Introducing Vice-Chancellor
Professor Steven Schwartz
Changing Times

This issue of Sirius marks the end of an era and the beginning of a new one: we farewell our retiring Vice-Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury, A O, who has served Macquarie University for nearly 20 years; and welcome our new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Steven Schwartz, with whom we look forward to continuing a strong collaborative relationship.

At our AGM in October a new member, Adam Johnson, was elected to the Standing Committee. A dam is a recent BA LLB graduate and a solicitor in the Supreme Court of NSW. He has an impressive record of community commitment, including as NSW Young Delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1998. A warm welcome to Adam and a welcome back to Russell A new. I would also like to thank Geoff Berry, who resigned from the Committee in 2005 after relocating to WA.

For universities around the country, the recent passing by Parliament of the Federal Government’s Voluntary Student Unionism Bill means that compulsory student levies will be abolished from 1 July 2006. For many, this will have serious implications for the level of services and activities traditionally offered on campus by student unions and sports associations. Less than 15 percent of union fees were ever directed to student organisations for political purposes, with over 85 percent providing for basic student services and facilities. Those who have argued for the abolition of student union fees may not realise that, without a guaranteed cashflow at the beginning of each academic year, many services such as shops, food outlets, child care, meeting rooms, sporting and social facilities could not be provided.

A further potential change concerns research funding allocations. The Federal Government is examining a possible preferred research funding model taking into consideration national research priorities. Macquarie has positioned itself well as an ‘Innovative University’ and attracted a high level of research grants for its size. However, any change to present funding arrangements that favours the so-called ‘Go8’ universities could be detrimental to Macquarie. The difficulty lies in how research quality is rated across institutions and whether ideas of ‘international excellence’ outweigh research applied to problems of critical national and regional importance.

I wonder how many of you have recently visited the campus, which is looking particularly attractive with flowering shrubs, trees and rolling green lawns. A new pedestrian mall, due to be finished in April, will connect the western end of the campus through to the eastern side and the Research Park. It will be known as ‘Wally’s Walk’ in recognition of the University’s first Architect-Planner, Dr Wally Abraham, and will further enhance our delightful environment.

Pamela Kenny, BA A N U , Dip T ertiary Ed N E, MA M acq.
Professor Steven Schwartz joined Macquarie as Vice-Chancellor designate in January 2006 and formally assumed the position on 11 February. Here he shares his thoughts about the future of Macquarie in turbulent times.

Before I came to Macquarie I had no preconceived notions about what I should do or what needs to be done. I’m learning organically from the inside, reading and talking to as many people as possible. As part of my ‘first 100 days’ plan I’m having about 40 one-to-one interviews, followed by group discussions and ‘town hall’ meetings. I want to discover people’s views about what should change or not, what they like or don’t, where we could possibly be in 5-10 years. After I hear and digest all this, I’ll deliver my recommendations.

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Having said this, I do hold the view that universities are judged essentially by the scholarly output of their academics. There are no exceptions: internationally, all the most respected places have the top scholars. So I’d be favouring the development and enhancement of research wherever I can. You get the right staff, they do good work, and attract good students as a result.

Public funding of research is at a watershed in Australia. The Federal Government is committed to pursuing a research assessment model not dissimilar to that operating in the UK in which expert evaluations determine an institution’s research funding. My own view is that the US model works best. That is, researchers and institutions don’t receive funding simply because they’ve succeeded in the past; they have to win it competitively each time. It means that new research teams and individuals can do well if they’re good enough, and universities traditionally successful at winning funds continue to receive funding as long as they remain the best. If not, they don’t.

One big difference between Australia and the US and UK in terms of research funding is the level of infrastructure funding. In the US and UK, the research grant comes with enough to pay for infrastructure and overheads, which in some projects cost more than the research itself. What we allocate here is microscopic by comparison.

As well as research, a passion for me in higher education is equity. For the last four years I’ve worked with the UK government on a national review of university admissions policies and criteria. One of its key goals is to widen access to ensure everyone with the ability has the opportunity to go to university.

Macquarie has a very impressive record in access and equity policies, such as the Lighthouse Scheme and incentives to attract and retain Indigenous students. I’m very keen to continue along this path and to devise innovative ways to bring more bright students into higher education from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Most universities struggle to distinguish themselves from each other – they’re all in the same business of research and teaching, after all – but I think Macquarie has succeeded better than most. Two outstanding features are that it has retained its innovative cross-disciplinary degree structure (with a few modifications), and that it is highly internationalised. People tend to equate this with the number of students it enrolls from around the world, but Macquarie’s also been particularly successful in increasing the number of its students going abroad to study. This isn’t a strong tradition in Australia, but Macquarie has put its money where its mouth is with scholarships and travel grants.

Then there’s the campus itself. It’s a superb physical space. Much has already been done to develop this asset – the Science Park is very impressive – but the campus offers a lot of potential to generate even more benefits to the University community.

The other distinctive feature, put simply, is that people like the place. Past students make really positive comments, Macquarie rates well in student surveys, it attracts high ratings from international students. It’s a really nice place to be.

I’m conscious that Macquarie alumni – now numbering some 85,000 – are spread all over the globe: inside the University, living in the next suburb, on the other side of the world, and all the places in between.

I hope our alumni will regard themselves as lifelong friends of Macquarie. Building friendships takes time, and we’ll continue to work hard doing just that, beginning with students when they first enrol.

Strong alumni relations are vital to a modern university. We need our alumni to recommend Macquarie to good prospective students and staff, to influence governments and the public on our behalf, to help fellow alumni in their careers, and to support current students and programs financially.

In return we can offer them increasing support for their own networking, and an array of graduate services and benefits.

I can assure them that, above all, their long-term return will be a first rank university of which they can be proud members. In the US, the strength of the alumni support base underpins many high quality universities and programs. In recent years, alumni support has been increasingly solicited by universities in other countries, with some remarkable success stories such as Toronto in Canada and Aberdeen in Scotland. I’d like Macquarie to aim for the same level of success.

Professor Schwartz talked to Bronwyn Duncan for Sirius.
Di Yerbury salutes Steven Schwartz
It’s been my great honour and pleasure to serve Macquarie as Vice-Chancellor for just over 19 exciting years. I’m delighted to be handing it over to my distinguished successor in excellent shape, thanks to the contributions of the whole Macquarie community.
Under Steven Schwartz’s experienced and insightful leadership, I’m confident the talents of staff and students will be supported and enabled; research will prosper; the beautiful campus will be treasured; its unparalleled location will be used to further the founder’s vision of serving industry, commerce and the community; and Macquarie’s outstanding potential will be strategically and successfully pursued.

Prior to joining Macquarie, Professor Schwartz was Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Brunel University, West London, from 2002-05, and Vice-Chancellor of Murdoch University, Western Australia, from 1996-2001.
Born, raised, and educated in New York City, he completed his higher education and early academic career in the USA before moving to Australia in 1978. A distinguished researcher and teacher specialising in the psychological aspects of public health, he has received more than $1m in research grants and numerous scholarly prizes.
Professor Schwartz’ previous senior university roles include Executive Dean of Medicine and Dentistry at UWA, and President of the Academic Board at the University of Queensland. He has received numerous recognitions for management, including the WA Premier’s Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management, and Telstra National Employer of the Year (2001 and 2002).
Professor Schwartz is the author of 13 books, more than 120 scientific articles and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles. He has served on the Boards of charitable, government and private organisations and is a Director of the Council for International Educational Exchange (USA).
In 2003 he was appointed by the UK government to lead a national review of university admissions policies and criteria.

Macquarie’s fourth Vice-Chancellor

Professor Steven Schwartz:

Due to the death of Professor Edwin Webb on 17 January 2006, Macquarie University is saddened to report the death on campus.

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Professor Edwin Webb
A Cambridge graduate and renowned researcher specialising in isolated and purified enzymes, Professor Webb served as Vice-Chancellor from 1976-1986. Under his leadership the University pursued progressive scholarly initiatives and consolidated its place in Australian higher education as a university of distinctive character and widely recognised academic strengths. He gave strong support to EEO, and to consultative, collegial processes. In 1988 Macquarie conferred upon Professor Webb the degree of DSc honoris causa in recognition of a lifetime of service to higher education, and of his academic leadership and administrative care as Vice-Chancellor.

University achievements
Macquarie is to receive more than $8m in ARC funding over the next four years for more than 30 new research projects. For the fourth year in a row the University achieved a success rate higher than the national average, with 31 projects funded under the Discovery Projects scheme. Grants were also made for new Linkage Projects, which encourage and develop long-term strategic research alliances between higher education organisations and industry.

The recently released Times Higher Education Supplement world rankings puts Macquarie at 36th in the world in arts and 46th in the world in social science.

Macquarie is to more than double its on-campus student accommodation over the next two years. The University currently provides accommodation for 376 students in Macquarie University Village. The expansion will provide 516 extra rooms, allowing the University to cater for almost 900 students each year. The first 94 rooms will be ready for students by January 2007.

Macquarie’s sporting stars won a swag of medals and the coveted Doug Ellis Trophy at the Australian University Games in Brisbane in September – Australia’s largest annual sporting event. The Doug Ellis Trophy is awarded to the university that performs best when the size of its student population is taken into account. Of the 42 universities competing, Macquarie finished fifth overall. Twenty-three Macquarie athletes were awarded the most prestigious honour: selection in the ‘Green and Gold’ team, which recognises them as the best in their sport in Australia.

