Message from the Vice-Chancellor

The progress of Federation University Australia since its formation in January has been remarkable.

FedUni came about through the University of Ballarat and the Gippsland Campus of Monash University coming together to form a new, regional university for Victoria. This formation has enabled us to capture a larger student base, as well as offering more programs to a wider community.

It is also my great pleasure to announce that the advertising campaign for the launch of Federation University Australia has won a major international award.

The Melbourne-based communications agency Publicis Cubed won the Henry Hoke Award, one of the top two prizes by the Direct Marketing Association in the United States, in tandem with FedUni.

The campaign by the agency and FedUni used television, print, cinema and digital advertising to promote the launch of our new regional university.

FedUni congratulates Publicis Cubed on this well-deserved international award. The campaigns by Publicis Cubed have been remarkably successful.

For the communities served by FedUni there is increasing optimism about its future.

Recently, FedUni’s governing council, under the leadership of its Chancellor, Dr Paul Hemming, approved a new Charter for the University. This is the key strategic document guiding the ongoing development of FedUni.

In its Charter, the University continues to position itself as a new generation Australian University that makes a difference through accessibility, inclusiveness and provision of a supportive learning and research environment.
In one sentence what words of wisdom would you pass on to our current and prospective students?

- Never stop learning … you can never know everything and can always learn more … knowledge can take you anywhere you want to go. (dj S)
- Follow your passion, follow your dream and never stop learning about that passion you have, and then you’ll achieve your goal … there will be obstacles in your path but steer around them and don’t lose your focus! (Mike)
- Don’t miss a single lecture, do your prac in your breaks between lectures. Work through the boring bits. Chances are you’ll never have to deal with them again once you’re out in the real world. Above all else remember it’s just study, don’t worry yourself to death. (Rob)
- Working harder now, will put you ahead years and maybe decades in front of those who don’t. It was a battle to get into that course, it’s a battle to get to the front of the class, but it makes the coming battle of finding a (good) job and excelling at it a lot easier if you already have a head start. (Nandor)
- Work hard, enjoy your time and the friendships that you make at Uni, and stick at it as these years shape your future life and the effort is all worthwhile. (Terry)
- Spend some time today to define the goals that will define you tomorrow; set in motion plans to achieve your goals and never be persuaded to give up on them. Commit to become all that you can become and to achieve more than you currently believe to be possible. (Paul)
- 1. Patience
   2. Perseverance
   3. Endurance
   4. Tolerance
   These words of wisdom were given to me two years ago! (Jacqueline)
- Grades may be important, but more importantly, don’t waste your time at University. Open up your mind to all the things on offer, get involved in the activities, get to know the incredibly diverse range of people you can meet and broaden your mind. A+B = C is the easy bit and can be learnt any time. (Michael)
- Just do it.
  Live, life, learn (Trish)
- When times get tough, study: good distraction and comes with benefits ☺️ (Linda)
- Whatever you study, follow your heart and your passion, it is in the direction of your passion that you have more chance to achieve your best, more ability to deal with future change and you will be happier and more fulfilled. We spend a large part of our lives working so do something you love, you and the people around you will be happier and the world will be just that little bit better. (Christopher)
- If at first you don’t succeed try and try again. (Doyle)
- It is what you read when you don’t have to that determines what you will be when you can’t help it – Oscar Wilde. (Sugunesh)
- Always practice good manners, respect your parents and elders. Never feel shy or fear to admit your mistakes at any level of your career. The sooner you accept your mistake, the stronger you will get to be able to achieve your desired objectives. Hard work and sheer dedication are the key to success. (Faisal)
Louis William Gordon Malcolm (aka Buchner) MA, PhD (Cambridge) (1885-1946)

Anthropologist and Museologist Louis William Gordon Büchner (1885-1946) attended the Ballarat School of Mines (SMB) from 1907-9, and 1911 gaining certificates in Mine Management and Geology. He is believed to be the first SMB alumnus to complete a PhD and the first at an overseas university - Cambridge. He published over 30 academic papers as L.W.G. Büchner, and as L.W.G. Malcolm after changing his name after the outbreak of World War One.

The Büchner/Malcolm story is an interesting one. Louis was born at Bourke, NSW in 1885 to librarian Otto Büchner and Catherine Malcolm. The family relocated to Katoomba around 1990 but Otto Büchner abandoned his family in 1894. Two years later four of Louis’ younger siblings died in a house fire.

