Welcome

It has been a busy few months. Check out our website, join the FedUni Alumni Association Facebook, Twitter or Linked In groups, or get involved - attend alumni events, volunteer, become a mentor. Click here to update your details now and receive access to myAlumni Centre.

Making a Difference

Thanks FedUni Alumni!

Heartfelt thanks to all alumni, staff and students who have supported our campaign to grow the number of Foundation scholarships offered in 2016 and in particular to Alicia, Shane and Kylie who have been very public about the difference their Foundation scholarship has made to their studies.

The campaign was a huge success and has enabled the

Professor David Battersby
Vice-Chancellor

Federation University Australia is celebrating its number one rating for teaching quality in the Good Universities Guide. In another accolade for the university, FedUni students have voted their lecturers the best in the state for an impressive seven years running.

"As a University, we believe in delivering the highest quality education to our students. We are honoured that our graduates have ranked FedUni
Federation University Australia Foundation to announce the introduction of Foundation Care-Leaver scholarships in 2016. These scholarships are targeted at care-leavers who have been placed in different forms of out-of-home care, including kinship care, residential care, family group homes and independent living.

Foundation Scholarships are assessed on financial circumstances and commitment to study with each scholarship worth $7,000.

Since the implementation of Foundation scholarships in 2013, the Foundation has grown the number of scholarships from four to eleven. This would not be possible without the support of our alumni, students and staff through our recent fundraising campaign.

Alumni Success Stories

Hannah Monson leading drama debut in Glitch!

Congratulations to FedUni Alumna Hannah Monson for her incredible leading drama debut in the ABC television series Glitch! Hannah is a proud graduate of our Bachelor of Arts: Acting course and is taking her skills to the masses in a performance that has critics raving.

Glitch is a high concept show which uses genre to explore

number one for teaching quality once again,” Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, said.

“Our focus on teaching quality and supporting the success of our students is why FedUni continues to provide a positive experience on campus and strong career outcomes for its graduates.

“I thank FedUni staff for their dedication and commitment to student success. Above all, I thank our students for choosing FedUni,” he said.

The University also received the maximum five star rating for social equity and four stars for student-staff ratio.

The Good Universities Guide is considered the nation’s definitive tool for determining university choice.

Professor Battersby said the new rankings confirmed FedUni’s status as one of Australia’s leading regional universities.

“These great results are determined by the students, not the university,” Professor Battersby pointed out.

“Our students in Ballarat, Gippsland, the Wimmera and elsewhere are outstanding ambassadors for FedUni and we aim to maintain and build on this great success in the years to come.”
primal human emotions. Set in the fictional country town of Yoorana, the six one-hour series sees the run-down town take on a new life from the most unlikely of places ... the past.

‘Yoorana’ becomes the gothic rural backdrop to a tale of love and redemption, of second chances gained and lost, of vengeance and forgiveness. As the “Risen” discover who they are why they have returned, those around them are also faced with a perplexing new reality, challenging all the beliefs and ideals they held dear.

Alums perform in 'I Won't Dance'

On 18 July, ‘I Won’t Dance’ had its world premiere at Ballarat’s historic Her Majesty’s Theatre. This show was written by Arts Academy graduate Josh Sanders with fellow graduates Sharon Wills and Karen Ireson as choreographer and musical director. The show featured many talented graduates including James Coley, Aaron Holland, Ryan Hawke, Patrick Durnan-Silva, Kylie Baker, Lizzie Sahlstrom, Vito Midolo, Rebecca Koroneos and Callum Harrington.

The show is a loving tribute to the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers films of the 1930s. I Won’t Dance is a brand new, full length musical. Written in their light-hearted, farcical, screwball comedy style, the show incorporates a plethora of original songs from the Astaire/Rogers films.

Your chance to win a $150 FedUni Merchandise Pack

Send your response to the following question to alumni@feder.edu.au to go into the draw to win a $150 FedUni merchandise pack:

1. What is your favourite memory - the one thing you reminisce about the most from your time at Uni, and why?

Jamie McDonald

What is your favourite memory - the one thing you reminisce about the most from your time at Uni, and why?

I studied Woolclassing in the evenings at the SMB campus of FedUni TAFE in the early 1980s while I was at secondary school. One of my strongest memories is all the teachers’ passion for agriculture and the wool industry in general, and how it developed that same interest for me.
Congratulations to alumna Lauren Murtah who played the title role in 'Wisdom of Eve' at Theatre Works in July.

The play that inspired the classic 1950 movie *All About Eve* has been given a psychological slant in a new production by director Meredith Fuller, a leading Melbourne psychologist.