Campus news

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*State Significant* Macquarie University

Macquarie University has been designated as a State Significant Site in Sydney’s booming north-west. Macquarie has been a major force in the development of North Ryde and its environs since its inception in 1964. This recognition reinforces its potential to play an even greater role in the State’s future growth.

Campus news
Sarosh Batliwalla: corporate expertise on Council

Sarosh Batliwalla brings to his third term on the University Council.

The Council is an interesting mix: leaders from business, political representatives, academics, a student representative and ex-students with different perspectives. I enjoy the opportunity to contribute to the governance of a substantial organisation with an important public education role.

Meetings provide invaluable insights into the University’s practical business issues and its many fields of learning, such as archaeological finds in Egypt, new laser technology, programs with a real impact on the literacy of children.

Sarosh followed a family tradition when he enrolled in actuarial studies: both his father and sister are actuaries. It turned out to be the right choice and he’s a strong advocate for his profession.

‘There’s a misconception that actuaries are just number crunchers, but in reality they apply a strong analytical framework to the management of specialised industry sectors. A training covers economics, accounting and statistics. It’s very commercial.’

‘The people I work with are very intellectually stimulating.’

Since 1995 Sarosh has worked for the Commonwealth Bank in several positions with responsibilities in management and finance. At present he is Executive, Structured Finance, Global Finance Solutions, with a focus on real estate. He has also served in the Bank’s Project and Infrastructure Finance team and as the Valuation and Financial Reporting actuary in the CBA’s life insurance and funds management business.

Macquarie is a beneficiary of this extensive expertise in corporate finance: Sarosh has served as Chair of the Council’s Audit and Risk Committee and also as a member of its Finance and Appeals Committees.

He sees parallels between the corporate arena of rapid change and the challenges confronting universities. ‘Both must ask where new growth will come from and how to increase income in view of rising costs. Increased emphasis on competition and expansion into overseas markets is another shared reality.

The ever-tightening government purse and fulfil their primary educational, research and community goals they have to generate income from other sources.

That includes offering courses that are both in demand and of very good quality.’

The implications for Macquarie, he says, are a continued emphasis on good governance and embracing change. He’s immensely confident about the University’s future. ‘It’s well placed for a highly competitive world. Innovation, strong teaching and research, location, all position it well. Its continuing flexible, interdisciplinary approach and international focus will bring both economic and academic opportunities. It will also benefit from the new railway station on campus and the subsequent transfer of business into the area.’

Technology is also driving change in the sector and he applauds Macquarie’s significant initiatives in e-learning. ‘With the internet has done to the rest of the world it is doing to universities. Our web portal is now an access point for students in India or China – indeed, anywhere in the world.’

Sarosh is enormously enthusiastic about global issues, ideas and people. As a student he was a member of the debating team that represented the University at the 1994 World Debating Championships. In 1995 he completed a Master of International Studies at the University of Sydney.

He is also keenly aware of and experienced in multicultural issues. Of Indian heritage, since 1990 he has been a member of the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW, becoming Vice Chairperson of the Management Committee in 1996 and the Convenor of the state government-funded Forum on Crime and Ethnicity. From 1992-96 he was active in the multicultural community radio station Radio 2000.

Among the experiences he treasures was his interview of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr Jose A yala-Lasso.

Sarosh urges alumni to stay in touch with their University, which, he says, ‘strongly encourages them to remain involved. They can benefit a lot from the opportunities for networking, further education, accessing new ideas, or simply pursuing personal interests.’

Story: Cathy Panich
Rebecca Scouller: environmental steward

A passion for both science and the environment has taken geochemist Rebecca Scouller from Pole to Pole, leading to vital work in environmental geochemistry and pollution control.

Growing up with the Curiosity Show, David Attenborough and documentaries, as a child Rebecca constantly asked about how things worked and why. She was about eight when she decided to become a scientist. Attracted by Macquarie’s flexible program and emphasis on fieldwork, she completed a BSc in 1997, focusing on geomorphology and environmental resource management.

It was the unit ‘The Planet Earth’ that ignited her passion for earth sciences and the environment. Encouraged by Dr Damian Gore, Department of Physical Geography, she studied marine pollutants around the Arctic island of Svalbard while completing further specialised study with the Human Impacts Program of the Australian Antarctic Division, Tasmania. This work led to an MSc, conferred in 2005.

As a Professional Officer at Casey Station in 2002-03, Rebecca collected samples of lichens, mosses, water, snow, soil and rocks as part of a baseline environmental study for Australia’s proposed air transport link. The experience of Antarctica has reinforced to Rebecca how poorly we have treated the environment in the past, but also how much our attitudes have improved towards it. ‘There’s been a paradigm shift on plastic bags, for example. But everyone can and should be doing much more personally to protect the environment, and not rely on government initiatives or law enforcement,’ she says.

Rebecca is conscious of being a role model in a still male-dominated profession. In 2004 she received the Women Tasmania Award for Reporting on Women for the topical science program Take Two Science on Edge Radio 99.3 FM, a community project she helped initiate through the University of Tasmania. Promoting science as fascinating, relevant and fun, Rebecca was also active in organising activities for National Science Week in Tasmania. Recently she took a year out of science to work as the science communicator for Geoscience Australia.

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Story: Cathy Panich
Brendan Thomas: initiating circles of hope

It was his first day of undergraduate classes at Macquarie and Brendan Thomas was feeling somewhat intimidated.

'I was 20, fresh from finishing the HSC at TAFE, and felt like a fish out of water. I arrived at my first lecture in A boriginal Studies and saw this man outside the classroom in shorts and T-shirt – a Koori like myself – and I thought he was a plumber. I said to myself: Macquarie can't be all bad. At least they employ an A boriginal tradesman.' He grins.

A few moments later, the casually dressed 'plumber' was revealed as Terry Widders, Lecturer in A boriginal Studies.

Having plunged head first into tertiary education, Brendan didn't look back. In the final year of his BA in modern history and politics he won an undergraduate scholarship offered in 1994 for the first time by the NSW Attorney-General's Department. He was one of four students chosen and once again was in at the deep end.

'It was my first white-collar job and I'd never been in an office. I left high school early and had short-term jobs in factories and building yards. Even after I'd done a year at TAFE training for fitting and turning, no-one wanted apprentices, least of all a Wiradjuri man,' he recalls.

Last July Brendan's decision to stick it out was again vindicated when he was appointed Director of the Crime Prevention Division. The appointment followed wide experience over 11 years in Attorney-General’s in human resources, the courts and corporate training, and a period as Executive Director of the A boriginal Justice A dvisory Council (AJAC).

'We work with ideas, finding solutions for practical problems. And that's what I have to thank Macquarie for: equipping me with analytical skills, questioning fixed ideas. I still remember the lectures on A boriginal Studies by Terry Widders and Murray Goot on politics.'

A s Director of Crime Prevention, Brendan’s brief includes overseeing the development of local crime prevention programs with councils and police. ‘Different areas of NSW have specific crime or crimes – assault, car theft, drunkenness, robbery, and so on. We try to define the problems and limit the opportunities for these crimes to occur.

A recent Sydney initiative, for example, allocated departmental funding for M anly Council to provide a bus to take potentially troublesome patrons home to their local area from the popular late night Corso. The licensed premises there agreed to refuse new patrons entry after midnight and to stagger their closing times. The bus is an option for each group as they leave the premises and we avoid intoxicated patrons congregating in large groups. The crime rate has dropped significantly.’

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In Broken Hill an innovative solution was found to the problem of young children stealing cars and becoming involved in serious road accidents. Called Outback Skid-Marks, the program introduces children suspected of car theft to the thrill of go-karting. They must nominate a parent, teacher and another person such as a sports coach, to report on their behaviour, school attendance and other aspects of their lives. The reward for behaving well is learning to maintain the go-karts and ultimately to compete in races.

But perhaps the program that gives Brendan most satisfaction at this moment is Circle Sentencing. He was involved in early planning and instrumental in its beginnings five years ago, first in Nowra, then Dubbo, Brewarrina, Bourke and Walgett. In January the program was extended to Bourke, Lismore, Kempsey, Armidale and Mt Druitt.

‘In the traditional court setting, the A boriginal defendant usually sits head down for the 15 or 20 minutes it takes for the magistrate to hear the case and pass sentence. There’s no participation by the offender or explanation of why the crime was committed. A nd the defendant has no understanding of the impact of his actions,’ he explains.

‘In Circle Sentencing we’re trying to develop and implement strategies to reduce over-representation of A boriginal people in the criminal justice system. This way we take the court out of the courtroom. The magistrate sits with a group of people connected to the offender and they discuss the offence and why the person is doing what they do. Offenders have to participate. They have to understand the implications of their crime. Sometimes they have as many as 120 offences behind them. But the Circle is still a court and the magistrate has to pass an appropriate sentence. There are no soft options.

‘The program isn’t 100 percent successful – it’s not for everybody – but at Nowra five years on we’re seeing changes in behaviour. If they come back, it’s for minor offences.’

The program won the National Crime and Violence Prevention Award and last year a similar process began a two-year trial in Sydney’s Liverpool area and in Tweed Heads. They will be open to multiple offenders of any background, not only A boriginal people.

