

Message from the Vice-Chancellor



For the past two years, major organisational change has taken place at the University of Ballarat (UB) culminating in a range of new and important initiatives. In the history of the University, these changes are probably the most important and significant that have occurred.

For us at UB, the changes we have put in place have been essential to our ongoing sustainability and in being an agile and flexible institution responding to community and industry needs. As part of the changes, the University has amalgamated its twelve Schools into seven new ones and appointed new Deans and a range of other senior staff.

UB has reviewed all of its business processes to ensure they are more streamlined and that the student experience at UB remains second to none.

We have also established two new, major centres. A new Centre for University Partnerships will provide a unified and consistent approach to managing key alliances and partnerships which facilitate students enrolling in University programs.

UB has also established a Centre for Learning Innovation and Professional Practice which has a commitment to continually developing UB staff and the organisation.

Out of this transformation has come an invigorated and proactive institution, proud of its heritage and much more ready and able to meet the challenges ahead.

We have also recorded our third consecutive five-star rating for teaching quality in the 2012 Good Universities Guide. The rating places UB as the only Victorian University to have scored three consecutive maximum ratings for teaching quality.

These fantastic results give due recognition to the high quality of our teaching staff at the University of Ballarat.

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RECENT NEWS - *What's been happening?*

“Wouldn't have been able to do it without the great foundation at the Arts Academy” Philippa said

Originally from the Barossa Valley, South Australia, Philippa Lynas studied at the University of Ballarat (Arts Academy) between 2006-2008, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Music Theatre).

Having received a scholarship to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, Philippa spent 18 months in New York, studying at the very prestigious academy.

Philippa auditioned for Broadway's Rising Stars 2011 and debuted on stage in the opening show in July. The annual Broadway's Rising Stars features students from theatrical institutions throughout the country.

Performers made their debut on The Town Hall stage in what has become a national showcase.

Back in Australia for one week, Philippa contacted the Alumni Office to let us know how her career was progressing. Philippa will be heading off shortly as she has been cast to sing on a cruise ship in the Caribbean.



Images from Broadway's Rising Stars 2011



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



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GRADUATE PROFILE - *This could be you!*

Nick Boak studied at the University of Ballarat between 2002-2006, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) in 2006.



Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

I currently work as the Operations Coordinator for UniSports at the University of Ballarat.

It has been great returning to UB as a staff member. I am currently taking advantage of the learning opportunities for staff by completing a Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Education.



Nick Boak

What are some of your career highlights?

- Having responsibility for managing large budgets.
- Leading and motivating staff.
- Returning to work at UB is a career highlight. There are many staff at UB who are former students who appreciate the benefits of studying at UB.

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

- Take opportunities.
- Seek and accept responsibility.
- Be patient. After you graduate you may want to take over the world.
- First work to establish yourself and identify what you are good at, what you enjoy and what motivates you.

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

- Small class sizes.
- Friendships formed with fellow students.
- Approachable teaching staff.
- Clubs and Societies available to maintain a balance between study and fun.
- The annual University Ball.
- UB student mentor program.

UB Unveils Seven New Schools

The seven new Schools are listed below:

The University has also established a Centre for Learning Innovation and Professional Practice which has a commitment to continually develop staff and the University.

- **The Business School**
previously Business, Business Services—TAFE I.T.

- **School of Health Sciences**
previously School of Human Movement & Sport Sciences, Nursing, Behavioural & Social Sciences & Humanities (Psychology), Science & Engineering (Bio Medical Science, Food & Nutrition)

- **School of Human Services**
previously School of Human Services

- **School of Education and Arts**
previously School of Behavioural & Social Sciences & Humanities, Arts Academy and School of Education

- **School of Manufacturing and Construction**
previously Manufacturing Services

- **School of Food, Land & Service Industries**

- **School of Science, Information Technology and Engineering**
previously School of Science & Engineering & Graduate School of Information Technology & Mathematical Sciences

The
Business School



Associate Professor
Mike Willis

School of
Health Sciences



Associate Professor
Kim Dowling

School of
Human Services



Ms Shirley Fraser

School of
Education and Arts



Associate Professor
John McDonald

School of Food,
Land & Service
Industries



Associate Professor
Kath White

School of
Manufacturing &
Construction



Associate Professor
Barry Wright

School of Science,
Information Technology
and Engineering



Associate Professor
John Yearwood

The University has appointed new Deans and a range of other senior staff. The new Deans are pictured above.



APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT MANAGER

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Michelle Nunn as Project Manager for the implementation of the new Contributor Relations system for Alumni. Michelle will be working on this project over the next 10 months. *(Michelle is featured in the Graduate Profile on the next page).*



Welcome to the project Michelle!