Through tragedy and hardship Louis continued his education. After leaving school he joined Sydney’s Australian Museum, passing a Geology examination at Sydney Technical College while there. Studies at the Ballarat School of Mines were followed at the University of Melbourne where Louis was a Government Research Scholar in Anatomy. Awarded the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship in 1914, Louis was undertaking research at Zurich University when World War One broke out.

In 1915, as L.W.G. Büchner-Malcolm, he obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery at Portsmouth and was attached to the Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force. This posting gave him the opportunity to research the Eghap people of central Cameroon. After the war he studied at Christ’s College, Cambridge as L.W.G. Malcolm, graduating in 1921 with a Master’s degree in Anthropology.

In 1925 Louis was appointed curator of Archaeology and Ethnology at Bristol Museum. Later that year he joined the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum in London as Conservator later becoming Director. In 1932 he completed his PhD at the Faculty of Medicine, Christ’s College, Cambridge, on ‘Medical Museums: an historical and bibliographic study’. In 1935 Louis joined the Inspectorate of the London County Council organising the use of museum collections for teaching in London schools. Two years later he was appointed Curator of the Horniman Museum in Forest Hill, London, a position he held until his death in 1946.

Louis Büchner-Malcolm attended the Ballarat School of Mines during its glory era, and used the knowledge he obtained to the fullest extent.

Numbers are building for the 1965 SMB leavers’ reunion to be held at Craig’s Royal Hotel on 3 December 2015: 50 years to the date from the 1965 leaver's dinner.

All ’65 leavers and graduates from nearby years are welcome.

For further information go to johnthorne.com.au or contact the Alumni Office alumni@federation.edu.au
Careers and Employment Professional Association Memberships Low SES bursaries

The Student Careers and Employment team are delighted to announce that for the first time we have been able to support current undergraduate students with joining a career related professional association. Students could apply for up to $75 to put towards their membership of a professional association.

“We have had applications from students from many different disciplines” said Deborah Cutts, Manager of Careers and Employment. “We have assisted students to join associations from the Australian Psychology Society, Australian Human Resource Institute, The Australian Genetics Society and everything in-between.”

Funded by a special Higher Education Participation and Partnerships grant, students from low socio economic backgrounds have been able to join career relevant professional associations which they otherwise would not have been able to afford.

“With benefits from increased engagement in their course, networking opportunities, and career relevant information, this program is really making a difference to our students and their career plans,” Deborah added.

If you have experience in being a member of a professional association, and have a positive story to share with current students, please contact Deborah in the Careers Office on 03 5327 9910, or email studentcareerhub@federation.edu.au

Federation Business School Networking Series

Federation Business School is excited to announce a series of networking events designed to engage the Ballarat business community with prospective students and current MBA students, whilst also giving Alumni the chance to re-connect with the school, their fellow alums and be inspired by a guest speaker.

Our first speaker for the series is Daniel Flynn, Managing Director and Co-Founder of Thankyou co. Thankyou Group is an internationally recognised, award-winning social enterprise that exists 100% to fund life-changing projects in developing countries through the sale of its water, food and body care ranges.

The first evening for the series Thursday 4 December at the Ballarat Lodge (613 Main Road Ballarat) at 5.30pm (for a 6.00pm start).

Registrations are essential. To register for the evening, please see www.federation.edu.au/mba
Federation University Australia hosted an Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM) Technical Seminar in October, in the new Science and Engineering Building at the Mt Helen Campus.

The Annual Seminar of the Central Victorian Branch of AusIMM saw industry professionals from across the country come to Ballarat. Twelve technical presenters aimed to update members on current and new aspects of metallurgical developments. Presenters included Gekko Industries, Stawell Gold Mine, Fosterville Gold Mine, Costerfield Mining, Newcrest Mining, BHP Billiton and Townsville Nickel Refinery.

The seminar focused on the application of new technology aimed at better understanding of ores and how commercial metals may be extracted from them. This is a most vexing area of the mining industry as there are many resource rich deposits that have failed to be developed due to the lack of profitable recovery processes. As always, better outcomes are dependent on a myriad of factors and this seminar looked at the role of metallurgy in enhancing mine performance with a greater emphasis on creating a deep understanding of the more difficult ores.

This Seminar was well attended, 50 professionals and 50 students. This metallurgical seminar offered a great opportunity for students to witness the development and application of cutting edge methods and systems in metallurgy.