*The Wisdom of Eve*, like its much-loved movie counterpart, immerses its audience in the style, music and sensibilities of 1949 New York. This sardonic tale of narcissism and betrayal sees an ageing Broadway star and her satellites befriend a lost waif who is not what she seems – precipitating a giddy downward spiral into treachery and loss.

Marcus Wills finalised in Archibald Prize

What is your favourite memory - the one thing you reminisce about the most from your time at Uni, and why?

When I arrived as a seventeen year old from Mildura I knew only two other people closely, both of them from Year 12. I was assigned to Unit 2 room 12, at that stage in 1975, units 10 and 11 were still being completed and the rest didn't exist. I shared room 12 until Easter with another chemistry student. I made friends quickly, as the residences housed mostly first years with a smattering of second years and we were all in the same boat.

I spent 1975 in unit 2, then with some mates from ACS in a house in Ballarat. I then returned to unit 10 for my final year in 1977. I had developed an interesting relationship with Tony Gough the residence manager and remember well his farewell in 1976. I think he saw me as one of his more challenging charges.

At one stage of the year we found a long length of bunsen burner hose from the chem store and taped it to the sink tap in the top kitchen of Unit 2, unsuspecting bridge crossers
FedUni Alumnus Marcus Wills was one of 47 finalists selected from more than 800 in this year's Archibald Prize entries.

His work, entitled El cabeceo, is an oil on board, multi-paneled altarpiece measuring 64 centimetres by 102 centimetres open.

He studied visual art at the Horsham campus.

Marcus took out the 2006 Archibald Prize for his controversial work The Paul Juraszek monolith which featured 29 images of the same person.

From left: Brian Thomas and Robert Hartmann - 1976 in front of the Tree of Knowledge

Awards

2015 International Alumnus of the Year, Shane Armstrong

Since graduating as a primary school teacher in 1983, Shane Armstrong's career has taken him a long way.

In 1992 he accepted the position of Education Publisher with Scholastic Australia. Soon after he was appointed Publishing Director for Macmillan Education Australia and four years later promoted to Managing Director.

By 1998 he had taken on the added responsibility as Managing Director of
Faculty of Science and Engineering
Technology Awards

**Degree:** Bachelor of Computing, Bachelor of Applied Science (Honours)

**Graduation year:** 1997, 1998

**Current position:** General Practitioner, Lecturer

**Employer:** Regency Medical Clinic, Flinders University

**What are some of your career highlights?**
Volunteering as a doctor and medical teacher in countries such as Indonesia, Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Israel, Iraq, the Marshall Island and China!

**Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job:**
As a doctor, I love being able to make a significant connection with my patients even in a short 15 minute consultation. This connection is usually because we were...

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Macquarie Dictionary and Macquarie online after acquisition by Macmillan Publishers Australia, overseeing the ongoing print and digital development of the dictionary.

In 2006, he moved to Singapore as Head of Publishing Group Times Publishing Limited Singapore.

In 2010, Shane moved to New York when appointed Executive Vice- President of Scholastic Corporation and President of International Group, the world's largest Publisher and Distributor of children's books including such iconic series as Hunger Games, Goosebumps and Harry Potter. Shane is now responsible for representation and distribution into over 140 countries, 2500 staff and revenue in excess of $400,000,000 US per annum.

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2015 Alumnus of the Year,
Grant Meredith

Grant Meredith demonstrated great bravery when he put his own speech impediment in the spotlight to launch Senator-Aid, an exciting world-first...
able to share a joke together or that I was able to comfort / reassure / encourage / inspire them emotionally even when dealing with their physical complaints.

As a teacher, I love being able to engage and challenge my students and to be able to witness their critical thinking skills improve and grow, even within the space of a single conversation.

What are your strongest memories while you were studying at the University?

Being an active member as well as being on the committee of student organisations including the Student Union and the International Student Association.

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

Always be keen to learn new things and upskill yourself — both professionally and personally. Even if this means being a current university student, trying new hobbies, experiences and adventures. Always have at least one interesting new 'project' on the go.

In one sentence what words of wisdom would you pass on to students

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself". (Luke 10:27)

Graduate Profile - Terence Wallis

technology designed to alleviate stuttering.

A lecturer and researcher at FedUni, Grant leads the Technologies for Empowering People for Participation in Society (TEPPS) program, which conceives designs and evaluates 'assertive technologies' for people at need.

Originally designed as a free DVD application to help people who stutter through everyday challenges, Scenari-Aid the website is now being used and evaluated for developmental disorders, stroke recovery, addressing social anxieties, teaching English skills to people from non-English speaking backgrounds and for assisting unemployed people to learn interview skills.

Grant also led the way in terms of fundraising, showcasing Scenari-Aid to a global audience. His first crowd funding project raised more than $25,000.

