Message from the Vice-Chancellor

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate all of our recent graduates, and welcome you as an alumni member.

The University is very proud of the accomplishments of our graduates and the contribution our alumni give to their chosen industry/profession, communities and beyond. Our alumni community is diverse and extensive, made up of people from every age group, all walks of life and found all over the globe.

No matter where you are located or when you attended the University, you are part of the ever-growing alumni family.

Therefore, if you know of any graduates from UB who are not alumni members, 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.

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Congratulations and well done to the University of Ballarat students and alumni who represented Australia at the London Olympic Games 2012.

Learning to succeed is not a sprint. It’s a marathon.

Steve Moneghetti
Australian long-distance legend
University of Ballarat graduate.

The above image is the advertisement the University placed in the official Australian Olympic Team Guide for the London Olympics.

ARE YOU GRADUATING IN DECEMBER?

UB and Graduate Careers Australia invite you to complete the Australian Graduate Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and we would like to hear how you are progressing in your chosen field since completing your studies at UB. The survey will be distributed 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
Sarah Stevenson studied at the University of Ballarat graduating with a Bachelor of Business (Tourism) in 1991.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job
I am self employed as a Marketing Consultant. Lately I have been placing international students at British boarding schools in the UK, working as an agent. I found that I had a wealth of knowledge regarding such schools following 17 years of being responsible for the marketing of several of them. Hence my decision to branch out and become an agent. My challenge is recruiting the students through social networks. I thoroughly enjoy the customer care aspects of my work, helping the families with every concern and query.

What are some of your career highlights?
In the early 90s I was one of only a small number of marketing professionals working in the City of London for law firms. Now most law firms have dedicated marketing departments. In the mid 90s I was appointed the very first Marketing Manager for one of the oldest independent schools in the UK. It has been amazing to try new approaches and to be the one to introduce the use of the internet to very old businesses and designing their first websites.

Do you have any advice about life after study for current students?
I am not really one to advise on careers because I believe everyone has their own path that only they can create. I have been lucky that my husband has supported me and enabled me to take lots of time out to be the best mother I can be. My business degree has been fantastic for my career but also it has enabled me to help and support my husband in return as he runs a number of businesses here on the farm where we live in the UK.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?
I made some amazing friends during my time in Ballarat, One in particular has stayed with us several times in the UK with her three children, and we have visited them in Dubai. I remember we were quite competitive with the boys, especially in the first year. We were thrilled that as a group of girls we all passed our driving licence on the first attempt, whereas most of the boys needed a second go! I was grateful that my industrial placement as part of my degree was at the American Express head office in Sydney. There were two of us from our course who went and we had a ball.
As a young and relatively inexperienced mine safety adviser I attended the Ballarat Graduate Diploma in Occupational Hazard Management in 1980-81. A number of thought leaders in Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) were my lecturers and I networked with fellow students, a number of whom were senior OHS people in major Australian business.

The late Dr Eric Wigglesworth opened my eyes to the history and various perceptions of safety and Derek Viner outlined Systems Safety. I learnt about Common Law, had a very valuable look at Human Factors Engineering, came close to understanding Safety Statistics, did some good work on electrical safety and noise and vibration, and was fascinated by sociology applied to safety. Geoff McDonald outlined his unique perspective on safety.

Besides from the technical stuff I learnt how to research and prepare an academic paper, be more questioning in my approach and probably the most important thing was I learnt was that there was a whole network of information available that I previously did not know existed. (of course this was before the internet) I also learnt the Victorian habit of drinking red wine. There was often significant learning happenings as course members networked after hours. As a reasonably arrogant young bloke, who thought he was God's gift to safety and knew it all, it did me no harm to learn from older, wiser and more experienced people (Some of the names I remember are Neville Betts, Glyn Williams, Laurie Mason, Roy Hegney).

From my days as a field Safety Adviser in the mining industry I progressed to a corporate OHS role with BHP -Coal for over 10 years. I have had a number of field, corporate, project and consultant OHS roles in general industry since.

Ballarat was very advanced for its era and attendance was a life changing experience for me in many ways, both personally and professionally. I believe the learning model is very sound and I advise developing OHS personnel to attend Ballarat over other courses that are available. My studies at Ballarat created a thirst for learning and I have since gone on to complete tertiary study in Adult & Workplace Education and Management of Organisational Change.

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
FROM UB to MUSIC FOR KIDS by EARL LEONARD

I studied a Bachelor of Arts (BA), with majors in Literature, Media Studies and Sociology and a Philosophy minor. I finished in 1998 but my graduation date was 1999. Where possible I focused on units to do with children and traditional story-telling.

