**Message from the Vice-Chancellor**

The University has been advised by the Commonwealth that our application for funding through the National Rental Affordability Scheme has been successful. This funding ($26 million) will enable the University to develop an additional 200 student accommodation beds at our Mt Helen and SMB campuses, and will assist the University to meet current and projected unmet demand.

The University was also successful with its application for Collaborative Research Network (CRN) funding worth $6 million. The project will see UB partner with Deakin University, University of Melbourne and Monash University to investigate ways to strengthen regional well-being, health and social connectedness by UB staff.

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**Dr Jeremy Johnson awarded honorary doctorate**

Dr Jeremy Johnson is Chairman of the Central Highlands Region Water Corporation and Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary of the Sovereign Hill Museums Association. He is a former General Manager Finance and Technology with the City of Ballarat, and before that Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the Shire of Ballarat and Secretary and Treasurer of the Shire of Ballan.

During his career, Dr Johnson has been actively involved as an office-bearer or member of an astonishing array of Ballarat school boards, sporting clubs, business associations, charitable institutions and community groups.

Indeed, for almost 30 years Dr Johnson has been an ambassador for all things Ballarat.

In recognition of his eminent business and community service, the University of Ballarat recognised Jeremy Johnson with the degree of Doctor of the University *Honoris Causa* at the May graduation ceremonies.
Nine graduation ceremonies were held in May 2011, with more than 1400 Higher Education (HE) and TAFE students graduating from UB.

Guest speakers included:

- **Tim Sullivan**, The Sovereign Hill Museums Association;
- **Michael Thurston**, US Consul General;
- **Associate Professor Joe Fleming**, Australian Catholic University;
- **Roger Bade**, Leadership Ballarat & Western Region;
- **Dr Christine Spratt**, Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE;
- **Shaune Moloney**, Ballarat & Clarendon College;
- **Dr Heather Ridout**, Australian Industry Group;
- **Dr Jeremy Johnson**, The Sovereign Hill Museums Association; and
- **Professor Rob Wallis**, University of Ballarat.

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

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
What are some of your career highlights?
* The opportunities for leadership that I have had here at College.
* Working on King Island as part of the Clarendon College Year 9 program.
* Recent trip to Harvard University to study instructional rounds under Professor Richard Elmore.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?
- The strong camaraderie built between the students studying in the Human Movement and Sport Science areas.
- The genuine interest shown in the students by the staff, most notably Judy Swan and Graham Ford.
- The relaxed yet studious atmosphere in the Sport Science School.
- PE balls - They were always a sensational night.

Do you have any advice about life after study to pass on to current students?
Make sure you do your bit to ensure teaching can be viewed as a profession, not a job, by working hard and committing yourself to continual learning.
Look for opportunities to build your leadership skills.

Shaune Moloney is currently employed at Ballarat & Clarendon College as the Head of Pastoral Care (Middle School), Head of Boys Boarding and a member of the Senior Staff Team. Shaune was a guest speaker at the recent May Graduation ceremonies.
**MAY 2011 GRADUATION CEREMONIES - PhD Graduates—Abstract Titles**

**Julie Heron**  
Arts Academy  
*Performing in the spaces between*

**Jessica Schroeter**  
Arts Academy  
*Map Marker Mark Maker: a visual exploration into place*

**David Wynen**  
Arts Academy  
*Bollywood meets tap: A choreographic commission and its real world constraints*

**Strobe Driver**  
School of BSSH  
*Why winning a war is no longer necessary: Modern warfare and the United States of America through the prism of the wars of Vietnam and Iraq*

**Zeb Leonard**  
School of BSSH  
*ATOMIC (CON)TESTING: Public Representations and Reflections on British Atomic Testing in Australia*

**Krystal Bowers**  
School of BSSH  
*Development and evaluation of a pilot program to reduce stigma of mental illness among rural adolescents*

**Melinda McPherson**  
School of Education  
*Privileging the ‘Subject of Potential’: On Refugee Women, Representation, and Education*

**Cameron Foale**  
Graduate School of ITMS  
*The directional propagation cache: real-time acoustics simulation for immersive computer games*

**Ameeta Jain**  
School of Business  
*Government policy and business development: a case study of regional economic development in the Casey LGA*
The University Medal represents the highest honour that the University of Ballarat can bestow on a graduate. It is awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement for the duration of their studies.

This year the recipient was Ebony Place. Ebony Place is a truly outstanding student, who is highly regarded by her lecturers and peers as a person who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to her studies.

The R W Richards Medal is awarded to the outstanding graduate of Applied Science. The medal, awarded annually since 1959, commemorates the 44 years of service to tertiary education in Ballarat by Mr Richards, Antarctic explorer—and former SMB Lecturer.

This year the recipient was Levi Laurie. Levi Laurie has excelled academically during his three years at the University of Ballarat.

Congratulations Ebony & Levi on your achievements
Dr Heather Ridout awarded honorary doctorate

Heather Ridout is a member of the General Motors Australian Advisory Council (2006-); Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research (2009-); Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (2009-); the Pacific Friends of the Global Fund (to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; 2009-); and Birmingham University Business School Advisory Board. Since 2009 she has been an ambassador for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation. She is a Director of Electrolux Home Products; the Australian Alliance for Children and Youth; and since 2007, Australian Super.