Queen's Birthday Honours, Martin Westbrooke

Congratulations to Emeritus Professor Martin Westbrooke who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

He was recognised in the general division for his service to ecology and environmental management.
Professor Westbrooke retired from Federation University Australia five years ago.

In his 40-year career he was the Head of Science and Engineering and Professor of Environmental Science at the Mount Helen campus.

Queen’s Birthday Honours, David Battersby

Congratulations to Professor David Battersby, Federation University Australia’s Vice-Chancellor, who was also recognised in the Queen’s Birthday honours list.

Professor Battersby was made an officer of the Order of Australia (AM) in the general division category.

He was recognised for his significant service to tertiary education as a senior administrator, academic and advocate for improved community engagement.

Faculty of Science and Engineering Technology Awards

Awards were presented to students across the disciplines of Engineering, Information Technology, and Applied and Biomedical Sciences. Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Professor Andy Smith welcomed staff, students and industry partners.
life.

What are your strongest memories while you were studying at the University?
The lifelong friends I’ve made and still in contact with. Even though we’ve had very diverse paths since then our time at Ballarat was a defining time in our lives.

Do you have any advice about life after study to pass on to current students?
Seek out your passion early in your career and follow your dreams – have the courage to leap you’ll never regret it.

Chapter Updates

South Asia Chapter

The FedUni South Asia Alumni chapter was successfully launched on 23 July, 2015 representing graduates living in India/Nepal, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Alumni Chapter aims to help our University promote and enhance its good name and reputation in South Asia. It also strives to promote a lifelong relationship between the University and its alumni, and to provide opportunities of engagement for all graduates and friends of the University in South Asia.

Hong Kong Chapter

The FedUni Alumni Hong Kong chapter is actively involved in organising the Federation of Australian Alumni Associations Hong Kong (FAAA) 20th Anniversary Ball which was held on 30 August, 2015.
Images from the event can be found on the FedUni Alumni Hong Kong website: www.fedunialumnihk.com.

Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander Chapter

Aboriginal Education Centre

Federation University Australia’s Aboriginal Education Centre (AEC) is calling all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander graduates of Federation University Australia and its predecessor institutions.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alumni Chapter’s purpose is to reconnect with Indigenous graduates and to strengthen those relationships and develop a strong and vibrant alumni network.

Federation University Australia has a strong record of leadership in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and graduates through its ongoing commitment towards reconciliation. The University shares the vision of Reconciliation Australia that recognises the special place and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Australians.

We also recognise that reconciliation will only be achieved if the past is acknowledged, the present understood and the future based on equality, respect and genuine opportunity and seek to build a proactive and innovative network.

We are currently compiling an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander alumni database and would like to hear from you to ensure that our records are current and that our messages reach you.

Pitman Benjamin Prize for Engineering Sustainability, Stuart Benjamin and Jachin Armstrong

Central Highlands Water Award for Academic Excellence in Environmental Management, Paul Clark, General Manager, Customer and Community, Central Highlands Water and Tom Cook

Castlemaine Goldfields Limited (CGT) Book Prize for Academic Excellence in Landscape Restoration and Mine Site Rehabilitation, Lesa Bell, Castlemaine Goldfields Limited and Rebecca Briody

Gippsland Campus Student Awards

On Tuesday 2 June, a range of awards were presented including the prestigious MMG Maintenance Management Prize which was presented to
University launches China Office in Beijing

Federation University Australia has become the first Australian regional university to open an office in China.

During a recent visit, Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor, officially launched the FedUni China Office in Beijing.

FedUni agents in Beijing and alumni were invited to join the Vice-Chancellor and FedUni staff from Australia and China to celebrate this important chapter in the University’s development.

The FedUni China Office was established last year to further the University’s China strategy. The function of the office covers key strategic engagement activities in China.

These include student recruitment, partnership liaison, government relations, education agent network management as well as marketing and promotion of the University’s profile.

Located in the centre of Beijing, the Office is about 3kms
away from Tian An Men Square and one block from the longest boulevard, Chang An Avenue, in Beijing.

It offers a well-designed and friendly front door in China for prospective students, staff and other key visitors.

The china office has also enabled the university to undertake a wider range of educational projects and activities in China, including a Bachelor of Science (Environmental) program with the Chinese Ministry of Education.

**Alumni Reunions**

**SMB Reunion**
3-4 December, 2015

Any former SMB students who attended the diploma school largely between 1962 and 1966 inclusive are welcome to attend and can make contact via the FedUni Alumni Office.

Planning for this important function is entering its final stages. Functions include tours of the old SMB diploma school and an afternoon tea hosted by the City of Ballarat. The Reunion Dinner will be held on 3 December with a tour of the Federation University Australia Mt Helen campus and lunch the following day.

More information can be found at johnthorne.com.au

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**15 March 1960 - 3 July 2015**

FedUni and the Alumni office were saddened by the tragic death of Adelaide Crows coach Phil Walsh.

