like to thank Linda Petrie for her valuable contribution as Alumni Officer.

Linda commenced as Alumni Officer in early 2009 and has achieved great results reconnecting with many lost alumni and creating a fantastic working relationship with the Hong Kong and Malaysian Chapters.

I wish Linda all the best in her new role as Executive Officer of Council and Committees of Council at the University of Ballarat.

Tell us your story!

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

Should you also wish to provide feedback in relation to the newsletter or information you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Pam on (03) 5327 9929 or email alumni@ballarat.edu.au.
December 2010 graduation ceremonies

Four graduation ceremonies were held in December 2010, with more than 750 Higher Education (HE) and TAFE students graduating from UB.

Guest speakers included Gerard FitzGerald, Head Coach, North Ballarat Football Club, Dr Patricia Stewart, Campus Director, Melbourne Institute of Technology (MIT), Dr Doug Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Ballarat and Dr Damian Powell, Principal, Janet Clarke Hall.

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

Congratulations to all UB graduates and best wishes for your future!

Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement

Students who completed the requirements for a degree on or after 1 September 2010 are eligible to receive an Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS) when they are conferred.

The AHEGS is the Australian equivalent of the European Diploma Supplement. It takes the form of a document provided to graduates by the awarding institution.

An AHEGS is issued in addition to other documentation, such as testamurs and academic transcripts. Its purpose is to describe a higher education qualification in an easily understandable way, providing greater transparency by including descriptions of the nature, level, context and status of the studies undertaken as well as information about the education system to which the qualification belongs.

The format of the AHEGS is prescribed and consists of five sections. Each section contains mandatory and optional informational elements. The sections are:

- Section 1 – The Graduate
- Section 2 – The Award
- Section 3 – The Awarding Institution
- Section 4 – The Graduate’s Academic Achievements
- A description of the Australian Higher Education System

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GRADUATE PROFILE

Robert Layton

PhD Student

Internet Commerce Security Laboratory (ICSL)
University of Ballarat
Graduated from Bachelor of Computing with First Class Honours in 2008
Received Scholarship to do PhD with the ICSL
Performs lab work software engineering for industry partners

What are some of your career highlights?

Presented at the eCrime researchers' summit in 2009 in Tacoma, USA. Audience members included those from Facebook, Google and eBay.
Presented the CTC workshops held in both Brisbane and Ballarat in 2009/2010 speaking to members from police, government and industry.
Research into the extent of BitTorrent research is used worldwide to help discuss the impact of copyright infringement.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

Every day I get to come to work and research interesting problems related to Internet security using technologies that may have only been thought of in the last few months. I really enjoy the collaborative nature of the lab as well – more ideas are created in discussion than reading papers. I also get to talk with people who are leaders of their respective fields to determine the problems facing security online, and how to solve them.

Do you have any advice about life after study to pass on to current students?

I haven’t finished studying yet! The best advice I can give is to work out what you want from life, then you can decide how to achieve those goals.

What are your strongest memories while you were working at the University of Ballarat?

Being exposed to a large range of ideas and knowledge. I remember in research seminars held at UB learning about different thought processes related to research and recognising that the way I thought about ideas was only one of the possibilities. It was an eye opening thought to have about research.
The Federal Australian Alumni Associations (FAAAA) in Hong Kong Ball was held on 30 October 2010. There are over 200 alumni from different Australian Universities that attend this event, including the Australian Consul-General Hong Kong, who performed piano at the event. UB Alumni Chapter Hong Kong, is not only a member of the FAAA, but also one of the organising committees of the event. Below are some photos from the event:-

ub)alumni Hong Kong organised a very successful UB Badminton Fun Day for alumni, which was held on 14 November 2010, as well as being the organising Alumni of the FAAA Inter-University Karaoke Contest, which was held on 4 December 2010.
The University’s Alumni Chapter in Malaysia organised a very successful Cocktail Reception held 5 November 2010 (image below).

Happy Chinese New Year!

The Year of the Rabbit is said to be a peaceful one! The rabbit is a lucky sign. According to Chinese tradition, the Rabbit brings a year in which you can catch your breath and calm your nerves. It is a time for negotiation.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Are you graduating in May?

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

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