Heather Ridout shows by her example that the nature, content and conduct of policy discussion and policy outcomes can be shaped by diligence, intelligence and humanity. Perhaps most importantly, Heather Ridout shows us all that we must "never, ever give up".

In recognition of her eminent business and community service, the University of Ballarat recognised Heather Ridout with the degree of Doctor of Business Honoris Causa at the May graduation ceremonies.

Dr Roger Donaldson awarded honorary doctorate

Roger Donaldson is one of cinema’s most versatile film directors, as adept in orchestrating a Hollywood blockbuster as in shaping the most sensitive of art house movies. Moving easily from drama to comedy, biography to science fiction, thrillers to close studies of relationships, Mr Donaldson’s films fuse ambition, style and astounding technical ability with insight, humanity and humility.

Within the cinema industry Mr Donaldson is widely regarded as a New Zealander. But he has never forgotten his origins. To quote Mr Donaldson: “I’m still Australian to the core. I think all your values, all your ideas, all your ambitions and dreams are born in those first 20 years. In a way, I feel it’s put me in a position of strength”. Mr Donaldson who studied at SMB, retains strong links with Ballarat, to which he returns regularly for family visits and where, in 2006, he was recognised as one of Ballarat’s 100 Greats.

In recognition of his eminent service and contribution to the Arts, the University of Ballarat recognised Roger Donaldson with the degree of Doctor of Arts Honoris Causa at the May graduation ceremonies.
What are some of your career highlights?
* Cast member in Underbelly 4 ‘The Man Who Got Away’
* Voice over artist – 7-eleven summer slurpee campaign (Radio)
* Voice over artist – Melbourne University (Television Commercial)
* Sleeping Beauty in Alpha Shows National touring Disney rock adaptations.
* Fairy God Mother and ugly step sister in Alpha Show’s Cinderella
* Children’s entertainer and party hostess – Polka Dot Entertainment.
* Guest teacher for 2010 VCE dance students in Ballarat
* Dance choreographer for Tasmanian Dance School.

Do you have any advice about life after study to pass on to current students?
Stay pro-active. It’s really easy to fall into a static routine but you need to remain pro-active and involved in the performing arts industry to ensure that you are aware of upcoming auditions and opportunities to perform.

Maintain the hunger and be determined and continue enhancing your skills.

What are your strongest memories of your time studying at the University of Ballarat?
Making some of the closest friends I will ever have. We had 38 contact hours a week during our study and most of it was active (dancing, singing, acting, show rehearsals) so we became family.

The work we did was challenging at times but by far more rewarding. We were given great performance opportunities throughout the three years of study, which prepared us well for our venture into the industry.
The International Golden Key Honour Society's University of Ballarat Chapter held its annual new member reception at the Mercure Hotel on Thursday 5 May.

Golden Key International Honour Society is an academic honour society which recognises and encourages scholastic achievement and excellence among university students from all academic disciplines. Students that fall within the top 15% of all undergraduates and postgraduates are invited to join.

It was a very successful evening with plenty of laughs and networking opportunities.

For more information on UB Golden Key go to www.ubgoldenkey.com
If you are a Registered Nurse who has completed an MBA, have a Postgraduate Certificate and want to continue studying, or your Hospital is getting ready for accreditation, then the School of Nursing (soon to be The School of Health Sciences) at the University of Ballarat is offering a flexible online program with personalised academic support.

Dr Wendy Penney – Program Coordinator has a background in Quality Management and Consumer Participation (key component of accreditation), and has a Diploma of Quality Auditing and visits Hong Kong regularly to help students with their projects. Wendy will be in Hong Kong from the 22nd June - 30th June 2011 and would encourage you to make an appointment to meet with her to discuss the variety of options that will meet your learning needs.

Why not encourage your colleagues to participate - study groups and workplace support visits can be arranged. Join this special intake in June 2011 and complete your degree by July 2012. Then develop a workplace continuous quality improvement project while completing your Master of Nursing Degree.

For more information about the program and the credits you will be eligible to apply for, contact Dr Wendy Penney, email: wendy.penney@ballarat.edu.au

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Did you study the Bachelor of Arts (Librarianship) from 1988 to 1991?

If so, Eddie Turker is interested in organising a reunion and is seeking contact details for all graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (Librarianship)

Please contact Eddie on 0414 890 010 or eddie.turker@gmail.com

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Don't forget to renew your ub)alumni library membership

http://www.ballarat.edu.au/alumni/club-privileges
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 in May/June and in December. A newsletter, which is valuable for members living beyond Ballarat, is published twice per year with contributions from members.

An annual meeting is held during December, coinciding with the University’s end-of-year function. The May/June meeting comprises a tour of a local place of interest and lunch. Recent tours have included the SMB Building and Construction Training Centre in Grant Street, Ballarat Mechanics’ Institute, Gold Museum and the Fine Art Gallery (Cartoons about politics and society).

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.

The UBESA May 2011 meeting included a visit to the Ballarat Wildlife Park and an informative tour with our tour guide, Will. Recently appointed UB Alumni/Foundation Officer Pam Sutcliffe, addressed the members during lunch at the Red Lion Hotel.

The next meeting will be held in December 2011, date and time to be advised.