From 1 January 2014, Federation University Australia will come into existence. Already there has been a very positive response and many enquiries for admission.

The television campaign for FedUni has struck a chord and the TV advertisement which is now on You Tube has had more than 36,000 views.

The University is now taking applications for direct admission. These can be lodged online at: https://apply.federation.edu.au/. Applicants will receive a response about their application within 48 hours.

The University is examining the feasibility of new courses for the Gippsland campus in Sports Science, Early Childhood Education, Agriculture, Forestry and Food Science.

The University is also planning to extend research activity at the Gippsland Campus. The Australian Centre for Research into Injury in Sport and its Prevention (ACRISP) will begin operations at the Gippsland Campus, conducting research around injury prevention associated with snow and water sports and other active recreational pursuits which are very popular in the Gippsland region.

Federation Online was also launched at the Gippsland Campus on Tuesday 15 October. Federation Online is committed to bringing tertiary education to the regions of Victoria and beyond.

The project will be led by Professor Marcia Devlin, the University’s new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Quality).

The Federation Online project will focus on eLearning ensuring that it is student-centred, involves interactive learning and is accessible. eLearning provides opportunity for access to higher education not otherwise available to some rural, regional and remote students, as well as to those who may live centrally but have other commitments besides study.

Federation Online will be a key strategy for the new Federation University Australia.

Consultation with stakeholders, local government, industry and the community is going to be a hallmark of FedUni. To assist with this process, consideration is now being given to the formation of one or more FedUni Regional Consultative Committees in the Gippsland region. The first of these Committees will be in place early in 2014.

I appreciate your ongoing support of the University and I look forward to updating you in 2014 on developments with Federation University Australia.
ub)alumni soon to be called FedUni Alumni

As we move closer to 1 January 2014, keep an eye out for the changes!

ub)alumni is changing its name to FedUni Alumni, and we will be changing the look and feel of our website, Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, and joining Instagram!

Whilst we will have a new name, nothing further will change for our alumni members. FedUni will continue to acknowledge and honour students from all of its predecessor institutions since its beginnings more than 140 years ago, and we welcome all new members.

Federation University Australia is committed to ensuring that the connection between the University and its graduates is both fulfilling and lifelong.

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Tell us your story!

ub)alumni, soon to be FedUni 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

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Welcome to Gippsland campus alumni

I would like to personally welcome all of our new alumni members from the Gippsland campus, and note that Federation University Australia will always recognise all graduates of its predecessor institutions.

If any Gippsland campus alumni member, wishes to subscribe to FedUni Alumni to receive our alumni communications, please go to www.ballarat.edu.au/alumni/update-alumni-details

It is an exciting time for our Alumni, and we look forward to hearing from all of you!

Getting into the spirit of FedUni!

Final year Exercise and Sport Science students from the School of Health Sciences were getting into the spirit of FedUni this week.

Left: Exercise and Sport Science Graduation Class of 2013

Above: Graduating students jump for joy
Federation University Australia – Australia’s newest university – was launched by The Hon. Peter Hall, Victorian Minister for Higher Education and Skills, on 1 October 2013, and is expected to generate more than $1 billion annually for the economy of regional Victoria.

The university – also known as ‘FedUni’ – is the result of an exciting amalgamation between the University of Ballarat and Monash University’s Gippsland campus.

With campuses in Ballarat, Gippsland and the Wimmera, FedUni is the only regional university in Victoria offering higher education, technical and vocational programs as well as research opportunities.

There is also an expanded offering of online education, distance learning and blended learning.

The new university signals exciting opportunities for students, with a wide range of new programs on offer. In Gippsland, students will be able to access engineering, graphic design and multimedia, sports management, early childhood, metallurgy and health science.

The University will provide several hundred programs across many fields of study including business and commerce, human and community services, the visual and performing arts, mathematics, information technology, engineering, nursing, paramedicine, midwifery, biomedical sciences, criminology, food sciences, teacher education, behavioural and social sciences, humanities, human movement, sport sciences, the various trades and in manufacturing services.

Students from all campuses travelled to Parliament House on the day, to celebrate the launch of Federation University Australia. (Picture shown below)
Federation University Australia
media launch cont...
Alumni Awards

In 2014 the University will introduce its inaugural Alumni Awards to formally recognise our alumni for their achievements within their chosen field of study and beyond. In this regard I ask that you consider nominating an alumni member.