For some of the professionals involved it was a return to the university where they gained their degrees and went on to forge their successful careers.

Federation University Australia welcomed back former students including Mark Davis and Justin Spalding from Castlemaine Goldfields Project and Damon Buchanan, Sam Madin from Mandalay Resources and Matt Shaw from CBH Resources – Rasp Mine all of whom have gone on to have successful careers in the Industry.

Following the Technical Update Seminar, delegates attended an AusIMM Directors Dinner at the George Hotel, where Ian Plimer launched his new book ‘Not for Greens’. Professor Plimer is a renown geologist and Professor (Emeritus) of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne. He is Professor of Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide, and the director of multiple mineral exploration and mining companies. Ian has published 130 scientific papers, six books and edited the Encyclopedia of Geology.
**Graduate Profile**

Name: Phillip Bellingham  
Degree: Sport and Exercise Science  
Graduation Year: 2013  
Current Position: Elite Athlete  
Employer: Ski and Snowboard Australia

What are some of your career highlights?  
Competing at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, racing the past three seasons on the World Cup circuit, racing in the finals at U/23 World Championships and competing in two World University games.

What are your strongest memories while you were studying at the University?  
Living on residence was some of the best years of my life. I had a great time and met some of the best people, some of whom I am still really tight with now. I also really liked the practical side of my Sport Science degree. We were often just out there running about and doing things I usually do for enjoyment.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job  
Getting to travel the world as a professional athlete. Doing what I love is great but there is a lot of hard work which goes into getting there. We can be training up to 30 hours a week on top of University studies and part time work. So many sacrifices are often made to our social lives, which sometimes can be challenging to deal with.

Do you have any advice about life after study?  
Keep working hard and keep striving to take more steps in your career/life. The hard work isn’t finished after you’ve finished your degree.

**Alumni Awards 2015**

The Federation University Australia Alumni Awards will formally recognise alumni for their achievements within their chosen field of study and beyond.

In 2015 three awards will be available:-

- Alumnus of the Year (over 30 years of age)
- Young Alumnus of the Year (under 30 years of age)
- International Alumnus of the Year (for international alumni living and working in a country other than Australia for more than three years since graduation)

To be considered for an alumni award, nominations should be based on one or more of the following categories:-

- Outstanding professional achievement
- Outstanding academic or research achievement
- Outstanding service to Federation University Australia or its predecessor institutions
- Outstanding service to the community


Nominations close 4pm Friday 30 January 2015.
Hong Kong Chapter

Federation University Australia Pro Vice-Chancellor (International and Partnerships), Professor Mike Willis and Associate Dean (Engagement) Gregory Simmons were delighted to gather with alumni, graduates and friends in October at the alumni event in Hong Kong. The alumni functions provided a great networking opportunity for the guests and graduates and also stay connected with each other and their university. Make sure you don’t miss any alumni news and events. Visit the HK Alumni website (http://www.fedunialumnihk.com) to stay connected.

There are two upcoming events in December to celebrate Christmas. Please check out the event details below:

Event: FedUni Alumni Christmas Party  
Date: 6 December 2014 (Sat) 11:30am  
Address: 2/F, Foursea Building Jordan  
RSVP: +852 2314 9222

Event: Joint Australian Alumni Christmas Drink  
Date: 18 December 2014 (Thu) 7:00pm  
Venue: Rayne  
Address: 43-45 Wyndham Street, Central, HK  
RSVP: ivan@f AAA.org.hk

Malaysia Chapter

Above: Chancellor at Malaysia graduation ceremony
Above: Chancellor and Professor Todd Walker with graduates
Above: Malaysian graduates
Are you Graduating?
FedUni 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 FedUni.
The survey will be distributed in the coming weeks.
If you have moved recently please update your details with the Alumni Office at www.federation.edu.au/alumni - Update your details or email alumni@federation.edu.au
For further information contact the FedUni Surveys Team on +61 3 5327 8083 or email Surveys@federation.edu.au

AWA Woman of the Year 2014 – Edith Paarhammer
Recently Edith was awarded the Australian Windows Association ‘Woman of the Year 2014’ award for outstanding contributions to the window industry.