Originally from Hamilton, Phil Walsh was an alumnus of the university, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor of Arts (Physical Education).

Mr Walsh was an Australian rules footballer and coach. He played for Collingwood, Richmond and the Brisbane Bears in the Victorian Football League between 1983 and 1990. Upon ending his playing career, he held assistant coaching roles at Geelong, West Coast and Port Adelaide before being appointed as the head coach of the Adelaide Football Club.

"On behalf of the university, our condolences go out to Mr Walsh’s family, friends and the Adelaide Football Club," Professor David Batterby, Vice-Chancellor, said.

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**Alfred Lindsay McKenzie**

Alfred Lindsay McKenzie passed away Wednesday 3 June, 2015.

Mr McKenzie was a senior Lecturer in Metallurgy who commenced at the School of Mines, Ballarat in 1944 and retiring from the Ballarat College of Advanced Education in 1965.

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**Alumni News and Events**

**Distinguished Alumni Wall**

FedUni recently unveiled a Distinguished Alumni Wall at the Caro Convention Centre, Mt Helen to recognise many of our
alumni who have gone on to achieve in their respective fields both in Australia and overseas. Here are just a few that you may not be aware of:

Steve Bracks – former Victorian Premier
Cyril Callister – The inventor of Vegemite
Roger Donaldson – Hollywood film director
Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw – A pioneer of the biotechnology industry in India
Steve Moneghetti – Olympic marathon runner
Marcus Wills – 2006 Archibald Prize winner

We look forward to adding many more distinguished alums in the coming years.

Let us know your thoughts and other successful alums who could be added to the Distinguished Alumni wall – alumni@federation.edu.au

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**Network Updates**

**Careers News**

Transition to professional employment project is in full swing.

Over 120 students and alumni have provided information via an online survey, or at focus groups, telling the Careers and Employment team their challenges heading into full-time work at the end of their degree. Early findings show that areas of concern range from students being confident in selling themselves into an ever increasingly competitive job market, to disclosing disabilities and worries about interview performance.

“The initial findings show that our current students are aware that the job market is tough out there, and that they are looking for information from us (Careers and Employment) in regards to how they can increase their chances, Deborah Cutts, Manager of Career Development and Employment said. The survey will be available online until September 25. “It would be great if we could hear from alumni who have recently graduated and have had that ‘well I wish I had known that’ moment” she said.

If you would like to complete the survey and have input into the future services the Careers and Employment team offers on campus, go to the survey or email studentcareers@federation.edu.au.

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**Upcoming Events**

Nominate an alum for an Alumni Award today

Do you know an alum that should be recognised for his/her achievements in one or more of the following:

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**myAlumni Centre**

myAlumni Centre gives you an opportunity to stay in touch with your fellow graduates, through an online system to:-

Update your personal details

- Search for other FedUni alumni
- Look at your unofficial academic transcript
(statement of results)
- Apply for or renew FedUni Alumni Library membership
- Donate online to the Federation University Australia Foundation

If you are a current alumni member, login to myAlumni Centre
Your username will be your personal email address. On the login page, click Forgot Password and then Reset Password on the next page. You will be sent a temporary password to log in.

New members, please update your details. The Alumni Office will send you instructions on how to log in to myAlumni Centre.

Our Ex-Staff

Catching up - Ballarat
As you read this we have just held our first Wednesday in Spring lunch as part of our regular lunch get-togethers at the Crown Hotel, Buninyong. On behalf of the committee of the Ex-Staff Association (Ballarat), I would like to invite ex-staff and alumni to our next lunch.

While we are trying to promote this activity as a first Wednesday of the season event, we have decided to hold our next lunch on the first Wednesday of November (4th) to avoid the Christmas rush of activities that take place in categories:-
Outstanding professional achievement:
Outstanding academic or research achievement;
Outstanding service to Federation University Australia or its predecessor institutions;
Outstanding service to the community

Nominate them now. Nominations are open for the 2016 Alumni Awards until Friday 29 January 2016.

In 2016 three awards will be available:-

Alumni of the Year (for alumni over 30 years of age)

Young Alumni of the Year (for alumni under 30 years of age)

International Alumni of the Year (for international alumni living and working in a country other than Australia for more than three years since graduation.

Nominees for 2016 must have graduated no later than 31 December 2012.

The Alumni Awards nomination form and guidelines are available on our website.
December.

Geoff Boyd

FedUni Alumni Hoodies
FedUni Alumni hoodies are now available for sale from the FedStore. Visit the FedStore to purchase fedunistore.federation.edu.au

FedUni Alumni Pins
To receive your FedUni Alumni pin, please click here to send your details and postal address to FedUni Alumni.