Brendan is quietly confident that the program has broader applications. ‘Its success shows the power of getting the local community involved in making decisions in the criminal justice process.’

Story: Janelle Murphy
Catherine Livingstone: champion of innovation

The environment in which a new idea is hatched, develops and finally becomes an innovation is like a dynamic ecosystem in which all parts must be healthy for the idea to see the commercial light of day. At its core, often, is excellent science conducted over a long period, coupled with demanding customers who drive innovators to find a solution to a problem.

To the basic elements add plenty of thorough R&D, an institutional framework in which collaborative partnerships can flourish, savvy packaging and marketing, and enough money to make sure all these things happen. A little dash of serendipity also doesn’t go astray.

From 1994 to 2000 Catherine was Managing Director of Cochlear Limited, creators of the bionic ear, one of the most successful Australian innovations ever. By the end of her tenure Cochlear was exporting the bionic ear to over 50 countries, generating revenue of around $150m, and was capitalised at $1.5b.

She attributes this success to the health of all the elements in the ecosystem. There was excellent science and the project had the support of experienced businesspeople in influential networks and with government contacts. Significant also were the engineering and technological expertise from Cochlear’s early position as part of the Nucleus group, and market research which identified a global market niche.

‘Everything has to come together. You have to map out the territory and recognise the hurdles ahead: whether there’ll be enough money to finance the project, whether people will believe in the idea, whether you’ll be able to establish the market,’ she explains.

Catherine believes Australian scientists are exceptionally innovative, especially in the way they use technology integration to solve problems, but they are not always recognised.

CSIRO’s groundbreaking National Research Flagship Program is a recent major initiative. Designed to showcase Australia’s innovation capability, it highlights six projects, undertaken in collaboration with industry partners, focused on big opportunities and issues for Australia including water, oceans, mining and food.

A project that illustrates the importance of identifying where and how technology can be applied is the extraordinarily successful CSIRO Wellbeing Diet. Based on sound research, this bestselling book, with close to 500,000 copies already sold, has been translated into several languages.

A first class honours graduate in accounting from Macquarie, Catherine says her career path, which began with chartered accounting firm Price Waterhouse, was driven by interest and the odd ‘accident of fate’. One of these was her decision to join Nucleus in 1983, whose CEO Paul Trainor instilled in her a belief in the future of the medical technology industries in Australia.

She’s been prepared to take risks throughout her career, beginning with her decision to study at Macquarie in the 1970s. ‘People wondered why I’d chosen a university without a proven track record, but Macquarie offered great flexibility in course structure as well as a very high quality program.

‘If you’re not prepared to put yourself at risk, it diminishes your ability to learn. Some things work. Some things don’t. If they don’t, you move on.’

Catherine Livingstone is also a member of the Boards of Telstra and Macquarie Bank. She received The Chartered Accountant in Business Award in 2000 and a Centenary Medal in 2003, and was elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in 2002.

Story: Jane Mundy
Macquarie Incubates Innovation

Iain Rothwell, Director of Business Development and Managing Director of Access MQ, points enthusiastically to the new open plan premises ready to house spin-off companies flowing from University research, together with external technology start-ups. ‘In a couple of months all this will be humming,’ he says.

The new home of both Access MQ - the commercial arm of Macquarie University - and the recently launched Macquarie Technology Business Incubator trebles floor space and offers training, board, IT and lab facilities. It’s quite a metamorphosis for what began in 1989 as Macquarie Research Ltd, Macquarie’s fledgling initiative to link academics with industry, government and non-profit organisations.

A non-profit company with turnover now at $14 million, Access MQ generates significant benefits for the University by providing a pathway to Macquarie’s expertise through research, consultancy, education and training. The new Technology Business Incubator - a key objective of outgoing Vice-Chancellor Di Yerbury - will go a stage further, supporting start-up businesses emerging from the University’s commercial research projects and external innovators.

Flexibility enables Access MQ to blend the benefits of a company structure with a university context, says Iain. ‘We can respond very quickly to the commercial needs of individual projects and provide marketing, finance, business development, human resources and commercial support, as well as project management.’

Located in the commercial precinct of the University, Access MQ is a lean and multi-skilled operation, nurturing cutting-edge businesses right across Macquarie’s academic enterprise. To mention just a few: Lighthouse Technologies is developing aesthetic laser-based treatments; Biotrack Australia monitors environmental management; Risk Frontiers assesses natural perils; and Kids and Traffic educates children on road safety.

To those who associate commercialisation of research primarily with science and technology, it is perhaps surprising to learn that the humanities and social sciences generate almost half the commercial research projects. A leading example is the highly effective educational initiative MULTILIT (Making Up Lost Time in Literacy), which rapidly improves the literacy of low-progress students.

Late last year Iain visited Coen, 400km north of Cairns, where MULTILIT has been trialled in conjunction with the Cape York Partnership Group headed by Indigenous leader Noel Pearson.

Relative to size, Macquarie is one of the best performing universities in Australia in commercialising research.

’They’ve applied the MULTILIT approach to 19 children who’ve been assessed, essentially, as the bottom group for literacy. It was a joy to sit in the classroom and watch teachers encouraging students to participate and raising their enthusiasm. This is a prime example of what universities do best – taking a long-term research project and delivering practical benefits to the community.’

The last year has been one of entrepreneurial achievement for Macquarie. In a pril it launched the revolutionary new e-learning system LAMS - the Learning Activity Management System - as freely available open source software.

In June the University launched Image Connections Australasia, an innovative teleradiology service that enables X-ray information to be digitised and sent electronically, thus speeding up healthcare response times in a cost-effective way. Senior Macquarie academics and chiropractors Dr Peter Bull and Dr Ray Hayek are driving this initiative.

July saw the launch of FluoroProfile®, a kit developed by Flurotechnics Ltd that enhances the analysis of proteins. And in November the second annual Macquarie Innovation Awards showcased the remarkable scope of Macquarie innovation, with entries from areas as diverse as physics, biotechnology, special education, electronics and computing, earth and planetary sciences, museum studies, and the Centre for Flexible Learning.

A recent survey by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) showed that, relative to size, Macquarie was one of the best performing universities in Australia in commercialising its research.

Consistent with international trends, the commercialisation of intellectual property has largely been in response to Federal Government policy and is increasingly essential to the funding of research projects, which in turn benefit the economy through the development of knowledge-based industries.

In co-locating the new Technology Business Incubator and Access MQ, Macquarie is positioning itself well for accelerated commercialisation and industry engagement. In doing so, it must also face the challenge of striking the optimum balance between the University’s evolving commercial interests and its traditional non-commercial interests.

‘We recognise that our biggest challenge is to grow and encourage commercial activity while never losing sight of the inherent public good at the heart of the University’s mission,’ says Iain.

Story: Cathy Panich

Further information on Access MQ (Access Macquarie Limited):
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In 2002, philosophy scholar Professor Christina Slade published a book called *The Real Thing* - a rigorous work of scholarship that connects the study of philosophy to an understanding of the media.

While many critics have claimed that ‘television discourse’ is fundamentally incompatible with rational thought, Christie Slade’s book reveals a far more complex scenario.

It’s a book that highlights the challenge for the humanities in the 21st century to develop curricula and assessment methods responsive to our mass media, cyberspace-dominated, highly visual age.

Now Dean of Humanities, Professor Slade - who describes herself as ‘an old-fashioned analytic philosopher’ - firmly agrees that critical thinking skills and clarity of mind are two of the core skills of the ‘trained mind’ that should emerge from the study of the humanities. But her experience in higher education around the world, plus her own scholarship, also make her open to the many ways by which today’s students acquire their skills.

As she puts it: ‘I expect our students to emerge articulate and clear-minded at the end of their degrees. But there’s more to the underpinning of many of our programs than linear presentation of arguments. In assessing students in the Bachelor of Creative Arts, in music for instance, we have to develop criteria to assess both critical and creative thinking skills.

As Dean, Professor Slade leads a Division with an annual budget of around $12m and some 200 full-time and part-time staff in eight departments, stretching across English, European and Asian languages, contemporary music studies, history ancient and modern, politics and international relations, and public law. In addition the Division hosts three major university museums, three research centres and four foundations.

But the chief asset of the Division is its people. Together they consist of scholars and teachers of very high quality and productivity, a committed general staff, an undergraduate enrolment in 2005 of 2934 undergraduate students, and a postgraduate enrolment of 540. Christie Slade says she feels ‘extraordinarily lucky’ to be leading the Division because ‘it’s full of people doing work that I love and respect.’

With her academic experience in several countries and her familiarity with the workings of our own national capital (she spent many years there as both student and academic), she has a strong sense of the directions her Division should pursue.

Since her appointment as Dean in July 2003 she has fostered a 300 percent increase in ARC applications (the Division achieved its best ever result in number of ARC grants beginning in 2005); has overseen many new appointments in the Department of Modern History; and has encouraged entrepreneurial activities, in particular those emphasising internationalisation.

The expansion of the Master of International Relations coursework program is an exciting example of this. The initial enrolment of 12 students in 2000 quickly grew to almost 200 students in 2005, half of whom were international students.

‘We’re used to being under financial pressure in the Humanities, and we have to be inventive to find the extra funds to back good new ideas,’ Professor Slade points out. Despite the pressures, the Division has recently succeeded in
The sorts of trained minds Humanities graduates have are just what our community needs most.