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)

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 the University
- Outstanding service to the community

How to Nominate

1. Please read the Alumni Awards Guidelines for full eligibility criteria www.ballarat.edu.au/alumni
3. Send or deliver the supporting documents to the address shown on the application form by the closing date.

Closing Date

4pm Friday, 31 January 2014.

Foundation Scholarships available

The Foundation scholarships are open to both commencing and continuing domestic higher education students enrolled in an undergraduate degree (including honours) and commencing and continuing domestic TAFE students.

In 2014 four scholarships will be available, each to the value of $7000.

Applications will be assessed on financial circumstances and commitment to study.

In so far as possible, one scholarship will be allocated within each of the following areas in 2014:-

- Commencing higher education student
- Commencing TAFE student
- Continuing higher education student
- Continuing TAFE student

For further information go to www.ballarat.edu.au/foundation or phone: +61 3 5327 9929
Pam Sutcliffe elected to international CR Group

Congratulations to Pam Sutcliffe, our Alumni / Foundation Officer, who was recently elected to the Contributor Relations Product Advisory Group (CR PAG) as an Associate Member.

Membership is currently made up of universities from across the United States, and our University is the first Australian University represented at this international forum.

This will give our University the opportunity to:

- Share our experience and expertise with Contributor Relations;
- Have an impact on development strategies and priorities.
- Work directly with the system provider and other Contributor Relations users to develop a strong and effective fundraising software product.

As you will be aware, the University launched its online alumni system—Contributor Relations in April 2012. The University was the first Australian University to implement the system, and will now be the first Australian University represented at this international forum.

Crowdfunding success: Regional University success

On 21 September regional Australia’s most successful research crowdfunding project to date reached its target goal of $25,000. The campaign revolved around the work of University of Ballarat academic and ub)alumni member, Grant Meredith and his Scenari-Aid project.

Entitled “Help Scenari-Aid Go Mobile”, the campaign focused on the further development of Scenari-Aid (www.scenariaid.com). Scenari-Aid is a free to use online social simulator targeted primarily towards people with speech impediments and/or social anxieties. Scenari-Aid gives such people a safe and convenient environment to practise their speech and social confidence with the aim of translating new skills into the real world.

The funding will enable Grant to ensure that Scenari-Aid can work across mobile platforms and to build in abilities for the user such as a personal diary and goal setting.

Without the backing of the “Crowd” the project would have been put on hold until alternative funding was found. Work will now begin on the next phase of development and should be completed by mid-2014.

Grant and his team would like to thank all University of Ballarat alumni, current students and staff who contributed to this campaign.
Attention: December graduates
Tag yourself or your friends on Facebook!

Congratulations to all of our UB students who are graduating in December.

As part of the upcoming December graduation ceremonies, staff will be taking photos of graduates at the ceremonies, and uploading them to our University Alumni Association facebook page as soon as possible.

You are invited to Tag yourself or your friends.

Should you wish to take your own graduation photos, and you would like to see them on the University Alumni Association Facebook page, please email them to alumni@ballarat.edu.au.

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Are you Graduating?

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 at ballarat.edu.au/alumni or email alumni@ballarat.edu.au

For further information contact the SEEQ Unit on +61 3 5327 8083 or email UBSurvey@ballarat.edu.au

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Careers and Employment News

What a year 2013 has been for the Careers and Employment team! We are still very busy helping students with summer jobs, and final year students with their graduate roles. To sum up our CareerHub system in 2013 has seen:

- 429 New Employers added
- 810 New Vacancies
- 1079 Student Appointments attended
- 20 Workshops facilitated with 237 attendees
- 706 Resources viewed
- 423 Students placed in to Jobs (That we know of)

If you are looking to move onwards and upwards in your current career, or are looking for a career change, Careers and Employment is here to help. For more information, you can book a Google Hangout, Skype or phone consultation by calling us on 03 5327 9910 or emailing on studentcareerhub@ballarat.edu.au

Wishing all of our Alums a very happy and safe festive season and we are looking forward to sharing news with you as a part of Federation University Australia in 2014.
Graduate Profile—Martin Toomey

Martin Toomey graduated from the University of Ballarat in 2003 with a Master of Business Administration.

Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

- Leading a team to success through shared goals. Mentoring engaged individuals to do something really remarkable with their lives
- Networking within the business community is always educational
- Cultural diversity can be a challenge at times

What are some of your career highlights?

- Using my Master of Business Administration (MBA) on the run I managed a business unit turnaround and kept jobs in Australia as a result
- Established market entry for advanced technology in China and gained significant market share
- Managed a Chinese team and lead them to become industry leading talent

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

- Keep driving yourself, don’t stop learning. Read extensively, I love the LEX column in the Australian Financial Review – it’s better than Sudoku for keeping your mind fresh and exercised.
- Maintain a close network of trusted mentors and sponsors.
- Keep healthy and celebrate your wellness

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

- I met my wife to be on campus in my last semester!
- We’ve travelled the world together and had two children since then; it’s been a real blast.
- The University has some really talented lecturers; I most admired Prof. Julian Lowe and the great support team in the admin office.
As Former Ballarat School of Mines Student Ted Cannon stepped off land at Port Melbourne, on 23 November 1915, with reinforcements of the 6th Infantry Battalion bound for Egypt during World War 1 he would not have known of the large bronze medallion his parents were to receive in exchange.

Almost 100 years later the medallion commonly known as the 'Dead Man’s Penny' was donated to the University of Ballarat Historical Collection with the acknowledgement Returned home by W. & O. Mayne.

As a student at the Ballarat Technical Art School, Ted Cannon quickly became known as a gifted cartoonist. He took a position as cartoonist with the Ballarat Star newspaper at the end of 1914.

During the Battle of Pozieres on the Western Front Ted worked with the Scout Platoon sketching the enemy’s gun emplacements. He proved invaluable to the Brigade and brought Ted to the attention of the Australian High Command. At that time Ted wrote:

*Did I tell you in the last letter that I was a scout? If I didn’t do so then I do so now. It's a good game too. Just suits me right down to the ground. All through our tour of duty in the trenches I have had a sort of roving commission observing the enemy's doings, etc, from the tops of trees, battered buildings, and all sorts of funny places. It's a bit awkward at times if a sniper gets on you when you're about 30 or 40 feet above the ground in a tree - you often 'miss the step' on the way down so hastily. If you happen to have left your telescope or your compass up top in the excitement, it further complicates matters. I got in that fix the other day. Hurried down and left my compass behind. I sat down behind the tree and viewed the surroundings for about an hour, and then made at least three attempts to get up, but before I'd get near half-way the sniper would spot me and put up a quick-firing record. I beat him in the end, though, by sitting behind the tree and writing a few letters. By the time I had finished writing he'd 'chuck'd it up' as a bad job and turned his attentions elsewhere... Very often, when I am dangling by my eyebrows from the limb of a high tree, trying my best to draw with one eye to the telescope and the other one on the pad, I wish I were back home again drawing bulrushes and willow trees from the banks of the Lake [Wendouree]. Some of the sketches I do here wouldn't pass muster with Mr Smith I'm sure. In places my line gets jerky and dissipated looking. This is due to a sudden cold sensation shooting through my anatomy as a bullet whistles through the tree or a shell bursts in the vicinity.*

The sniper found its mark on 13 September when Ted was sent out to draw a panorama of the German lines in the area from Hill 60 to The Bluff. Rushed to the 17th Casualty Clearing Station, Ted died early the next morning. Lieutenant Jack Rogers had the Scouts erect a new Observation Post in the Glide on the summit of The Bluff, which was to be marked on all maps as "Cannon’s Post."

Ted Cannon’s parents received a commemorative medallion which was presented to the next-of-kin of the men and women from England and the Empire who died during World War 1. Known as the “Dead Man’s Penny” it was accompanied by a letter from King George V, stating "I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War”. Ted Cannon was an only child, so 100 years later the medallion was not held by relatives. It was returned to Ballarat earlier this year.

The medallion features an image of Lady Britannia surrounded by two dolphins (representing Britain’s sea Power) and a lion (representing Britain) standing over a defeated eagle (symbolising Germany). Around the outer edge are the words ‘He died for freedom and honour’. Next to Lady Britannia is the deceased soldier’s name, with no rank provided to show equality in sacrifice.

Next year marks 100 years since the beginning of World War 1. Over 400 staff and former students of the Ballarat School of Mines ‘heard the call’ and enlisted.