CONTRIBUTOR RELATIONS

The University's Alumni Association, now fondly known as ub)alumni, was formed in 1995 to bring together students, staff and graduates. It supports the University in the realisation of its mission and to encourage an active involvement in the rich community life of UB through social, intellectual and educational activities.

The Contributor Relations project will provide a system that will support the mission and aims of ub)alumni. This project will enable the development of closer and more rewarding links with UB alumni through the development and implementation of an integrated Relationship Management System.

Contributor Relations is a system designed to capture information related to former students of the University of Ballarat and to promote an active participation from members. Part of these objectives include an online forum for former students to facilitate the update and tracking of their personal information.

The system will have the potential to:-

- Provide event management facilities to plan and coordinate marketing activities for alumni;
- Provide ongoing information and contact with alumni members;
- Allow online methods of communication and interaction that can be utilised worldwide;
- Provide an established profile of UB alumni members including their education and professional history;
- Enable the production of alumni membership cards.

Implementation is due early April 2012, so the countdown is on

I will keep you updated on the progress over the next few newsletters!

GRADUATE PROFILE - *This could be you!*

Michelle Nunn studied at the University of Ballarat between 2002-2006, graduating with a Bachelor of Computing / Bachelor of Commerce in 2007.



Describe the most enjoyable and challenging aspects of your job

I have been working on various projects for the past six years. This is challenging as my job is never the same from day to day. I am constantly required to think on my feet, adapt to new situations and learn new things. Whilst this is challenging, this is also my favorite part of the job. I have always loved to learn and just because I have completed my degrees definitely has not meant that I have stopped



Michelle Nunn

What are some of your career highlights?

Definitely some of the biggest highlights in my career have been the places I have had the opportunity to visit and the people I have met. I have run training all over Australia for the Department of Veterans Affairs and overseas for various other organisations, and I am about to embark on a tour of the U.S. to visit with various universities to share their alumni experiences.

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

My biggest tip would be to keep your eyes open for opportunities. I have never planned out the detailed steps of my career, but I know where I want to go and I am diligent in not only watching for opportunities, but asking for them and creating them. I would also recommend that you never stop studying. There is always more to learn and improvements to make, so seek out courses that you are interested in, or will help you in your chosen career path, and enroll!

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

I remember and enjoyed the relaxed environment that I found at UB. It was not only a conducive environment for study but also flowed through to the lecturers as well. They were never too busy to help you and encouraged you to try your best and persevere in anything you wanted to achieve. Since I graduated I have also completed a Diploma of Project Management, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and a Certificate IV in Business Management, all through UB. I have enjoyed all my studies and have always felt supported.



NETWORK & CHAPTER UPDATES

The ub)alumni Hong Kong Chapter visited the Shong Yan Aged Home on 31 July 2011.
More than 15 members and friends attended.



APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN— FAAA

Congratulations to Ivan Chan from the University of Ballarat Alumni Hong Kong chapter who was recently appointed as Vice-Chairman of The Federation of Australian Alumni Association (FAAA). Ivan has been an active member of the FAAA over the past five years.



The Federation of Australian Alumni Association (FAAA) HK

Ex-Staff Association - *Join today!*

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 each year in May/June and in December. A newsletter, which is also valuable for members living beyond Ballarat, is published twice per 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.



Committee members from left:

*John Murray, Ian McKee, Verna Barry, Kerry Daniell, Geoff Boyd,
Peter Colville, Colin Kline, Frank Martin, Graham Hawley.*

FIVE STAR RATING!

The University has recorded its third consecutive five-star rating for teaching quality in the 2012 Good Universities Guide, the only Victorian University to achieve those grades. UB also scored a five-star rating for positive graduate outcomes. The University of Ballarat also recorded strong results in:



- Overall graduate satisfaction ★★★★★ (4 stars)
- Access by equity groups ★★★★★ (4 stars)
- Proportion of entrants who are school leavers ★★★★★ (4 stars)
- Getting a full-time job ★★★★★ (4 stars)

“These fantastic results give due recognition to the high quality of our teaching staff at the University of Ballarat”, Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Battersby said. “Our ratings also reveal that graduates are particularly satisfied with their learning experience and outcomes at the University. As we enter a new era at UB with our seven new Schools and major building program, it is very pleasing that we are consistently achieving outstanding results in these important areas”, Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Battersby said.

5 stars for teaching quality.
3 years running.

The only Victorian University with these grades.

Source: The Good Universities Guide 2012



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Are you graduating in December?

UB and Graduate Careers Australia would like to invite you to complete the Australian Graduate Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us and we would love to hear how you are progressing in your chosen field since you have completed your studies at UB.

The survey will be distributed to you in the coming weeks.

If you have moved recently please update your details at:

www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/admin/he/contact_details.pdf

If you have any questions please call Carly (Survey Officer) on 61 3 5327 6162



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