Our Humanities scholars: firing on all cylinders

The high quality, substantial output of scholars in the Division of Humanities is revealed in a long list of recent books, book chapters and monographs authored or edited by academics in the Division. Space limitations ruled out naming and attributing so many works, but a brief résumé of some of the topics indicates their breadth of coverage:

- Conspiracies in ancient Egypt;
- women writers of ancient Greece and Rome; early Christian life and thought;
- Manichaean texts from the Roman Empire; music in science fiction cinema; the music of Norfolk and Pitcairn Islands; poet John Donne; dramatist Bernard Shaw; the literature of Italo Calvino;
- Australian women dramatists; Victorian era photography;
- Austrailian artist Margaret Preston; Austrailian dictionary of biography; the study of Japan in Austrailia; Croations in Austrailia; the Tetum language of East Timor; the Afric-Amerian experience of technology; nineteenth century urban life in Shanghai; gender and empire; Cuba, the US and post-Cold War politics; Gallipoli; the relationship between politicians and the media in Austrailia.

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Students in the new Bachelor of International Studies will study a language as well as international and global issues, and all will spend a semester abroad.

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Sirius

Postgrad power
Part Two of a two-part feature highlighting postgraduate work at Macquarie

Macquarie is the third most postgraduate university in Australia, attracting thousands of postgraduate students from all over the world to its diverse, high quality programs. Consider these advantages:

- outstanding research record; many research ‘stars’;
- over 65 percent of staff with doctoral qualifications;
- focused Library support for postgrads; world-class IT facilities; substantial competitive scholarships; huge range of professional and academic choices; flexible teaching modes.

This feature describes some of the distinctive programs of four academic Divisions: Law; Linguistics and Psychology; Macquarie Graduate School of Management; and Society, Culture, Media and Philosophy.

The other five Divisions - Australian Centre for Educational Studies (ACES); Economic and Financial Studies; Environmental and Life Sciences; Humanities; and Information and Communication Sciences - were featured in the last issue of Sirius. Their websites are also provided below.

For more information on postgraduate study, including details of the Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS), H E C S-based programs, fees and scholarships, visit:

| General information | www.postgradandbeyond.mq.edu.au |
| Research degrees | www.ro.mq.edu.au/hdru/ |
| PELS/H E C S enquiry line (toll free) | 1800 020 108 |
| International student enquiries | www.international.mq.edu.au |

Division of Law

The Division offers several specialised coursework Masters programs.

The Master of Commercial Law is offered by the Department of Business Law, while the Master of International Trade and Commerce Law is offered jointly by the Departments of Business Law and Environmental Law. Both programs are designed to meet the needs of people interested in domestic and international business, the environment of business and commercial law generally.

The Master of Commercial Law has been developed to meet the high demand from professionals for specialised training in law relevant to managerial positions in diverse areas such as accounting, IT and marketing.

The program focuses on the relevance of law in business and links between business law and business ethics.

The Master of International Trade and Commerce Law has a similar focus, but offers a wide choice of units in international environmental law. The program is also offered as a double degree with the Master of International Relations.

Both programs are available to lawyers and those without a law degree. Non-award enrolments from people who wish to update their knowledge in a specific topic are also available.

Applicants need a first degree in any discipline. A program takes one year full time or two years part time to complete. A attendance can be full time, part time, internal and, where available, by distance study.

The Division also offers a range of coursework degree programs in environmental and international environmental law.

The Division has an active higher degree research program leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy.

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Web: www.law.mq.edu.au/html/postgraduate/

Division of Linguistics and Psychology

The Department of Linguistics is the largest of its kind in Australia, with over 900 postgraduate coursework students and almost 100 research students. Its distance programs have led the way since the 1990s in delivering quality study programs and support. It is increasingly delivering programs online, nationally and worldwide.

Macquarie's Applied Linguistics/TESOL programs are regarded internationally as the best in Australia and are among the most respected in this field worldwide.

The Department is especially strong in vocationally-oriented, professional postgraduate coursework programs. It hosts eight coursework masters programs in applied linguistics (including TESOL, Literacy, and Language Program Management), communication disorders, clinical audiology, translation and interpreting, speech and language processing, communication in professions and organisations, editing and publishing, and speech and language pathology.

The suite of programs in translation and interpreting is very popular, with over 300 students enrolled in seven language streams at masters and diploma level.

The introduction in 2006 of a new strand - A pplied Linguistics (Teaching English for Specific Purposes) - is a response to worldwide trends, particularly globalisation. The demand for teachers of English (and other languages) for specific purposes has grown rapidly in recent years.

Linguistics has also developed an innovative Professional Doctorate in A pplied Linguistics, delivered entirely online. It consists of coursework, research training, online research seminars, and the design and implementation of a workplace-related research project, written up in the form of a dissertation.

From 2007 a professional doctorate in Professional Communication will be offered.

The Department of Psychology provides a rigorous PhD research training program covering a wide range of research topics. Approximately 100 students are currently enrolled for PhD study.

The four professional masters programs are: clinical neuropsychology; clinical psychology; organisational psychology; and counselling psychology. All have either full or provisional accreditation by the Australian Psychological Society and...
associated Colleges and satisfy the requirements for registration as a psychologist in NSW. The Master of Clinical Psychology degree is the standard professional training course for anyone who wants to practise as a clinical psychologist.

Combined PhD and professional masters degrees in all areas can be taken over four years.

The Department also offers a postgraduate diploma and certificate in counselling and organisational behaviour, and a social health program at masters, postgraduate diploma and certificate levels.

Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science (MACCS), an internationally esteemed A RC-funded Special Research Centre, provides a focus for students with strong academic records to undertake a multidisciplinary PhD. Research concentrates on psycholinguistics, the perception and comprehension of rapidly changing visual displays, and cognitive neuropsychiatry.

More information:
Linguistics:
Specialised assistance is offered for different aspects of postgraduate study. To find out whom to contact about your particular interests, follow the links on the website at www.ling.mq.edu.au

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MACCS:
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A part of the postgraduate research Program, the Division of Linguistics and Psychology held its annual postgraduate research Festival in December 2005. The festival is designed to showcase the work of higher degree research students in the Division, and has proven to be a productive opportunity for students to present their work in progress in an open and supportive environment.

Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM)

Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) offers a broad selection of programs, ideas and resources to keep alumni on the cutting edge of management issues.

Students may choose to update their skills by selecting a single unit of the MGSM MBA focused on relating relevant issues to the ‘real world’, providing a practical application to their workplace.

Units may be selected from areas including marketing management, financial management, general management, international management, human resource management, information technology management, financial services law and logistics, operations and technology management.

Students focused on solving a business problem may choose to study the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA), an internationally recognised research qualification designed specifically for professional managers and consultants. The MGSM DBA prepares candidates for the highest levels of management practice, and arms executives with the expertise to anticipate business trends and opportunities.

MGSM also offers world-class executive education programs, including the popular MGSM Breakfast Series. A luminis are invited to enrol in these programs designed for those constrained by the pressures of work. Incorporating the latest in contemporary management thinking and practice, the programs aim to build on earlier learning and current experience.

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Postgrad Expo

Interested in postgraduate study at Macquarie? Put the Postgrad Expo date in your diary:
When: Tuesday 11 April 2006
Where: E7B Courtyard
Macquarie Campus North Ryde
Information: 61 (0) 2 98507309
Email: publicrelations@mq.edu.au

Expert academic and research staff will be on hand to advise you on postgraduate study across the University, by coursework or research.
What's on at Macquarie
A selection of events in coming months
(See also p. 18 for events arranged by the Alumni Office)

Cinema in the Park at Macquarie
FREE outdoor movie screening:
Sideways
Where: Lakeside Lawn
When: Friday 3 March sundown (about 8pm)
Bring picnic and blanket or low chairs. Snacks available.

Family Orientation Night
Welcome and information for families of new students.
Where: Level 3 SAM Building, Macquarie campus
When: Friday 17 March 6.30pm

Exhibitions – University Art Gallery
February-August 2006
Where: Building E11A ground floor
When: Mon-Thurs 10-5pm. Saturday openings for some exhibitions. Admission free.
Information: 02 9850 7437 Fax: 02 9850 7565
Email: rdavis@vc.mq.edu.au or
khill@vc.mq.edu.au
Web: www.artgallery.mq.edu.au

3-27 February
Painting in the Seventies
Works from the Macquarie University Collection
6 March-20 April
The Divine Burlesque:
The Art of Rosemary Valadon
A survey exhibition of the last 15 years of works by this artist.
28 April-16 June
Ian Milliss: How to Barricade a Building
A re-evaluation of the work of Ian Milliss and his impact on Australian art.
26 June-11 August
The Indigenous Exhibition
Curated by Professor Di Yerbury
A range of significant works that document the diversity of contemporary Indigenous art practice within Australia.

Macquarie Trio Australia
The Trio’s 14th year of music making is called power, romance, passion
Concerts Feb-July 2006
Where and when: Macquarie Theatre, Sundays 2.30pm (begins June)
Information: kerry.kluijin@mq.edu.au
Phone: 02 9850 7460

Campus Tours
Macquarie University runs guided campus tours for individuals.
2006 dates: Tuesday 18 April, Friday 21 April, Monday 10 July, Friday 14 July, Monday 9 October, Friday 13 October.
Bookings essential. Contact 02 9850 7309 with preferred date or email: publicrelations@mq.edu.au

Advance notice:
University Open Day
Saturday 9 September 2006
More information will be posted at www.mq.edu.au/openday in August 2006.