Clare Gervasoni with thanks to the research of Amanda Taylor
Vice-Chancellor Lunch
with Executive Committee and
University of Ballarat Student Senate

In conjunction with the University of Ballarat Student Senate, the Ballarat Golden Key Chapter held its annual Vice-Chancellor’s
Luncheon on Thursday 7 November. The opportunity to showcase the new executive committee and the members of the
student senate was warmly welcomed by the attendees, including the Chancellor, Dr Paul Hemming, the Vice-Chancellor,
Professor David Battersby, Deans and Associate Deans of Schools, and other staff.

With recognition from Naomi Biggs, Coordinator of the Leadership and Volunteer Award for the Student Senate, and Susanna Chan, University Relations Officer for Golden Key Asia Pacific for the Golden Key committee, Dr Paul Hemming proudly awarded certificates of appreciation and acknowledgement of participation to the students and members that volunteer their time for these two pursuits. Coming together in this social forum, the opportunity to network amongst the invitees saw great relationships being forged and strengthened as the Golden Key Ballarat Chapter, and the University of Ballarat Student Senate, conversed with like-minded individuals.

For the Golden Key Ballarat Chapter, we see the end of the Presidency of David Sproules and sincerely thank him for his invaluable contribution to this chapter over the past four years. Also retiring is Vice-President Ellen Sabo. We offer our sincere thanks for her dedication and personal investment to the Ballarat Chapter over the past two years. Both members will be staying with the Golden Key Ballarat Chapter as executive members and in advisory roles for the next twelve months.

Stepping into their shoes, we introduce and congratulate interim President Elisabeth Eccles, and interim Vice-President and Webmaster Adam Bignold. We also introduce recently inducted Social Media Officer, Mary Steel.

We look forward to upholding the pillars of academic, leadership and community in 2014 under the new Golden Key Chapter of Federation University.
On Saturday 26 October, SINO College held its Graduation Celebration for 2013. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Quality), Professor Todd Walker, and Dean of The Business School, Professor Mike Willis, attended the graduation celebration.
On the evening of 26 October almost 40 alumni from the ub)alumni Hong Kong chapter gathered in Tsim Sha Tsui (Hong Kong) for a cocktail reception.

It was a great opportunity to meet the ub)alumni in Hong Kong. There was a graduation ceremony on the same day in Hong Kong. Congratulations to all graduates and welcome to the ub)alumni family.

We were so glad to have Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Todd Walker and Professor Mike Willis here in Hong Kong to speak about the recent merger of the newly formed University.

The evening provided an opportunity for the assembled guests to meet the fellow ub)alumni as well as proving a wonderful social event and networking opportunity. The event was thoroughly successful and a good time was had by all.

It was the last year we held a ub)alumni Hong Kong annual event, as we will be using a new name for the alumni event starting from 1 January, 2014.

Ivan Chan
Forty members attended an informal reunion lunch for staff from the early days of the Gippsland campus, held on 11 November in the campus Bistro.

It was good to welcome ex-staff from across all of engineering, applied science, business, social sciences, education, nursing, IT, visual arts, library, technical services and administration. People came from as far afield as Melbourne and Geelong for the gathering, the fifth such event organised by Kevin Cale and Phil Rayment.

Newly appointed DVC Learning and Quality for Federation University Australia, Professor Marcia Devlin, addressed the group, giving an update on progress with the development of the new institution.

It is hoped that functions in 2014 will include an opportunity for Ballarat ex-staff and Gippsland ex-staff to get together.

Phil Rayment
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.

Arrangements for the 2013 end of year function on Tuesday, 10 December, are as follows:

9.30 am Unveiling of plaque at Tree of Knowledge [The Big Tree]
10.00 am Guided tour of new Science and Engineering Building
11.00 am Annual General Meeting, Room T202
   Election of Office Bearers 2014
   Consideration of Revised Constitution
12.00 noon Staff Christmas Break-up, Albert Coates Complex

Australia-China Alumni Association

Are you a ub)alumni member living or working in China?

If so, would you be interested in attending a joint University of Ballarat and Australia-China Alumni Association event in either Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou?

The Alumni Office is planning an event early in 2014, and is seeking interest from ub)alumni members.

To register interest, please send an email to alumni@ballarat.edu.au