Message from the Vice-Chancellor

Welcome to all of our new members and existing members, who have updated their details since the launch of my Alumni Centre in April. It is great to see so many of our graduates reuniting with our University.

Over the next twelve months, the plan for ub)alumni is to regain contact with as many graduates as possible to ensure we have up to date details for all alumni members, to enable ub)alumni to invite you to events and communicate with you on a regular basis.

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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The University of Ballarat announced the appointment of Dr Paul J H Hemming as Chancellor for a three-year term commencing on 1 July 2012.

Dr Hemming was installed as the University’s fifth Chancellor in the presence of His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria on Tuesday 17 July 2012.

A Deputy Chancellor of the University since 2011, Dr Hemming has been a member of the University Council since 2007.

Born in the United Kingdom, Dr Hemming and his family moved to Australia in 1977 and settled in Ballarat. He is married to Linda and has two daughters.

Dr Hemming has had an extensive medical career as a General Practitioner. He was a founding Director of beyondblue and has been President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Dr Hemming also was President of the Australian Medical Association (Victoria) and has served on numerous Federal Government medical bodies and tribunals.

The installation ceremony included a performance by our Arts Academy students. Kate O’Malley, UB’s Student Senate Chairperson, spoke on behalf of all our students, and Maryam Jafari was Mace Bearer.
GRADUATE PROFILE -  This could be you!

Anne Beale studied at the University of Ballarat between 1995—1999, graduating with Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Teaching

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job
As a primary teacher I have the opportunity to watch students engage in an activity and then have an ‘a ha’ moment.
This is the most rewarding part of my job.
Challenging in knowing that you only have the students for one year before then they move on.

What are some of your career highlights?
Teaching at an International school in Guangzhou China for two years.
13 years of teaching in large and small schools.
An assessment tool that I had created being recognised as exemplary by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) and then being asked to contribute to collecting student work samples for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) project for the Australian curriculum.

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?
See every opportunity as a learning opportunity.
As Emerson states: ‘What lies before us and what lies behind us is nothing compared with what lies within us.’

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?
Walking across the bridge from the residences in a t-shirt to go to class in the morning and it snowing on the walk back in the afternoon!
Watching the rest of the rock climbing and outdoor club abseil off T building.
My undergrad years at UB were fantastic and I learnt so much to take into my career. I was also given the opportunity to grow as a person, overcome my fears and had my beliefs constantly challenged.

If not for my Bachelor of Arts I would not be in the career I love now. My work in the Northern Territory (NT) started in 2011 when I commenced work for a non Government organisation (NGO) in the remote indigenous community of Wadeye, NT, as a youth worker. The time spent in this community was the best five months of my life and my indigenous studies from UB prepared me, as much as anything could, for living in a community with such a reputation as Wadeye.

After the NGO pulled out of Wadeye I commenced work in local government in NT where I became and still am, the Regional Coordinator for the Victoria Daly Shire Council’s Youth Engagement Program. The Youth Engagement Program, funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) through the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC), was new to our Shire and it was my responsibility to build it from the ground up, develop key performance indicators in line with funding requirements, allocate budgets, implement reporting strategies, procedures, operational manuals, develop strategic plans, and ensure that the program ran in line with our community needs.

The Shire I work for covers 168000 square km of remote outback NT, I have a staff of 13 youth workers who live on ground across eight major service centres. Our Shire's population is around 7000 people 98% indigenous, with over 50% being under 25 years. Our program delivers a wide range of fun activities covering very serious topics, giving youth the opportunity to change their lives in areas such as:

- Mental, physical and sexual health,
- nutrition,
- alcohol and other drugs,
- gambling
- education and training
- self esteem and leadership
- Small business enterprise (money management)

The youth in our communities include those who are disengaged, early school leavers, youth at risk, teenage mums and dads and juvenile offenders on community development orders.

The Youth Engagement Program also works in closely with other Community Services areas within our Shire such as our Sport and Recreation Program, Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Program, Aged Care and Women’s and Children’s Program along with other agencies also working in communities.

Our Shire would welcome any university students interested in doing work experience or volunteering in our community services team especially assisting youth engagement. Although our work is challenging it is extremely rewarding.
The Victoria Daly Shire Council, where I now work, believes strongly in youth being the future of our communities and rely on our youth to inform us on the changes they want to see occurring in communities. We operate under the guidelines of:–

- Community ownership
- Community control over aims, outcomes and methods,
- Community driven development in which local people provide leadership

Also including project based community development, community capacity building and participatory planning meaning handing over the stick in which local people generate outcomes and learn, while raising self awareness. The sharing of knowledge is strongly encouraged as learning is a two way street.

There is a lot of emphasis on the local people as the experts and teachers with Victoria Daly Shire staff there to assist, guide and support youth to achieve the outcomes they want.