For updates and latest events visit:
www.pr.mq.edu.au/events/ (calendar of events on campus)
www.museums.mq.edu.au (campus museums)
www.pr.mq.edu.au/culture/ (cultural and arts events)
www.pr.mq.edu.au/scu.htm (Sculpture Park)
Campus map: www.bgo.mq.edu.au
The University has developed strategies to preserve the support of Victorian Senator Steve Martin in November. The changes mandated by the new law will take effect from 1 July 2006. A result, from 1 July no student will be obliged to join a student organisation, union or guild as a condition of their enrolment.

The changes also mean that no student will be obliged to pay a fee to a university for non-academic amenities, facilities or services. This will mean a loss, from fees paid by full-time undergraduates alone, of over $4.5m per annum to the M acquarie U niversity U nion (SA M ), M acquarie Sport and Recreation (formerly M U S A ) and the Students’ C ouncil.

While SA M and the Sports A ssociation have developed strategies to preserve many essential services, there is no doubt that student life and experience will suffer a loss of many services traditionally provided by those organisations in the past. O ther services will become more costly for students.

Outgoing Vice-Chancellor Di Yerbury announced that the University would provide financial support to student organisations during the transition to an environment without compulsory fees.

A level of ongoing subsidy by the University will be inevitable if important services are to be retained. It also seems likely that in future universities will turn increasingly to alumni for financial support to create and maintain many of their non-academic amenities and services, which have long been integral to providing a rich student experience.

The Government will review the economic and other consequences of V SU 18 months after its implementation.

D r Brian S pencer
Registrar and V ice-President

Innovators’ H all of Fame: Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury A O , the visionary and dynamic driving force behind M acquarie U niversity.

General and academic staff who promote the quality of student learning were honoured at the inaugural Excellence in Education Awards in November.

The A wards recognise those who have contributed to special programs that support student learning.

The recipients are: Sandy Rudman, Transition Program; Professor John Croucher, Director of Teaching and Learning, M GS M ; Dr Dale Dominey-H owe and Dr A nna Lyth, Generic Skills Portfolio, Environmental and Life Sciences; Russell Field, Physical Geography; Craig Lord, H ealth and Chiropractic; Dr Lucy M caughna, H ealth and Chiropractic; Dr Sean T urnell, Economics; D 얀 C able, Ron D ay and M ary D ale, M aster of A ccounting program; Chris Baumann, M aster of International Business program.

Impact of VSU Legislation

In a late sitting on 9 December 2005, which took the university sector by surprise, the A ustralian Senate passed the Higher Education Support Amendment (A bolition of Compulsory U p-Front Student U nion Fees) Bill of 2005.

T he Bill was passed by one vote with the support of Victorian Senator Steve Fielding, giving effect to the Government’s commitment to introduce Voluntary Student Unionism (V SU ).

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Curator of the Berowra V isions: Margaret Preston and Beyond 2005 exhibition, Rhonda Davis, an artist and local historian M ick J offe, examine one of two newly discovered and artistically significant rugs made by ac-claimed artist Margaret Preston. During her seven years in Berowra 1932-39, Preston most firmly pursued her commitment to developing a national cultural identity in Australian art, and was at her most experimental.

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It will be ‘business as usual’ this year for M acquarie’s many student sports and social clubs and other services, despite passage of the V SU Bill in December.

T hanks to a generous donation from the D irection of Economic and Financial Studies (EFS) all student services run by Students at M acquarie (SA M ) and M acquarie U niversity Sports and Recreation (M US R ) will operate as normal. T hese include health, dental and welfare services, child care, sporting facilities and clubs, and student societies.

EFS is the largest academic division at M acquarie and one of the biggest of its kind in A ustralia, enjoying strong growth in recent years. It was able to make the donation because of a hard-eared accumulated cash surplus.
Alumni Farewell Dinner
to honour Professor Di Yerbury

On 24 November 120 alumni and guests attended an Alumni Farewell Dinner for outgoing Vice-Chancellor Professor Di Yerbury. The venue was the Great Dining Hall in the splendid historic premises of The International College of Management in Manly.

It was a happy and moving evening, during which tributes were paid to the Vice-Chancellor by Chancellor Mr Maurice Newman; Emeritus Deputy Chancellor Dr John Lincoln; and Chair of the Standing Committee of Convocation Pamela Kenny. On behalf of the alumni, Alumni Director Mark Herndon presented the Vice-Chancellor with a book of photographs of Sydney 1878-1953 by Harold Cazneaux.

A highlight of the evening was the address by guest speaker Dr Valerie Pratt AM, former head of the Affirmative Action Agency, Adjunct Professor at the MGSM and long-time friend of the University. Edited extracts of her speech are given below (the full text can be read on the Alumni website).

No one epitomises the spirit, aspirations and values of Macquarie University quite like you, Vice-Chancellor. You are an impeccable role model for women, a champion of the disadvantaged and an example of excellence in everything you do.

Macquarie has not only followed the principles of equality and social justice. It has given the widest interpretation to them. It is your personal support that makes things happen. Put simply, you lead by example.

It can’t have been easy being the first female Vice-Chancellor. Yet I have never heard you comment on the difficulties. Instead you went on with the job, not sparing yourself.

You take a great interest in those not so fortunate. In matters of equality and social justice, you have ensured that your good fortune has benefited others.

One of the greatest tributes comes from Michael McDaniel, Director of Warawara:
‘this is the happiest and most rewarding environment for Indigenous people that I have encountered in Sydney over an 18-year period.’

We would all like to acknowledge what your presence has meant to this University. The path for social responsibility is long and arduous. Its progress could not have been achieved without your personal support and leadership.

Special limited edition of Sirius
A special limited edition of Sirius to mark Professor Yerbury’s retirement was printed in December 2005. Because it is a limited edition it has not been mailed out in the normal way, but interested alumni may request a copy from the Alumni Office (details p.18).

NEW PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT OF GRADUATE MEMBERS OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Amendments to the Macquarie University Act and the University By-laws late in 2005 introduced new procedures for the appointment of the four graduate members of Macquarie University Council, who were previously elected by and from the members of Convocation. The new procedures provide for the Council to appoint four members following a nomination process.

The first step was the circulation of a newspaper advertisement seeking expressions of interest from graduates with suitable qualifications to be considered for appointment to the Council.

A Nominations Committee, comprising the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-President of Academic Senate and one other member of Council (Mrs Elizabeth Crouch) was appointed to identify suitable people with the expertise and experience needed to complement that of other Council members.

On the basis of the Committee’s recommendations, on 16 December 2005 the Council appointed the following people to hold office as graduate members:

Dr Marilyn Dodkin, BA, NE, MA, Syd, PhD Macq
Member to 15 Dec 2006

Mr Sarosh Batliwalla, BEc Macq, MEc Macq, FIAA, FA SI, A SA
Member to 15 Dec 2007

Mrs Pamela Kenny, BA, AN U, MA, Macq, Dip Tertiary Ed NE
Member to 15 Dec 2008

His Honour Dr John Lincoln AM, Hon LL D Macq
Member to 15 Dec 2009

In welcoming the appointments, the Chancellor, Mr Maurice Newman, paid tribute to the wide range of talented graduates who had expressed interest in serving on the Council. He noted that the appointments would preserve the continuity of experienced members, while staggered terms would provide for rotation of graduate advice.

Dr Brian Spencer
Registrar and Vice-Principal
Alumni Office forges alliance with the National
We are delighted to announce an exciting alliance with the National Australia Bank that will deliver tangible benefits to Macquarie alumni. Alumni will have access to a premium package of financial services that include:

• Home/investment loans and line of credit facilities*
• Term deposits
• Share trading
• Margin lending
• Credit cards
• Insurance
• One-to-one service via a dedicated banker
• Financial advice via access to highly qualified, experienced and salaried financial planners

* For home loans greater than $150,000.
Normal lending criteria apply.

Alumni should contact the NAB directly to discuss the concessional pricing included in this offer. You can also visit the NAB’s website for more information.

Banking and Loans Hotline: 1300 797 400
8am-9pm EST seven days a week
Financial advice:
Phone: 02 8220 5999
Email: workplaceadvice@wm.national.com.au

iBurst Wireless Broadband
Internet Access
Heavily discounted service plans are now available to alumni. iBurst enables remote access to the internet from a growing number of locations across Australia.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.oea.com.au. You will need to provide your Macquarie student number. If you do not know your number, please contact the Alumni Office.

University Library
The Library is pleased to provide alumni with free borrowing privileges ($55 savings) and free remote access to two EBSCO databases (Academic Search and Business Source – alumni editions) and the Business Monitor Online. EBSCO is a multi-disciplinary, full-text database suite comprising more than 2000 journal titles. Business Monitor provides access to macroeconomic, financial and company news.

To acquire your library access card, first complete an application form on the Alumni website. Borrowing privileges are valid for one year from date of issue.

For database access, complete an application form on the Alumni website to receive your user name and password. You will then be able to log on directly through the Alumni website.