What are some of your career highlights?
Over the years the company has invented a few new products including windows and doors for the highest Bushfire Attack Level Flame Zone (BAL-FZ) and received recognition through several awards and media coverage.
Another highlight is that our products are now shipped to all States of Australia for residential and commercial applications where energy efficiency, sound protection or bushfire safety is called for.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job:
The most challenging is to market a small business on a shoestring and it is still hard for me to do public speaking.
The most enjoyable is to see that our staff are proud of what they achieve when we get positive feedback from clients, big or small.
Another positive aspect is that I can further causes like energy efficiency and sustainability in the building industry.
I am also delighted that we are able to grow our regional manufacturing business to cover 20 staff of which some have stayed with us for between 10 and 20 years.

Graduate Profile
Name: Tang Hei Lun
Degree: Bachelor of Management (Tourism)
Graduation Year: 2013
Current Position: Train Captain (Airport Express and Tung Chung Line)
Employer: MTR

What are some of your career highlights?
Maintaining safety, high efficiency and effectiveness, quality services for passengers every time. In 2014 I was awarded a “Living the MTR Values Award certificate” for my assistance with a traffic control incident.

What are your strongest memories while you were studying at the University?
Professor Ian sharing destinations to analyse and compare. Considering what things can help to improve the attraction or destination, let visitors feel comfortable and good. We visited sites during our course such as Ping Shan Heritage Trail, Hong Kong Peak.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job:
Solving problems (human factors and technical factors). Very exciting and difficult during peak hour. It takes skill.

Do you have any advice about life after study?
Keep working hard and continue learning. Don’t pay attention on your wages alone, pay attention on work life balance. Knowledge can help to change your life because every graduate would use their knowledge and experience to contribute in their society and working environment.
Golden Key members receive Fed United Awards

Federation University Australia ran the first Leadership, and Volunteer and Sports Awards under the new banner of the FedUnited awards. Over 100 students attended the event to receive awards for their commitments to volunteer hours, leadership duties, or sporting achievements.

We had a number of Golden Key members attend the event, notably Elisabeth Eccles, our President who received a Volunteer Hero award for contributing over 100 hours to various organisations, Sammy Desai, our Webmaster and Social Media Officer, and Kate O’Toole our Secretary, who both received a Gold Award. Kate O’Toole also chairs the Mature Age student club (The Feds) and received the (Most Promising New Club) award on behalf of the committee for their range of activities and significant growth during their first year.

Marie Digna, the team leader for the Challenge Abroad project also received a Volunteer Hero award. You may remember reading about our fundraiser in the October newsletter. This event was to raise money to support Marie, GK Exec. Committee member Luoxi Pan, and the rest of the Nepal team with their endeavours.

Well done to all of our members and all who received awards on the evening. It is amazing to see just how much our students give back to the University and our local communities.

Golden Key Executive members attend Academic Breakfast

Our Executive Committee attended an Academic Breakfast hosted by Dr Sam Henson, Head of Campus for Ballarat. Also in attendance were members of the University senior management team, as well as our Chapter Advisor Deborah Cutts. Deborah presented to the group the key achievements of Golden Key at the international level for 2014, whilst committee members spoke about the achievements of the chapter at the local level and presented plans for 2015.

“This is a great opportunity for us to let the University senior management team and key stakeholders know what we have achieved this year,” said Elisabeth Eccles, President. “Our chapter adds value to the student experience, gives students something to strive for, as well as having some real impacts with the local community through our endeavours in upholding the Chapter Standards.”

For further information on the FedUni Golden Key Chapter, visit the website www.fedunigoldenkey.com or goldenkey@federation.edu.au
Ex-Staff Association (Ballarat) Activities

Following an equally successful return visit by ex-Gippsland staff on 8 October to the Mt Helen Campus, we now need to consider how we maintain and foster these visits. We are currently considering the possibility of a visit every two years. Both groups could meet in Melbourne or perhaps Sorrento, where we travel to Queenscliff and ferry across as pedestrians for lunch. We would appreciate feedback from ex-staff as to suggested visits.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 25 November, with Clare Gervasoni expanding on her brief talk that she gave when the ex-Gippsland staff visited.

We then had the opportunity to attend the Federation University Australia Christmas staff break-up.

Ex-Staff Association Gippsland & Ballarat Get-Together

On Wednesday 8 October a group of ex-GIAE staff travelled to Ballarat by mini bus. On arrival we were met by Pam Sutcliffe, Clare Gervasoni, our former GIAE colleague Jeff Dowsley and a number of ex-Ballarat staff, many of whom had visited the Churchill campus earlier this year.

We were initially taken on a driving tour of the campus followed by a walk through with Clare who described the development of the campus building program.

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