I remember words from my graduation speech in 2010 and believe that all graduates should keep these in mind when considering future careers. The first is a quote from my favourite author Raymond E Feist –

> Fear holds us and binds us and keeps us from growing. It holds us to what we know and keeps us from what is possible, and it is our worst enemy. We all have rational reasons to avoid taking risks but to succeed you must risk total failure.

The second wise words are something I believe we should hold dear to ourselves –

> that we owe it to ourselves and future generations to make a change.

Whether this be on a national or international level or within our own families we all have the chance to do great things and become great people. As university graduates we should consider how we can make the most of our qualifications but more importantly the learning does not stop once you finish your degree.

The role I have in the Victoria Daly Shire and the Shire’s role in our communities in general is huge but vital. It is challenging but one of the most rewarding things you can do. Often I am asked why I do what I do and sometimes how can I do what I do especially being a young female? The smiles on a youth’s face when they experience something new, the high fives you get when walking down the street and the general excitement you create when providing worthwhile activities for youth (and any community member) is why I do what I do.

I recently had to write to someone about who was my most inspirational teacher growing up in either primary or secondary school. I answered no-one. It was my uni lecturers at UB who inspired me to be everything I could be - Anne Beggs Sunter, Fred Cahir, Jeremy Smith, Kate Simons and of course John Morris.
University of Ballarat graduate Sarah Hamilton toured the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August with her one woman play A Donkey and a Parrot. Sarah plays 16 characters to tell the story of her French ancestors’ escape to England over 300 years ago, a story which has been passed down in her family through nine generations. Sarah performed four shows at La Mama’s Carlton Courthouse before playing at the Gilded Balloon in Edinburgh. The play had sell-out seasons at Melbourne and Adelaide Fringe Festivals.

Sarah Hamilton (writer/actor) studied Acting at the University of Ballarat Arts Academy. A Donkey and a Parrott, written and performed by Sarah, debuted at the Melbourne Fringe Festival in 2011.
Steve Crawcour studied at the University of Ballarat between 1990-1991, graduating with an Advanced Diploma of Management.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

Working in local government and the ability to make a difference to my local community.

The challenging aspect is to ensure that the Shire is financially sustainable well into the future.

Steve Crawcour

Steve was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Strathbogie Shire Council, effective 1 August 2011.

Steve was previously Council’s Director, Strategic and Community Development, a position he held since his commencement with Council in 2008.

Steve has over 28 years’ experience in local government and was previously employed by the Cities of Brimbank, Warrnambool and Springvale. He has an Advanced Diploma of Business Management, Diploma and Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety, Certificate in Critical Incidents Management, a Certificate in Telecommunications (Contact Centres) and a Diploma of Management. He also had seven years’ experience at a senior level at Southwest Healthcare, previously Warrnambool and District Base Hospital.

He is an Associate Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management, Fellow of LGPro (Local Government Professionals), a Member of the Safety Institute of Australia and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

What are some of your career highlights?

Receiving a Certificate of Commendation from the Governor General for my contribution to the Health Industry in OH&S.

Being appointed CEO of the Strathbogie Shire Council.

Building the Sydenham Interactive Learning Centre at Watergardens Town Centre.

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

Never stop learning.

Grab whatever comes your way in relation to further study.

Never hesitate to mentor and/or coach someone.

Be proud of what you have achieved and put it to good use.

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

The support you receive before and after study.

The environment to study in is great including accommodation and recreation facilities.
JOHN COLLIEN

John Collier retired as Chief Executive of Gold and Minerals Product Group Rio Tinto, London, following an illustrious career as a mining engineer which took him around the world.

John graduated from the Ballarat School of Mines (SMB) and later Melbourne University, and never forgot his hometown, Ballarat.

Credited with being instrumental in the discovery of the Argyle diamond mine in the Kimberly, Mr Collier was made a Legend in Mining by the Australian Mining Industry in 2006.

Over the last 10 years, Mr Collier became a passionate painter, holding several successful solo exhibitions. Two of his paintings currently hang in the Gold Museum in Ballarat.

John Collier died on 26 June 2012.

ARE YOU GRADUATING IN SEPTEMBER?

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 or email alumni@ballarat.edu.au

For further information contact the SEEQ Unit on +61 3 5327 6162 or email SEEQ_Survey@ballarat.edu.au

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 a year in May/June and in December. A newsletter, which is valuable for members living beyond Ballarat, is published twice a 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 or contact the Secretary Verna Barry on vernabarry@bigpond.com or phone (03) 53 323318.

On Tuesday 17 July several members attended the Installation of the Chancellor, Dr Paul J H Hemming, at Ballarat Central Uniting Church.

27 members and spouses gathered at the Park Bistro on Thursday 19 July for an enjoyable mid-year luncheon (photos below).