Career Development Office (CDO)
Alumni are eligible to receive career consultations, advice on career change and review strategies, use of the Career Resource Centre, and opportunities to attend training workshops and career seminars. The CDO will charge a $50 fee for an initial consultation and two follow up meetings.

Contact: 02 9850 7372
Email: careers@mq.edu.au
Web: www.careers.mq.edu.au

Centre for Open Education
The Centre for Open Education has agreed to waive the Non-Award application fee for alumni ($60 savings). The waiver must be requested at the time of application, and previously paid application fees cannot be refunded. Alumni should contact the Alumni Office for a verification form or provide documentary evidence (verified copy of academic record or testamur) with the application. The COE counter staff will not be able to confirm your eligibility for the fee waiver unless you provide this documentation. Applications submitted after the closing date for each semester will incur a late fee.

Contact: Lindsey Freeman
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Chiropractic Services
The Department of Health and Chiropractic is pleased to offer alumni a reduced rate for chiropractic consultations conducted within its outpatient clinics at Epping, Eastwood and Summer Hill. The special rate of $15 per consultation (not including X-Rays) is valid until 31 August 2006.

For an appointment call:
Epping: 02 9868 7744
Eastwood: 02 9858 3723
Summer Hill: 02 9797 0960

Macquarie Trio Australia
The Macquarie Trio Australia is pleased to offer Macquarie alumni three special non-commercial ‘Highlights CDs’ when you purchase a double subscription to any of the MTA touring venue series across Australia (see p.14 for dates).

Information/bookings: 02 9850 6355
1800 359 441 (toll free outside Sydney)
Program details: www.macquarietrio.com.au
Email: info@macquarietrio.com.au

Dunmore Lang College
Dunmore Lang College is pleased to offer special accommodation and conference facilities rates to alumni. Both the accommodation rate (includes breakfast and GST) and the conference facilities room hire rate are offered at a discount of approximately 25 percent. The College offers full catering options, state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment and professional services.

information:
www.dunmorelangcollege.nsw.edu.au
Reservations: +61 (0)2 9856 1000

Accor Hotels & Resorts
Alumni have access to 5 percent discount off the Best Unrestricted Rate of the day (with last room availability at each hotel) at over 200 Accor Hotels and Resorts in Australia, NZ, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Cambodia, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, New Caledonia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Accor Brands include Sofitel, Grand Mercure, Novotel, Mercure, All Seasons and Ibis.

Bookings: call Accor Reservations Services on 1300 65 65 65 (24/7) and quote Macquarie University Accor ID Code AS79763 or go to www.accorhotels.com.au/btp and click on ‘Make a Reservation’, enter Accor ID Code AS79763 then Contract No. 315446.

AVIS
Alumni are eligible for special rates in Australia and discounts worldwide with AVIS. Simply quote your AVIS Worldwide Discount number PB13800 when making a reservation. For details and reservations call 13 63 33 or visit www.avis.com.au

The Australian
Alumni are offered a special subscription rate of $3.95 per week for six-day delivery of The Australian, or $1.50 per week for The Weekend Australian for a 26-week subscription period. Please subscribe at www.theaustralian.news.com.au/macquarieuni/alumni/ or call (toll free) 1800 022 552.

Tourist Attractions Association (TAA) – NSW
Alumni are entitled to discount admission at a range of attractions in NSW including the Australian Opal Cutters, Australian Reptile Park, Bradman Museum, Eastsail, Harbour Jet, Hunter Valley Gardens, Magistic Cruises, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Aquarium, Sydney Harbour Seaplanes, Sydney Heli Tours, Sydney Showboats and Sydney Tower.

Information: TAA website www.taa.asn.au/
Alumni events
March-July 2006
Bookings and information
Contact the Alumni Office (details this page) for event bookings, unless otherwise specified.
The following events were confirmed at the time of printing, but please check details closer to the dates.

MARCH
Thursday 2 March 6pm
Cocktail Evening
Applied Finance Centre, Melbourne
Venue: Victoria University Conference Centre, L12, 300 Flinders St, Melbourne.
Macquarie Applied Finance Centre alumni are invited to a cocktail function to celebrate the awarding of prizes to 2005 graduating students.
Speaker: Alison Belot, MAppFin, Senior Project Manager-Internal Control and Evaluation, BHP Billiton
RSVP: Friday 24 February
Kara.Walker@mafc.mq.edu.au or 02 9850 7282
No charge, but bookings essential.

Thursday 23 March 6:30pm
Masters of Accounting – Cocktail Party and Chapter launch
Venue: Stamford Grand @ North Ryde, Corner Epping & Herring Rds, North Ryde
Graduates of the Master of Accounting Program (MAcc) and their guests are warmly invited to this inaugural alumni event.
Meet and network with other graduates of the program living and working in NSW.
Speaker: Bob Cruickshanks, Deputy Official Receiver (NSW), Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia
RSVP: Catherine Pattison Clarke: cpattiso@efs.mq.edu.au or 02 9850 8537
RSVP: Monday 27 March
No charge, but bookings essential.

Thursday 30 March 6:30pm
Alumni Lecture – Security Intelligence
Venue: SAM Building Level 3, Macquarie Campus
Speakers: Peter Anderson, Director and Sandra Bilson, Operations Manager, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism Unit, Macquarie University
RSVP: Monday 27 March
Contact: Alumni Office
No charge, but bookings essential.

APRIL
Thursday 6 April 6:30pm
Premium Wine Tasting
(sponsor: Taylors Wines)
Venue: Yuga Café and Art Gallery, 172 St John’s Road, Glebe
A Japanese café and art gallery is the location for this event, with sponsors Taylors Wines providing their premium wine range for tasting. A Taylors representative will explain wine varieties and flavours and an assortment of cheeses and cocktail food will accompany the wines.
RSVP: Friday 31 March
Contact: Alumni Office
No charge, but bookings essential.
Numbers limited to first 75 bookings.

Thursday 27 April 6pm
Cocktail Evening
Applied Finance Centre, Sydney
Venue: Applied Finance Centre, Level 3, 10 Spring Street, Sydney
Macquarie University Applied Finance Centre alumni are invited to a cocktail function to celebrate the awarding of prizes to 2005 graduating students.
Speaker: Steve Christie, MAppFin, PhD student
RSVP: Friday 21 April
Julie.Ross@mafc.mq.edu.au or 02 9223 6231
No charge, but bookings essential.

MAY
Tuesday 2 May 6:30pm
Alumni Lecture – Ancient History
Archaeological Evidence for the Cultural Background of the New Testament: Paul’s Audiences in Perge and Pisidian Antioch
Venue: SAM Building Level 3, Macquarie Campus
Speaker: Dr Rosalinde Kearsey, Senior Lecturer, Department of Ancient History
RSVP: Friday 28 April
Contact: Alumni Office
Perge and Antioch-by-Pisidia are two cities in the southern part of Anatolian Turkey, closely linked to Paul’s first missionary journey. Despite their relative geographical proximity there was a fundamental difference between the two cities: one was Greek, the other Roman. Their physical remains allow us to reconstruct much more about their nature and their populations than revealed in the Acts of the Apostles. No charge, but bookings essential.

Wednesday 24 May 6:30pm
Annual Alumni Awards Night
Venue: SAM Building Level 3, Macquarie Campus
An annual invitation event for scholarship, prize and award winners and their guests.

JUNE
Thursday 29 June 6pm
Indigenous Art Exhibition
Venue: Macquarie University Art Gallery, Building E11A Macquarie Campus
RSVP: Friday 23 June
Contact: Alumni Office
Survey the development and artistic achievement of Indigenous artists through art works from the private collection of Professor Di Yerbury and the University’s collection. The evening will include a tour of the art works by former Vice-Chancellor and Gallery Curator, Professor Di Yerbury, and music by Indigenous band Nature. Light refreshments and drinks provided. No charge, but bookings essential.

JULY
First Grade Rugby at Macquarie
This event will be held on a Saturday in July, date to be finalised (see Alumni website nearer to the time).
Venue: Macquarie University Sporting Fields, Culloden Rd Marsfield.
Come along to watch an exciting first grade match between Eastwood and another premium first grade team. This promises to be a great sporting afternoon for the whole family with viewing from the Sporting Club balcony plus delicious finger food and beverages.
Check the Alumni website for details:
www.mq.edu.au/alumni
Contact: Alumni Office
Cost: TBA

Alumni Events Overseas
Saturday 15 July 6:30pm
Alumni Hong Kong Dinner
Venue: TBA
Monday 17 July 6:30pm
Alumni Singapore Cocktail Evening
Venue: TBA

Macquarie Trio Australia – volunteers
Macquarie Trio Australia would like to work with alumni interested in becoming involved with Australia’s renowned classical piano trio. If you would like to take part in MTA special events, please contact: 1800 359 441 or 02 9850 6355
Email: info@macquarietrio.com.au

Contact the Alumni Office
For chapter involvement, event information, bookings, campus maps, and general enquiries:

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Web www.mq.edu.au/alumni

2005 Alumni Awards for Distinguished Service
Nominations are invited for these Awards, which honour outstanding achievements by Macquarie alumni in Australia and overseas. One award is for outstanding service to the community, and the other for an outstanding contribution to a chosen profession. The Awards will be presented at the 2006 annual Alumni Awards ceremony on 24 May. Further information and nomination forms are available from the Alumni Office.
Please contact the Alumni Office for nomination forms.
Nominations close Friday 3 March 2006.
Alumni Archaeological Travel Program

Two weeks in Egypt
18 January – 2 February 2007

The Alumni Office and Odyssey Travel have developed an exclusive Archaeological Travel Program for Macquarie Alumni, focusing on some of the greatest archaeological sites in Egypt.