These days I am self-employed in two roles; as a creative writer and as a musician/entertainer. As a musician I primarily perform for pre-and-early-primary-school aged children, at events, schools and functions.

You can learn about what I do at www.earleonard.com

As a writer I am currently under contract to provide the plot, text for voice-overs, and character, place and item descriptions, for an educational computer game about grammar, that is set in an original fantasy universe. The program is for use in schools, and is designed specifically for Year 7 students, but also available to be used with Grades 5 & 6 and Year 8 students— www.grammatikus.com

The various units I studied at UB on creative writing, fantasy literature, gothic literature, mythology, children's literature, children's media, poetry, politics and philosophy have all come in handy for the above role. Of course, that these were the areas I focused on during my time studying was a major factor in me securing this, and prior, contracts. I have also written articles and editorial for publications focused on music, children and parenting, as well as scripts for both children's and romance comic book anthologies.

I look forward the hearing the other interesting stories of UB Alumni.

XU PING—Alumni member living in Shanghai

Dr Helen Thompson, Director of the Centre for eCommerce and Communications attended the Victorian Government Super Trade Mission in September, and met one of our graduates in Shanghai, Xu Ping.

Xu Ping studied at the University of Ballarat between 2004 and 2006, graduating with a Master of Business Administration.

Xu Ping is now Executive Director of the Shanghai Guangye Software Co., Ltd, a company with around 50 employees.
Andrew Russell studied at the University of Ballarat between 1994—1997 graduating with a Bachelor of Human Movement (Applied Science). He is now Head Fitness Coach of the Hawthorn Football Club.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

**Enjoyable:**
- Working with elite athletes, seeing the development of young players – physically & emotionally
- No two days are the same in an elite sporting environment. I am lucky enough to work with a wide range of highly talented people who push for improvement constantly,

**Challenging:**
- Managing expectations of stakeholders (internally & externally)
- Keeping a team motivated and in optimum physical condition for a lengthy season.

What are some of your career highlights?

- Securing the role of Head Fitness Coach at Port Adelaide Football Club when I was 24.
- Premierships I have been involved in – Essendon 2000, Port Adelaide 2004, Hawthorn 2008.

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

- Be prepared to do the hard yards. So many young students that contact me have high expectations about the starting point.

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

- How much fun campus life was – I made many lifelong friends and have great memories of my time at UB.
- Quality of the lecturers and the learning environment in my course – definitely set me up for work life.

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John Charles Dulfer has been honoured with a street named after him in Canberra.

John Dulfer studied engineering at the School of Mines and Industries Ballarat (SMB) from 1913—1916, and on 27 September 1917, received the President’s Medal for the most meritorious student of the year in Science at SMB. He was one of only two students to receive this prestigious award.

In 2005 the President’s Medal was donated to the University of Ballarat Art & Historical collection (Reg No. 4194). The medal is cast of 15 carat rose and yellow gold.

John Dulfer joined the Ballarat Junior Technical Senior Cadet Team in 1917, and was a member of the champion 1918 team that won competitions at Stawell, Colac, Maryborough, St Arnaud, Mildura and the Royal South Street Society’s ‘A’ Grade event.

As engineer for roads and bridges with the Federal Capital Commission until 1930, John Dulfer (a civil engineer) was responsible for much construction work during the establishment of Canberra as the seat of government in the late 1920s. He had also worked with the British Prophate commission and was stationed at Nauru and Ocean Island as the assistant engineer. On returning to Australia before the Japanese invasion of Nauru, he was involved in a strategically important survey of phosphate deposits throughout the Commonwealth and continued to work for the British Phosphate Commission until his death.

John Dulfer died in 1955 aged 55 years.
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](http://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.

The ex-staff association held their end of year function on Monday 3 December in Studio 3, Caro Convention Centre:-

10.15 am  Morning Tea  
10.30 am  Guest Speaker - Chancellor, Dr Paul J H Hemming  
10.50 am  Annual General Meeting / election of 2013 Office Bearers  
11.30am  Launch of ‘Lines of Succession’ - a history of UB  
12 noon  Lunch in Albert Coates Complex  

The links between UBESA and the University of Ballarat are ever increasing. Clare Gervasoni, Curator, Art and Historical Collection, is seeking UBESA members to volunteer to view VHS tapes of events that occurred on the Mount Helen campus in its early years with the view to identifying the occasion and the people involved. If considered significant, the tapes will be digitized. As well, past members of staff of Science and Engineering are invited to participate in the Heritage in Science Project. This involves contributing to bibliographies and descriptions of historical equipment which can be completed on the University of Ballarat website.