A special program inclusion will enable alumni to join distinguished archaeologist Professor Naguib Kanawati, of Macquarie’s Department of Ancient History, at Saqqara for a discussion on his recent discoveries (story, Sirius Winter 2005 issue, p. 5).

The archaeological highlights include:

**Cairo** – City Tour with a visit to the Pyramids and Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum, Old Christian Cairo, the Citadel, Mohammed Ali Mosque and Bazaar, plus a full day to Saqqara.

**Aswan** – High Dam, Philaw Temple and Felucca ride.

**Nile Cruise** (three days) – Kom Ombo and Edfu, Valley of Kings and Queens, Temple of Hatshepsut plus Memnon and Karnak at Luxor.

**Itinerary**

- **Thursday 18 Jan 2007** Ex Australia (SYD/MEL/BNE)
- **Friday 19 Jan 2007** Arrive Cairo for 4 Nights
- **Tuesday 23 Jan 2007** Fly to Aswan for 3 Nights
- **Friday 26 Jan 2007** Cruise 3 Nights (Aswan to Luxor)
- **Monday 29 Jan 2007** Luxor for 2 Nights
- **Wednesday 31 Jan 2007** Fly to Cairo for 2 Nights
- **Friday 2 Feb 2007** Depart

**Price**: from AUD7850

**Booking Deadline**: 31 August 2006

**Optional extension to Syria and Jordan** – A two-week extension to archaeological sites in Syria and Jordan is also available.

Information/bookings: Odyssey Travel
Phone: 1300 888 225 Email: info@odysseytravel.com.au

Alumni news

**Annual Parliament House Luncheon**
At the Annual Parliament House Luncheon in September Dr Colleen McCullough, internationally known Australian novelist, gave a highly entertaining talk on writing the historical novel. A natural raconteur with an indomitable spirit, Dr McCullough captivated the 140 guests as she gave insights into the research and motivation behind her popular Rome series of novels.

This annual event, offering fine cuisine in the superb setting of the Strangers Dining Room, has built a loyal following of alumni. The next Luncheon will be held on Thursday 21 September 2006.

**Annual General Meeting of the Standing Committee of Convocation**
13 October 2005

**Election Results**
Six positions were filled at the 2005 AGM of the Standing Committee of Convocation. The successful candidates were:

- **Three-year term:**
  - Professor Anne Burns
  - Mr Adam Johnson
  - Mrs Pamela Kenny
  - Mr John Lamaro

- **Two-year term:**
  - Mr Russell Agnew

- **One-year term:**
  - Mr Anthony Pieticos

**Members of the Standing Committee of Convocation as at 14 October 2005**

- Mrs Pamela Kenny (Chair)
- Mr Russell Agnew
- Professor Anne Burns
- Mr Marcus Connor
- Ms June Donovan
- Mr Adam Johnston
- Mr John Lamaro
- Dr John Lincoln
- Mr Richard Lucas
- Ms Tania Mihailuk
- Ms Anna Pawlak-Simpson
- Mr Laine Simpson (Deputy Chair)
- Mr Anthony Pieticos

**Ex-Officio Members**
Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury, Vice-Chancellor (until 10 February 2006)
(11 February 2006: Professor Steven Schwartz)
Dr Malcolm Irving, Deputy Chancellor
Dr Sarosh Batiwalla
Dr Marilyn Godkin
Dr John Lincoln

Guest speaker at the AGM, Professor Andy Beattie, Director of the Key Centre of Biodiversity and Bioresources, gave a riveting talk on the alarming threat of global warming, the importance of biodiversity, and the lessons to be learnt from nature on how to live in harmony with our environment.
Inaugural science and technology postgraduate reunion
Three and a half decades ago, Macquarie conferred its first bachelor and higher degrees on graduands who became founding members of Macquarie Alumni. At a cocktail evening on 19 October the University welcomed 75 postgraduate science and technology alumni, who returned to celebrate 35 years of Macquarie innovation and to build fresh ties with their peers and staff.

The keynote speaker was Professor Keith Williams AM, former Professor of Biology at Macquarie, who in 1999 established Proteome Systems Limited, now a world leader in the development of proteomic technologies. He delivered a strong message to ‘Think Asia’, urging the use of Macquarie’s international alumni networks to help Australia engage with emerging market giants in our region and be a significant player in the new Life Sciences Revolution.

A second reunion is planned for Wednesday 1 November 2006.

Division of Law 30th anniversary dinner
The Division of Law’s anniversary publication, Retro: 30 Years of Macquarie Law, was launched by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Di Yerbury at the Division’s 30th anniversary gala dinner on 20 August.

A large contingent of Law’s first students took pride of place among the 300 guests in the Macquarie Atrium. As well as current and former students and staff, invited guests included The Hon Justice Patricia Bergin and His Honour Judge Peter Berman, both Macquarie Law graduates; The Hon Justice Michael Kirby, Justice of the High Court and former Chancellor; and The Hon Richard Chisholm, former Judge of the Family Court of Australia and Visiting Professor in the Division.

To purchase a copy of Retro, contact jenny.shedden@law.mq.edu.au or phone +61(0) 9850 7061.

Photos from the event can be viewed on the Law website: www.law.mq.edu.au

Enthusiastic ancient history alumni attended the November lecture by Dr Ken Sheedy, Director of the Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies, on ‘The Face of Alexander the Great’, a stimulating and informative presentation on the many images of the famous Macedonian King as depicted on ancient coins.

Society for Study of Early Christianity and Centre for Middle Eastern and North African Studies – Christmas function
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Open Day Alumni Lectures
The Alumni Office held three well-attended lectures as part of Open Day on 10 September: ‘Stepping Stones to Mars’ by Professor Malcolm Walter, Australian Centre for Astrobiology; ‘Reportage of War’ by Dr Denise Leith, Department of Politics and International Relations; and ‘Violence in Ancient Rome’ by Dr Tom Hillard, Department of Ancient History.

Alumni enjoying the Hong Kong Alumni Dinner in July 2005.

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Alumni Chapter development

Macquarie University is committed to developing alumni chapters and informal networks in Australia and around the world, based on geographic, academic or professional interests. The objectives of alumni chapters and networks include:

- engaging alumni to benefit from a lifelong relationship with Macquarie
- organising professional and social networking opportunities for alumni
- encouraging alumni to stay in touch with fellow graduates
- providing a forum for alumni to give feedback to Macquarie
- reinforcing continuing education opportunities for alumni
- involving alumni in special projects

The Alumni Office encourages alumni to assist in developing chapters and networks. To get involved or receive further information, please email Alumni Director Mark Herndon: mark.herndon@mq.edu.au

ALUMNI CHAPTERS AND NETWORKS

For information on local alumni events or to stay in touch contact:

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Chapters have been formally recognised by Macquarie University Council. Alumni can find information about future events on the Chapter’s website www.macquarie.org.hk or contact Katherine Cheng (email address this page).

**Malaysia**
The Chapter Executive organised an informal get-together on 16 December to help alumni stay in touch with the Alumni Association and to canvass ideas for future activities. Please contact Ben Thorpe (email address this page) for more information or to update your details.

**Shanghai**
The Australian Consul-General, Mr Sam Gerovich, welcomed the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, alumni and guests to an inaugural Alumni Dinner on 14 November at New Heights Restaurant on the Bund. During the evening alumni expressed interest in establishing a chapter and an enthusiastic group has now formed a committee. Contact Clement Tsang (email address this page) for more information.

**Singapore**
The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor welcomed alumni to a cocktail reception at The Bacchus Boathouse on 18 July. Guests shared a lively evening while enjoying the sweeping views of the famous Merlion statue, Suntec City and the Singapore River. Let’s raise a glass to Macquarie: Shanghai-based alumni enjoying a lively inaugural dinner in November.

The Chapter Executive has arranged alumni discounts for professional development talks, and plans a Macquarie speaker series for 2006. Visit the Chapter’s website www.macquariealumni.org.sg or contact Jake Lim Huck Wei or Steven Teo (email addresses this page) for more information.

**CHAPTERS AND NETWORKS:**

**News from Australia and Overseas**

**Actuarial**
After several months of collaboration between the Department of Actuarial Studies and the Alumni Office to identify and support a group of enthusiastic alumni, in June 2005 Macquarie University Council formally recognised the Actuarial Alumni Chapter. Since then the Chapter Executive has been working to develop a foundation for future activities. For more information visit the website www.mqactuary.org

**Postgraduate Accounting**
The Department of Accounting and Finance and the Alumni Office are working together to establish a Postgraduate Accounting Alumni Chapter. For more information, contact Dr Cindy Davids (cddavids@efs.mq.edu.au) or the Alumni Office. A cocktail reception is planned for Thursday, 23 March (see p. 18).

**Queensland**
In June 2005 Macquarie University Council formally recognised the Queensland Alumni Chapter. The Chapter held its first alumni activity, a pre-Christmas cocktail reception, on 30 November at the Brisbane Polo Club. The evening also marked the launch of the Queensland Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Richard Hodgson (email address this page).

**South Australia**
The Alumni Office is assisting Feisar Joya (email address this page) and other interested alumni to develop a chapter. Alumni living in the Adelaide vicinity should contact Feisar or the Alumni Office to express your interest.

**Western Australia**
Former member of the Standing Committee of Convocation Geoff Berry has relocated to Perth and, with assistance from the Alumni Office, would like to establish a chapter. Alumni living in WA should contact Geoff (email address this page) or the Alumni Office.

**Hong Kong**
The Chapter Executive organised two alumni dinners in 2005 to coincide with the University’s graduation ceremonies. The Harbour Plaza Metropolis Hotel, with views overlooking the magnificent harbour and skyline, provided a wonderful setting for the bi-annual Alumni Dinner on 16 July. A special ‘end of year’ Alumni Dinner was held on 12 November to honour the Vice-Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Di Yerbury. During this memorable evening at the Bacchus Boathouse on the Bund, alumni expressed interest in establishing a chapter and an enthusiastic group has now formed a committee. Contact Clement Tsang (email address this page) for more information.

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Grapevine Online: new service for Alumni
Website: www.mq.edu.au/alumni/html/grapevine.html

Grapevine Online is a new electronic opportunity for alumni to share professional or personal news with fellow Macquarie graduates. All Grapevine news will be added to the search database. Naturally, the more alumni contributing, the more the database will become interactive. If you’d like to search for a fellow graduate, go to the link Alumni Search.

Grapevine highlights will still be included in Sirius. However, in future Grapevine Online will be the main channel for alumni to communicate their news.

Remember to keep your contact details up to date to receive Sirius and news of current alumni events and benefits.

Please spread the word about this new service so alumni can stay connected with one another.

We want to hear from you.

Highlights of Graduate Grapevine
July-December 2005

1970s

Adele Fielding (BA DipEd 1974) went on to gain an MEd in Mathematics from QUT and for some years has taught mathematics in the USA, currently in Charlotteville, North Carolina. In 2002 she received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, and in 2004 was named Florida Airforce Association Teacher of the Year. Adele writes that she ‘values the excellent training she received at Macquarie, which has equipped me to be flexible and innovative to meet the needs of my students in different school systems.’

Ian Sayers (BA Hons 1973) is proprietor and principal consultant of his own business, Canberra Tourism Services, which he established in 1993. He is also a Rotarian, an Australian Business Volunteer, and a Council Member for the National Science School.

1980s

Michelle Hampson (BA DipEd 1981 MA Egyptology 1996) graduated first in her teaching year in 1981 and has taught history and English in NSW state high schools for 24 years. She currently teaches history and ancient history at St John’s Park High School, while also enrolled for a PhD in Egyptology. Michelle has co-authored three textbooks on ancient history.

Jenny Rudd O’Neill (MA 1981) has published four resource books for English teachers with Phoenix Education. As well, her book Public Speaking for Students (Tutilla Press) was recently commended in the Wild & Woolley prize for independently published Australian books.

1990s


Dr Peter Doyle (PhD 2002) is a lecturer in Macquarie’s Department of Media and is the author of Echo and Reverb: Fabricating Space in Popular Music Recording 1900-1960, published in 2005. A blues musician and author of mystery novels, Peter has written about the music of legendary blues and rock artists such as Billie Holiday, Muddy Waters, Chuck Berry and Elvis Presley, examining the auditory construction of places and situations in their songs.

2000s

Dr Dr Suellan Walker-Munroe (BLegS 1999) completed an LLM at Bond University and worked for over four years in community legal centres in Queensland before becoming coordinator of a new family law service run by Legal Aid. She is also a volunteer at the Women’s Legal Service, the South Brisbane Immigration Community Legal Service and in refugee advocacy.

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Tambao Lyakape (MA App Ling 2003), formerly a teacher’s college lecturer, was appointed Principal Scholarships Administration Officer for the PNG Department of Education in 2005, responsible for scholarships rights across the Department.

Timothy (Gower) Roscoe (MA 2003) eventually returned to the US after completing his dissertation in the field of International Communication on the Australian anti-Iraq War movement. He is now Director, Communications, at the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute, a global developer of healthcare standards and guidelines.

Vivian Shi (BA Media and Cultural Studies 2005) is Traffic and Presentation Executive for Star TV Group in Hong Kong. While still a student she gained valuable experience as an intern with CNN International in HK in 2003 and 2004. Vivian is also active in Macquarie alumni events in HK.
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Scholarships, prizes, donations, generous endowments of Chairs and Foundations, and fundraising events, have made many programs and student achievements possible.

The Library has been the recipient of countless donations of both print and non-print items. They include fine books, rare volumes and documents, artefacts. Donations and bequests have been vital to its development since the earliest years. From the very large, such as the Margaret Donaldson bequest, to well-considered small gifts, all have greatly enriched the Library’s resources. The Macquarie University Library Friends Foundation is one of Macquarie’s most active support groups.

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The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation generously gave $2m to support the Teachers for the Future program and related Chair.

Former staff and alumni have established foundations or raised funds as a thank you to Macquarie. In 2005 the Skellern Family Foundation gave a six-figure sum to the Radiata Foundation for Research, following a previous very generous donation by Professor David Skellern. Recently, a member of staff donated a five-figure sum to fund a prize in Statistics.

The Wiggles - three of whom are Macquarie alumni – donated $40,000 to the new IEC Foundation in 2002, and in 2003 Prime Minister John Howard hosted a fundraising dinner that raised a six-figure sum for the Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood), a program designed for Indigenous educators.

The specialised Coptic Studies program – the only one in the world – has received a large number of donations from members of the Coptic community in Sydney, who number around 50,000, as well as from the Coptic church itself and other individuals and groups.

Macquarie Trio Australia regularly receives donations from music lovers. (It is also inviting alumni volunteers to help with events – see p. 18.)

Donations and loans do not have to be large to make an impact. Items of memorabilia, posters, photographs and artefacts – from the everyday to the exquisite – donated by many people, have greatly enriched the Australian History Museum, whose four major themes are Indigenous Australia, Women, Immigration, War & Society.

Many artefacts and art works have been given or willed to Macquarie, by art collectors and artists alike. A risotto Charles Blackman, James Gleeson and John Monteith are among those who have donated works. On behalf of his late wife Ida Caldwell, Bill Caldwell donated both art works and property. The renowned Sculpture Park has been enriched by both donations and loans.

Loans are a powerful way to assist the quality of University life and academic programs.

A spectacular example is The Gale Collection, the outstanding coin collection of Dr Bill and Mrs Janet Gale, currently on long-term loan to Macquarie. One of the most important coin collections in Australia, it consists of over 2500 coins in three main groups: coins from the Greek cities of South Italy, Roman Republic coinage, and Roman Imperial coinage from the time of Hadrian.

Dr and Mrs Gale also made a very generous endowment of $2m to set up the Australian Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies in 1999 – Australia’s first centre in this field. A Macquarie alumnus, in 2005 Dr Bill Gale was awarded a PhD in Ancient History for his thesis on Procedure in the Roman Republican Senate and its effect on senators’ decisions.

A can be seen from these examples, your support comes in many forms. You might prefer to volunteer time and expertise; mentor graduates or students; make a donation in cash or in kind; sponsor a prize, scholarship, event or program; attend functions; or simply promote Macquarie as a good place to study or work. It all tells us you care, and encourages Macquarie to be the best it can be.
Self-confessed luddite Chris Henschke, from Melbourne, is the winner of Macquarie’s $15000 World Year of Physics Art Prize with his compelling interactive installation, HyperCollider.

HyperCollider draws on Einstein’s Relativity papers, pressure graphs and star charts, and is housed within a remade 1920s German pinball machine. ‘Players’ launch matter particles that collide into each other and get pulled into a black hole in the centre of its universe. Combined with an evolving sound track, this is an experiential pop-science exploration of the paradoxes central to understanding the universe in which the improbable is possible.

Ballarat artist Lindsay Stepanow won the $3000 second prize for Chlorine Summer, depicting a spy satellite view of swimmers in a suburban pool. The blend of water and light creates tension between motion and time, evoking the ephemeral nature of existence.

(di)visibility by Jayne Dyer received the $1000 third prize for an installation using as its premise the library as the repository of knowledge and conjecture, and the laboratory as the engine room for discovery.

James Angus’ sculpture, Mountains Valleys Caves, gained Honourable Mention.

The judging panel comprised Professor Bob Clark (Department of Physics UNSW), Andrew Simpson (Macquarie’s Museums Education Officer) and Dr Paula Dawson (internationally renowned hologram artist).

The Prize and related exhibition was the outcome of an innovative collaboration between the Department of Physics and artists to celebrate 100 years since Albert Einstein wrote his seminal work on the existence of atoms, light as particles and the Theory of Relativity.

The competition attracted over 100 entries from all states in Australia and the 50 selected for display in the University Art Gallery offered diverse, original and fascinating interpretations of physics issues and concepts.

At a function in December to announce the winners, Macquarie’s Head of Physics Professor Deb Kane said the competition demonstrated the important ways in which physics underpins all aspects of life, and the shared conceptual areas for artists and physicists, showcasing what it is possible to create with the intellect.

Note: The People’s Choice Award was to be announced after the exhibition closed on 30 January 2006.

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